



Richfield Transportation Commission Agenda

April 29, 2026 -- 7:00 PM

Richfield Municipal Center
Bartholomew Conference Room
6700 Portland Avenue South

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of the Agenda**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. April 1, 2026 Minutes
- 5. Regular Business and Public Hearing Items**
 - a. Hennepin County - Nicollet Avenue Construction Preview
 - b. Hennepin County - Penn Avenue Open House 3 Material Review
 - c. Sidewalk Projects Update
 - d. Regional Solicitation Update
- 6. Updates**
 - a. City Staff
 - b. Liaisons
- 7. Future Agenda Items**
 - a. June 3rd: TBD
- 8. Upcoming Meetings**
 - a. Wednesday, June 3rd, 7:00pm - Regular Meeting
 - b. Tuesday, May 19th, 4:30-7:00pm - Penn Ave Open House #3, Richfield Middle School
- 9. Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

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Includes Materials - Materials relating to these agenda items can be found in the Transportation Commission agenda packet located by the entrance. The complete Transportation Commission agenda packet is available electronically on the [City of Richfield's website](#).



TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

April 1st, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Louis Dzierzak at 7:01 p.m. on April 1st, 2026, in the Bartholomew Room.

Commission Present: Adam Knosalla (Vice Chair), Eli Straub, Louis Dzierzak (Chair), David Gepner, Eli Straub, Josh Kloehn, Brinnon Kubista, Jaz Warren

Commission Absent: Stella Yang, Jacob Olsen

Staff Present: Matt Hardegger, Olivia Wycklendt

Liaisons Present: Sean Hayford Oleary (City Council)

2. ROLL CALL

Staff noted that Commissioners Yang and Olsen were absent.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: made by Kubista, seconded by Gepner to approve the agenda.

Voting Aye: Knosalla, Straub, Dzierzak, Gepner, Kloehn, Kubista, Warren

Motion carried: 7-0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: made by Knosalla, seconded by Straub to approve the minutes of the Transportation Commission Regular Meeting from March 4th, 2026.

Voting Aye: Knosalla, Straub, Dzierzak, Gepner, Kloehn, Kubista, Warren

Motion carried: 7-0

5. REGULAR BUSINESS AND PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- a. Penn Avenue Parking and Bikeways

Hennepin County Project Manager Matt Huggins presented updates on the Penn Avenue reconstruction project with consultant staff Tom Kaiser, Steven Voelker, and Lance Bernard. Topics included what types of bikeway infrastructure the commission would like to see for the corridor, as well as how they'd like to address parking in the Penn Central area of the corridor.

Commissioners discussed how the corridor is currently being used by bikers today, and if any the options presented by the County which should be eliminated from consideration as

public engagement and design progresses. Commissioners also discussed draft concepts for on-street parking considerations on Penn Avenue between 66th and 68th St, and potential for parking north of 66th St as well.

MOTION: made by Knosalla, seconded by Kloehn to remove option 4, a single shared-use path, for consideration for Penn Avenue reconstruction.

Voting Aye: Knosalla, Straub, Dzierzak, Gepner, Kloehn, Kubista, Warren

Motion carried: 7-0

6. UPDATES

a. City Staff – Project Updates

1. City staff provided construction updates for Nicollet Avenue, 494, Highway 77, the Sheridan Hills Safe Routes to School project, and Metro Transit's Route 14 stop changes. Staff provided a design update for the other 2026 sidewalk projects and 69th Street.

b. City Council

1. Council Member Hayford Oleary provided updates on council items relevant to the Commission including continued impacts of Operation Metro Surge.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Staff informed the Commission that the next scheduled meeting on May 6th would also be about Penn Avenue.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Staff asked the Commission to consider rescheduling the May 6th meeting to avoid County staff conflicts.

The commission discussed their availability for the next 6 weeks. Commission agreed with staff sending out a poll to see which dates work best for commission members after the meeting.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Hardegger referenced a public comment that was submitted to the Commission and noted its addition in the meeting packet.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 6, 2026.

