

In preparation for MAX Bus Rapid Transit, Mason Street from Laurel Street to Maple Street is scheduled to be repaved in September as part of the City of Fort Collins 2013 Street Maintenance Program. At this time, Mason Street will also be re-striped to simplify mixed traffic patterns and improve safety.

Project Schedule:

In order to minimize impacts to daytime commerce, employment, and traffic, working hours for the project will typically be Sunday through Thursday, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Construction will begin Tuesday, September 3 and will be completed in approximately 2-3 weeks. Mason Street will be closed in phases/sections during these night time working hours according to the plan below; side streets will also be closed adjacent to the work zone.

Phase 1: 4-8 days

- Paving east side (northbound) of Mason Street
- The road will be closed in 3-4 block sections starting at Laurel Street and working north toward Maple Street.
- Laurel Street intersection at Mason Street will be fully closed on first night of work.

Phase 2: 4-8 days

- Paving west side (southbound) of Mason Street
- The road will be closed in 3-4 block sections starting at Maple Street and working south toward Laurel Street.
- Mulberry Street intersection at Mason Street will be fully closed on last night of work.

Phase 3: 2-4 days

- Clean-up, east side (northbound) Mason Street
- Clean-up, west side (southbound) Mason Street

The project schedule is an estimate based on favorable conditions; variances may occur due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Traffic Plan:

A phased approach for traffic closures will be utilized allowing crews to work by section and requiring only 3–4 block closures at any time. Travel lanes on Mason Street will be open during the daytime, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., as possible due to other ongoing construction in the area.

Suggested detour routes during working hours include Howes Street, Remington Street and College Avenue.



During working hours, Traffic Control will use drums and caution tape to cordon off the work zone. Flaggers will also be stationed at intersections in the work zone to safely help pedestrians cross the road.

As each section of work is finished, it will be striped and marked according to the new striping plan (details on this plan can be found at fcgov.com/maxconstruction). Highlights of the new striping plan include:

- Provide a consistent bike lane north of Mountain, and consistent shared lane markings (sharrows) south of Mountain
- Eliminate the “jog” at each intersection by changing the current left turn lane to a through-left
- Change the current through lanes into right-turn lanes (with MAX buses exempt as they approach stations every other block)
- Address the very narrow blocks northbound from Laurel to Mulberry by removing some parking

Parking Restrictions:

Parking along Mason Street will be open during the day as possible due to other ongoing construction activities in the area. However, parking in and around work zones will not be allowed during construction hours. “No parking” signs will be placed the day before construction begins. These signs will list dates and hours that evening/overnight parking will be closed. Any vehicles left on the street in these areas after 6 p.m. will be towed.

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