

GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Grand Avenue Improvements – Section VII is the seventh major improvement project along the Grand Avenue corridor and continues the long-term reconstruction efforts that have progressed east toward Canal Street. This section of the project extends along West Grand Avenue from Damen Avenue to Ogden Avenue.

The work generally includes partial roadway reconstruction and resurfacing; concrete pavement reconstruction; curb and gutter replacement; installation of bus pads; sidewalk replacement, including new ADA-compliant ramps; modernization of the existing street lighting system with smart LED lighting; traffic signal improvements; drainage improvements; landscaping; and installation of new pavement markings and signage.

This project will also continue the Complete Streets improvements introduced during the previous Grand Avenue project between Chicago Avenue and Damen Avenue. Improvements include wider sidewalks between Damen Avenue and Ashland Avenue and protected bike lanes throughout the corridor to better accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists. Improvements at minor side street intersections will include curb extensions and raised crosswalks intended to improve pedestrian visibility and reduce conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians.

Landscaping and streetscape improvements are anticipated to include approximately 157 new trees, along with decorative trash receptacles, benches, bicycle racks, and other streetscape enhancements throughout the corridor.

Traffic signal improvements are planned at Wood Street, Ashland Avenue, and Noble Street. The work is anticipated to include replacement of existing traffic signal equipment and installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS), which provide audible, visual, and vibrotactile features to improve accessibility for pedestrians with visual impairments.

Construction will be completed in phases to help maintain traffic and access along the corridor. The initial phase of construction will take place between Damen Avenue and Ashland Avenue, followed by work between Ashland Avenue and Ogden Avenue. Traffic patterns, parking restrictions, pedestrian routes, and access conditions will change as construction progresses. Current construction activities and traffic impacts will be provided through regular updates on this website.

Upon completion, the project will provide a reconstructed and resurfaced roadway, improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities, upgraded lighting and traffic signals, improved drainage, and new landscaping and streetscape features throughout the Grand Avenue corridor.