MOTION: made by Gepner, seconded by Knosalla to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 PM.

Voting Aye: Knosalla, Straub, Dzierzak, Gepner, Kloehn, Kubista, Warren

Motion carried: 7-0



Report Prepared By:
Matt Hardegger, Transportation Engineer

Department Director:
Kristin Asher, Public Works Director

Item for Consideration:
Hennepin County - Nicollet Avenue Construction Preview

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hennepin County Construction Engineer Stan Lim will be providing an overview of expected construction impacts from the Nicollet Avenue project, beginning in June 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action required, information only

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

EQUITABLE OR STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS OR IMPACTS

POLICIES (RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS, STATUTES, ETC.)

CRITICAL TIMING ISSUES

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1. Nicollet Avenue construction preview

Hennepin County

Nicollet Avenue in Richfield

Stanley Lim, PE
Project Manager

April 29, 2026, Richfield Transportation
Commission



Topics

- Construction staging & schedule
- Detour routes & local access
- What to expect
- Planned improvements
- Staying informed
- Questions

Construction staging

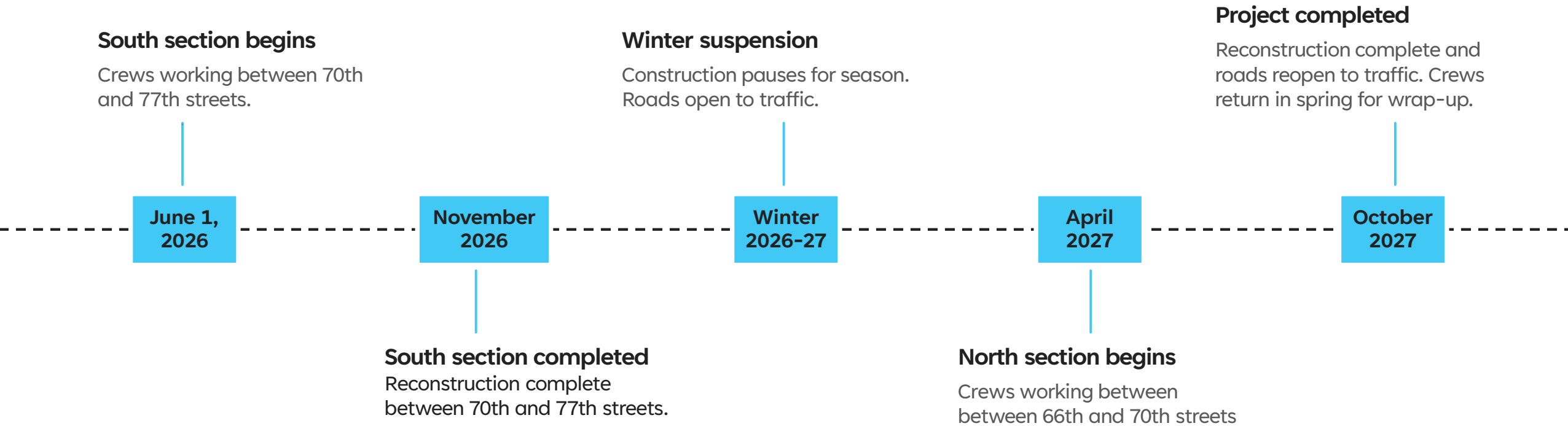
2026—Construction primarily on the SOUTH end, between 70th and 77th

