

Good afternoon!

Have you tried walking or biking along or across France Avenue recently? It's not easy. This spring, the City of Edina will begin work on key intersections along France Avenue, between Highway 62 and Interstate 494. The goal of this project is to provide safe, efficient and aesthetically pleasing crossing of France Avenue so pedestrians and bicyclists can better navigate the greater Southdale area.

66th, 70th and 76th streets at France Avenue will be improved to make crossing France Avenue easier. In addition, the project will provide missing sidewalk connections on the east side of France Avenue, ensuring that all areas on both sides of France Avenue have an opportunity to access one of the planned crossing locations.

Construction is expected to start in in the next week, weather permitting, and will last until October 2014. It will begin in the area between Gallagher Drive and 69th Street, followed by the area between 66th and 69th streets, and finishing with the area between Gallagher Drive and 76th Street.

At times during construction, the roadway will be down to two lanes, so delays should be expected. To avoid delays, drivers are encouraged to travel alternate routes.

Stay Informed!

Get the latest information about this project by subscribing to the "France Avenue Intersection Enhancements" email list. Simply visit www.EdinaMN.gov/cityextra and log into your account. Once logged in, scroll down to "Engineering," check mark "France Avenue Intersection Enhancements" and click "update" at the bottom.

Information will also be posted online at www.EdinaMN.gov/FranceAvenue. View archived communication, project plans, and daily updates once the project begins.

Call the France Avenue Construction Hotline at 952-833-0394 to hear up-to-date project information and to leave a message for the crews. Messages will be checked periodically and followed up with accordingly.

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