



ROBERT STREET ACCOUNTABILITY TASKFORCE



We build the West Side — with our vision, our businesses and our collective action. Together, we'll make sure the Robert Street reconstruction creates a vibrant cultural and commercial destination that represents and serves us.

Robert Street's renewal is long overdue. We support investments to transform this dangerous thoroughfare into a multimodal corridor that improves safety, connectivity, and quality of life.

But, without **intentional safeguards and strong accountability** to community, this project could displace the very people and businesses that sustain the West Side.

The Robert Street Accountability Taskforce was created by the West Side Community Organization (WSCO) to make sure **our voices** and **our interests** are included throughout the process: before, during and after construction.

With government and project leaders at the table with community, we'll make sure **information is shared and problems are solved** so a revitalized Robert Street benefits the people here now and generations of West Siders to come.

THE TASKFORCE WILL

MEET AT LEAST TWO TIMES PER MONTH TO
CREATE AN ONGOING SPACE TO SHARE
IMPORTANT INFORMATION WITH OTHER
STAKEHOLDERS AND THE COMMUNITY

CREATE ACCOUNTABLE RELATIONSHIPS TO
ENSURE PROBLEMS ARE SOLVED QUICKLY
AS ISSUES ARISE

ADVISE AND CONSENT ON MAJOR
DECISIONS THROUGHOUT CONSTRUCTION
—LIKE SELECTING A CONTRACTOR

HOLD THE PROJECT ACCOUNTABLE TO
COMMUNITY DEMANDS, LEVERAGING
EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT SCORECARD AS
A GUIDING APPROACH AND VALUES

Our Collective Work

Before Construction (2025)

- Testifying during municipal consent (WSCO's position)
- Visual Quality design input
- Developing and advocating for an agenda for small business displacement mitigation strategies

During Construction (2026-2028)

- Oversight of the Transportation Management Plan
- Active problem solving and developing strategies to minimize disruptions and support businesses and residents
- Oversight of the Visual Quality Plan

After Construction (2030 and beyond)

- Evaluation and Community Report Back
- Advancing sustained corridor revitalization and community vitality

TASKFORCE MEMBERS

- Monica Bravo, WSCO staff
- E. Coco, WSCO staff
- Nan Kafka, West Side resident
- Raniya Z. Abawari, West Side resident
- Jose Rojas, West Side business owner
- Joy Sorensen Navarre, West Side business owner
- Chris Bower, Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Rebecca Noecker, Saint Paul City Council President, Ward 2 City Councilmember
- Rep. Maria Isa Perez Vega, Minnesota State Representative District 65B
- Daniela Lorenz, City of Saint Paul Planning and Economic Development Department
- Reuben Collins, City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works
- General contractor (TBD)
- Philanthropic Representative (TBD)



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