W. KEEFE AVE IMPROVEMENTS

N. 18th Street to N. 8th Street

City of Milwaukee | DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Project Purpose and Need

The City of Milwaukee-Department of Public Works (DPW) is improving W. Keefe Avenue from N. 18th Street to N. 8th Street. The purpose of the project is to address pavement conditions, safety, and non-compliant pedestrian facilities. The existing street is an urban 2-lane highway with parking lanes on both sides. This corridor has deteriorated pavement and substandard pedestrian walkways. Additional measures, including signage, will be done throughout the project limits.

Construction and Traffic Impacts

Construction is anticipated to start in spring of 2027 and be completed by late fall of 2027. During construction, W. Keefe Avenue will be closed to through traffic with no posted detour. Access will be maintained at all times to businesses and residents located within the project limits and to emergency vehicles. Temporary driveway closures will be necessary for short periods of time during concrete paving, driveway removal, and driveway construction. Property owners will be contacted prior to any driveway closures.

Street and Safety Improvements

- New concrete street
- Curb extensions and raised crosswalks to reduce speeding and reckless driving. These measures also enhance safety for people walking, as they reduce crossing distances
- New street lighting for enhanced night-time visibility
- New storm sewer system to improve stormwater management
- Existing traffic signals at the W. Keefe Avenue intersections with N. 16th Street and N. 12th Street will be removed and replaced with all-way stop signs
- Pedestrian curb ramps that meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards

Project Map



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The project team thanks you for your patience and cooperation throughout this project!