



## **Marda Loop Main Streets May Pre-Construction Update**

We are now onboarding our contractor and working to confirm overall construction timing and sequencing. We expect to begin construction in earnest in June, however our team will begin prep work this month. The two major pieces you will see are:

- Signal infrastructure installation at 4 intersections on 33 and 34 Ave. S.W.
- Tree removals to accommodate the future road reorganization.

Below is more information about each of these items. As we get closer to our contractor putting shovels in the ground, we will continue to be in touch with details, timelines, and more. Please visit our [web page](#) for the most up-to-date information.

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### **Signal Infrastructure Installation Starting Next Week**

The City will begin upgrading and installing permanent signal light infrastructure at four intersections:

- 33 Avenue and 20 Street S.W.
- 33 Avenue and 22 Street S.W.
- 34 Avenue and 20 Street S.W.
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This work will begin Monday, May 15 and we expect it to take approximately one month: we have scheduled the work in phases over a month to avoid larger detours, parking restrictions, and other impacts to businesses/residents.

Access to businesses and residences will be maintained throughout this work. There will be temporary, localized on-street parking restrictions in place as well as select pedestrian detours so our crew can safely and quickly complete their work. Please be observant of signage around these intersections over the next month; signage will be moved/changed as work progresses.

The signals will not be operational at this time; we are installing the infrastructure so when crews complete curb installation, utility burials, and more the infrastructure will be ready to go.

A breakdown of our planned approach to this work can be found on our [web page](#).

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### **Upcoming Tree Removals**

One of the primary benefits of this project is that the reorganized streetscape will accommodate safe and accessible travel for those walking, cycling, wheeling, and driving in the area. This reorganization means that some tree loss is required.

We know the important role trees play in a community and removing a tree is always a last resort. Extensive work was done during the planning phase to minimize the number of trees impacted and to adjust the design specifically to save mature trees wherever possible. For example, on 34 Avenue S.W. east of 20 Street there are two mature trees that are being kept. These two trees are Siberian elms, which are very large, healthy, and important to Marda Loop's tree canopy.



As part of the Marda Loop Main Streets project we inventoried 177 trees. Approximately 99 trees will need to be removed and replaced to facilitate construction of the project. To compensate for the tree loss and to help restore the urban canopy, we will be replanting 100+ northern blaze white ash, northern acclaim honey locust, and American elms throughout Marda Loop. In addition, new and improved soil infrastructure will be installed to better support future tree growth. We will also add a variety of plants, shrubs, and grass to support a stronger canopy for the future of the community.

The tree removal will begin shortly and will take up to two weeks. You may notice orange flyers on trees around the community as our team reviews and assesses each tree. Before we proceed, our team will conduct an environmental sweep to ensure there will be no wildlife impacts. Once we've been given the approval to proceed, we will remove all trees at once to minimize the impacts on area wildlife and the community.

To learn more about the canopy assessment done by Parks' Urban Forestry and Conservation team, our restoration plan, and other environmental considerations please visit our [web page](#).

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We want to thank the Marda Loop community for its continued support and patience during the engagement and planning processes.

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