

18th St SE Reconstruction Project

From Austin Rd to Bixby Rd

Project Description

The City of Owatonna is reconstructing 18th Street SE, from Austin Rd to Bixby Rd. The project goals are to improve safety and multimodal accessibility, and address increased demand from the new high school. The project includes a multi-use trail for pedestrians and bicyclists, upgraded pavement and utilities, and stormwater management enhancements.



Project Schedule

	2025				2026			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Public & Agency Involvement	█	█	█	█	█			
Environmental Design / ROW	█	█	█					
30%, 60%, and Final Design	█	█	█					
Bidding & Letting				█	█			
Construction						█	█	█



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Project Overview

The City of Owatonna is planning upgrades to 18th Street SE, a key roadway that connects to the new Owatonna High School, which opened in 2023. This busy corridor is used by cars, bikes, and pedestrians, and with the new school and nearby parks, it's more important than ever to improve safety and access for everyone.

Thanks to federal funding, the City can move forward with improvements that will:

- **Improve safety** for all users with features that calm traffic and create safer crossings.
- **Support walking and biking** with a new multi-use trail and better connections to parks and neighborhoods.
- **Upgrade pavement** for long-term durability and reduced maintenance.
- **Fix drainage and utility issues** by replacing aging pipes and addressing stormwater concerns.



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Project Elements for 18th St SE

- Full reconstruction of the street
- Sanitary sewer and services from Austin to Field Stone Ave
- Storm sewer structures
- Water main and services from Austin to Field Stone Ave
- Curb replacement
- Driveways
- Multi-use Trails

Assessment Policy

An assessment is a charge the City places on a property to help fund public improvements—such as reconstructed streets, sidewalks, or utilities—that directly benefit that property.

The estimated cost per foot of improvements for this project is \$432.35 per foot. The City will cover 88% of that cost and assess property owners for the remaining 12%.

The approved assessment rate for the City is **\$52 per foot of frontage**.

The proposed project will affect approximately 85 parcels.

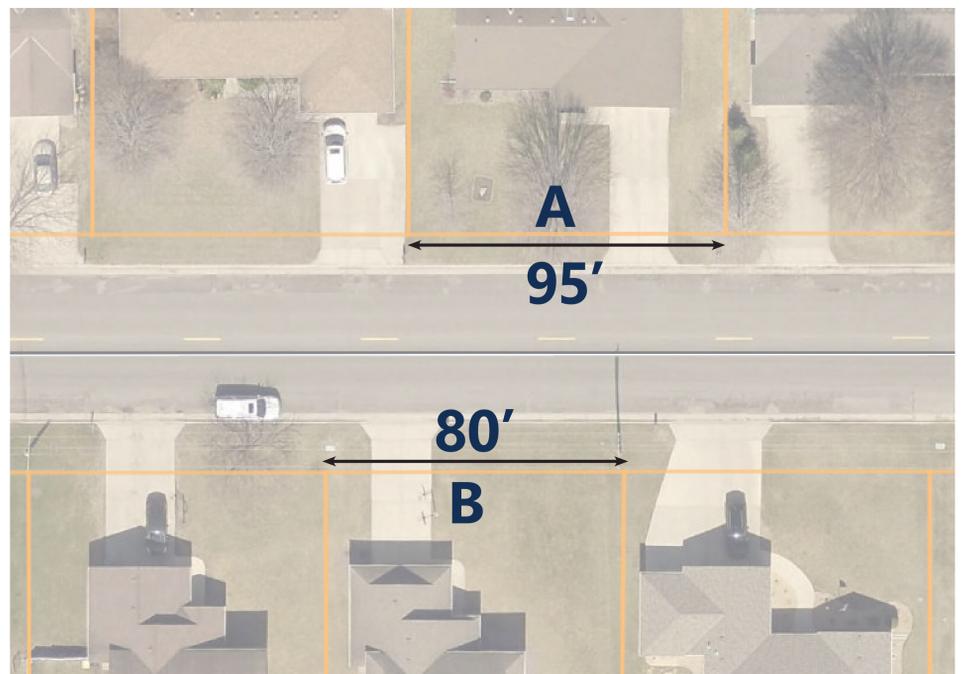


Estimated Project Costs

The total project cost is estimated to be **\$6,257,097** and consists of the following elements:

