

News Release

Major improvement work to begin at Taylor Street & Arlington Avenue

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The City is set to begin major improvement work on Taylor Street eastbound, just after the intersection with Arlington Avenue. This section of roadway has been identified as an area prone to congestion. The aim of this construction work is to improve the flow of traffic through the intersection and to alleviate the congestion on Taylor Street eastbound.

“This is a pinch point that has been on our radar for some time, and I think the work we’re set to undertake is really going to improve the safety and flow of the entire Taylor-Arlington intersection,” says Tim Bushman, Engineering Manager with the Construction & Design Division. “We expect this work will reduce delays for Taylor Street road users headed eastbound. It should also improve the safety and ease of turning right onto Taylor from Arlington where we’ve observed the bus bay being used as a merging lane.”

The main improvements to be made include:

- Widening of Taylor Street eastbound, after the Arlington Avenue intersection.
- Realignment of Taylor Street, after the Arlington Avenue intersection, to create a continuous two-lane eastbound section of roadway.
- Reconfiguration of sidewalks, concrete medians and light posts to match the realignment.

While construction is in progress, two-way traffic will be maintained on Taylor Street, but road users can expect to encounter lane restrictions and delays. Some short term turning restrictions at Taylor Street and Arlington Avenue may also be required while lane and median construction is underway. Construction will be active on the weekends as well.

To avoid conflicting with school-bound traffic come fall, the contract terms stipulate that the work at this location must be complete by August 31, barring heavy rain or unforeseen complications. Work is expected to get underway on Monday (August 13).

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