



*"Smart Streets" is an effort to improve the role of streets within South Bend. Projects within this initiative utilize the "Complete Streets" philosophy which advocates for the design of streets to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities.*



# Marion-Madison Streets Two-Way Conversion Project

## Project Purpose

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As part of the Smart Streets Initiative, the City of South Bend will convert the remaining one-way sections of Marion and Madison Streets to two-way traffic. The conversion of downtown one-way streets to two-way operation will improve safety, provide efficient access for all street users, and create an environment more conducive to business and residential investment.

## Project Scope

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The Marion-Madison Streets Two-Way Conversion project is proposed to include the following major components:

- Conversion to two-way operation through changes in pavement markings
  - On-street parking areas will be defined on Marion Street
  - Pavement markings will be removed on Madison Street between Marion and William Streets
- Reconstruction of west end of Madison Street to create a T-intersection at Marion Street
- Removal of traffic signal at Marion Street and Lafayette Boulevard
  - Intersection becomes 2-way stop with stop signs on Marion Street
- Replacement of sections of sidewalk in poor condition
- Replacement of sod in tree lawn areas adjacent to sidewalk replacements
- Removal of trees in poor condition from the tree lawn
- Planting of new trees in the tree lawn throughout the project area

## Schedule

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Contractor bids for the Marion-Madison Streets project will be opened in April. Construction is anticipated to begin in May and will take approximately 60-90 days. All dates are subject to change.

## Maintenance of Traffic & Property Access

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Work on this project will be completed in phases. Madison Street will be closed near Marion Street as that portion of the street is reconstructed. Use of driveway approaches will be restricted immediately after their installation. Every effort will be made to minimize interruption to property access for residents, customers, employees, and deliveries.

## Tree Maintenance

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By local law, maintenance of trees in the tree lawn is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. However, pending available funding, the City may provide professional tree maintenance during the first three years after planting, the critical period of establishment and growth. This maintenance would include watering, fertilizing, and pruning.

## Additional Information

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Residents with underground sprinkler systems within the City's right-of-way are responsible to mark and protect those systems. All bushes, flowers, fences, bricks, or similar items within the City's right-of-way may be removed during construction if the property owner does not do so prior to the start of construction.

## Contact Information

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For additional information or project updates prior to construction, contact the City of South Bend Department of Community Investment at (574) 235-5843 or visit [www.southbendin.gov/smartstreets](http://www.southbendin.gov/smartstreets).

For any special access needs or concerns, contact Marcia Qualls, City of South Bend Public Works Customer Service Coordinator at (574) 235-5939.

For construction-related questions or concerns, contact Larry Camparone, City of South Bend Project Inspector, at (574) 514-5013.