

# Central Corridor

## Light Rail Transit



# Construction Update

July 10, 2009

## General project update

Xcel Energy crews began advanced utility relocation on July 6 on Robert Street north and south of Fourth Street, and on Fourth Street between Minnesota and Robert Streets in downtown St. Paul in anticipation of Central Corridor LRT construction in 2010.

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## Week of July 6

### Review of Xcel Utility Work

- Confirmed the location of existing utilities by removing portions of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street road surface and excavating to expose the pipes and conduit; this should be complete by the end of the week
- Began rebuilding underground electrical vaults under Robert Street near the intersection with 4<sup>th</sup> Street and another under 4<sup>th</sup> Street west of Minnesota Street

## Week of July 13

### Upcoming Xcel Utility Work

- Continue to rebuild the underground electrical vaults under Robert and 4<sup>th</sup> streets; this work is anticipated to take 3 to 4 weeks
- Begin installing new power lines on 4<sup>th</sup> Street; this work is anticipated to take 4 to 5 weeks
- Confirm location of existing utilities under Minnesota Street, south of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, by removing portions of the road surface and excavating; this work is expected to take less than a week

### Lane closures and access information

- Fourth Street – restricted to one lane westbound from 100 feet west of Minnesota through the intersection at Robert Street until late August when public utility relocation work will close all of Fourth in this block. No parking will be allowed. The loading zone on the north side of Fourth will be relocated to the east side of Minnesota north of Fourth
- Minnesota Street (south of Fourth) – one lane northbound will be maintained until the week of July 20<sup>th</sup>, when it will be closed to through traffic for four weeks. Access will be maintained for Capital City Parking Ramp and Kellogg Square loading dock via Kellogg Boulevard
- Robert Street – reduced to one lane each way for six weeks at the intersection of Fourth
- Sidewalks – Construction plans have been adjusted to maintain sidewalks on Fourth, Minnesota and Robert streets

**More**

Please don't talk to crews or go around barriers into construction zones. Construction hours will generally be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, but crews will be allowed to work from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week if needed. *Schedules are subject to changes due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances!* Check [www.centralcorridor.org](http://www.centralcorridor.org) frequently for updates.

## Late August

### Public utility relocation begins

- Proceeding with this work contingent upon Federal Transit Administration permission to proceed
- Work includes relocation of St. Paul sewer and water lines, miscellaneous private utilities
- Fourth Street – closed to all vehicular traffic between Minnesota and Jackson streets but pedestrian access will be maintained. Vehicle access will be maintained on Robert at Fourth

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Xcel construction crews use a backhoe with jackhammer attachment to remove portions of the Robert Street road surface to expose existing utilities

**About the project:** The Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project will link downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis along Washington and University avenues via the state Capitol and the University of Minnesota. Construction would begin in 2010 on the planned 11-mile Central Corridor line, with service beginning in 2014. The line would connect with the Hiawatha LRT line at the Metrodome station in Minneapolis and the Northstar commuter rail line, which will begin operation in late 2009, at the new Minneapolis Multimodal Station. The Metropolitan Council will be the grantee of federal funds. The regional government agency is charged with building the line in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The Central Corridor Management Committee, which includes commissioners from Ramsey and Hennepin counties, the mayors of St. Paul and Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota, provides advice and oversight. The Central Corridor LRT Project Website is [www.centralcorridor.org](http://www.centralcorridor.org). (6/19)