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Wilfred Ave and Prospect Ave Reconstruction - Tree Management / Protection
Project Managed & Funded By: Infrastructure Services Department, Engineering Division
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Dear Resident:

This letter provides information about how we will protect and manage city trees during reconstruction work of Wilfred Ave and Prospect Ave. Existing city trees were assessed during the design phase of this project to identify trees to be preserved and trees to be removed because of their health, risk, or potential long-term contribution to the urban forest. Tree planting locations on Wilfred Ave have also been identified, with the potential opportunity for future plantings along Prospect Ave after the end of project warranty period.

These projects provide an opportunity to make decisions based on a long-term view with the goal of developing a sustainable urban forest.

Measures used to protect trees during construction include protective fencing, special construction practices (e.g. tunneling under trees) and minimizing the area of disturbance around trees.

A map and list of trees to be removed and new tree plantings are provided with this letter. The contractor will remove the trees marked for removal shortly after project commencement. Routine and special tree maintenance work may also be performed. This work includes removal of branches that are lower than 14' (4.3 m) over the road, and 8' (2.4 m) over the sidewalk. Low branches on private trees that overhang the sidewalk and roadway may also be pruned.

With each new tree that is planted, the City will also provide a watering bag that will be regularly filled by City staff during the growing season (May to October) for the first two years after planting. Regular watering of newly planted trees is the most important step in establishing healthy trees. Adjacent residents are encouraged to give supplemental water during drought periods, and to water the area around mulch pile to promote root growth into the boulevard during the tree's establishment stage.

If you have any concerns regarding this plan, please contact me directly. For all other **construction related inquiries** regarding this project, please contact Eric Costa.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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Enclosure: Tree Management / Protection Plan: Wilfred Ave and Prospect Ave Road Reconstruction 2026

Cc: Councillor Dave Schnider, Eric Costa, Brent Garcia, Steve Allen, Josh Shea, Gary Henning

Trees to be Removed

CIVIC#	STREET	LOCATION	SPECIES	DIAMETER (cm)	ACTION
986	Weber St E	Serviceberry	City	8	Removal
71	Wilfred Ave	Norway Maple	City	34	Removal
81	Wilfred Ave	Norway Maple	City	53	Removal
1042	Weber St E	Norway Maple	City	47	Removal
1042	Weber St E	Norway Maple	City	n/a	Stump removal
1042	Weber St E	Norway Maple	City	n/a	Stump removal

Trees to be Planted

CIVIC#	STREET	SPECIES	OWNERSHIP	LOCATION
986	Weber St E	Northern Hackberry	City	Boulevard
986	Weber St E	Bur Oak	City	Boulevard
unk.	Wilfred Ave	Green Mountain Sugar Maple	City	Other maintained location
53	Wilfred Ave	Autumn Gold Ginkgo	City	Boulevard
57	Wilfred Ave	Autumn Gold Ginkgo	City	Boulevard
60	Wilfred Ave	Eastern Redbud	City	Boulevard
61	Wilfred Ave	Autumn Gold Ginkgo	City	Boulevard
75	Wilfred Ave	Blackgum (Black Tupelo)	City	Boulevard
81	Wilfred Ave	Bur Oak	City	Boulevard
91	Wilfred Ave	Blackgum (Black Tupelo)	City	Boulevard

Tree Management / Protection Plan

Wilfred Avenue and Prospect Avenue

Road Reconstruction 2026



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Plan for Existing Trees

- Preserve and Protect
- × Remove Stump
- ✗ Remove

New Plantings (*species may change due to nursery availability)

- Autumn Gold Ginkgo
- Blackgum (Black Tupelo)
- Bur Oak
- Eastern Redbud
- Green Mountain Sugar Maple
- Northern Hackberry



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