- **Street Reconstruction 2,393,629**
- **Storm Sewer 1,605,966**
- **Trail 713,800**
- **Sanitary Sewer 678,029**
- **Water Main 865,672**

Example Calculation



House A has a frontage of 95 feet, so the proposed assessment would be $95 \times 52 =$ **\$4,940**

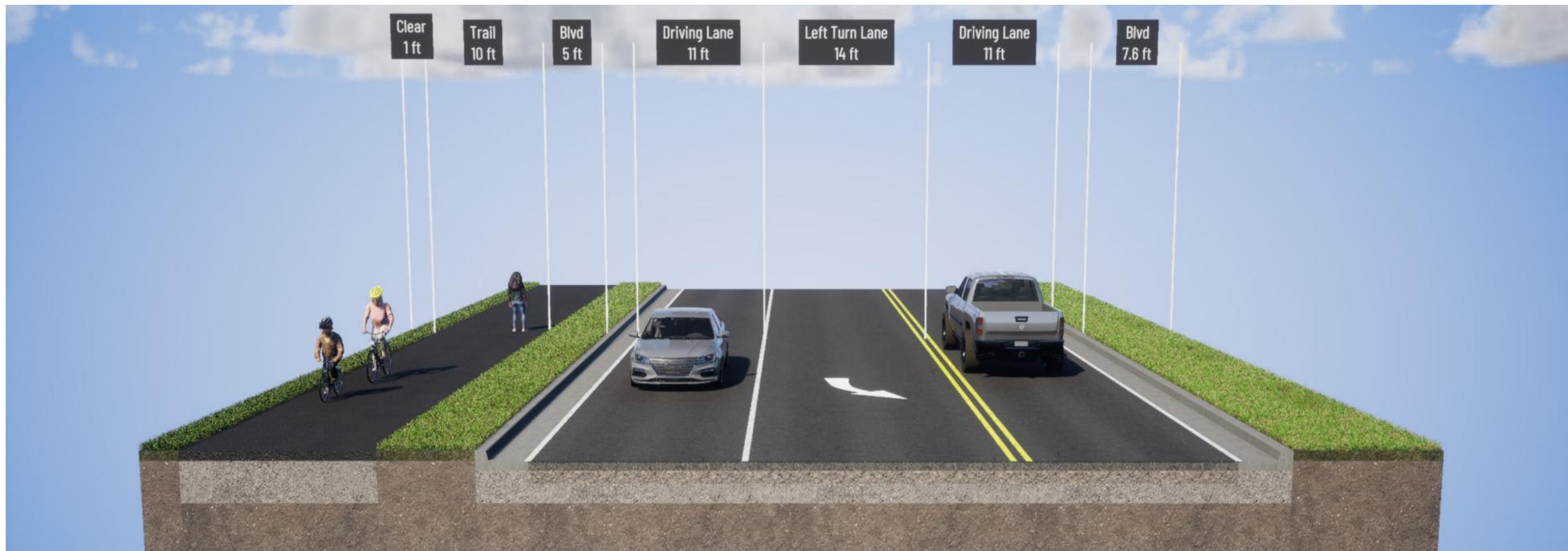
House B has a frontage of 80 feet, so the proposed assessment would be $80 \times 52 =$ **\$4,160**



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TYPICAL SECTION - Hayes Ave to Bixby Rd PREFERRED CONCEPT B (east)



TYPICAL SECTION - Austin Rd to Hayes Ave PREFERRED CONCEPT B (west)