2027—Construction primarily on the NORTH end, between 66th and 70th



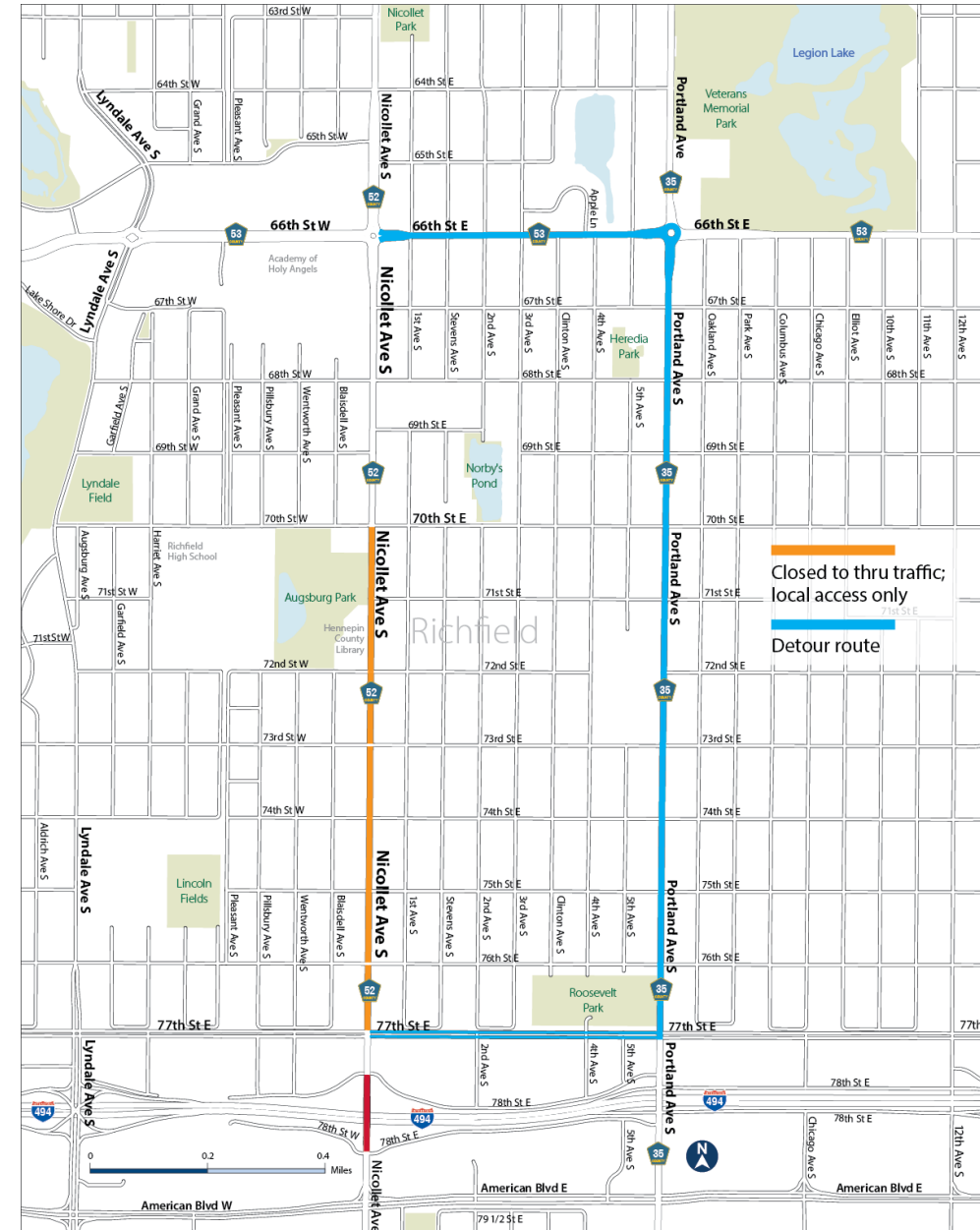
Construction schedule

Dates are tentative and subject to change



2026 detour routes & local access

- Posted detour using 77th Street, Portland Avenue, and 66th Street
- Local access for residents and businesses
- Cut-through traffic: timing, signage and tools, expect a learning curve



What to expect: local access for residents & businesses

Walking and biking

- Temporary sidewalk on at least one side of Nicollet Avenue remains open during construction.
- People may be routed around active construction areas at times for safety
- Some areas will temporarily have a rough or uneven surface

Using transit

- Bus stops may be temporarily relocated during construction
- For information on affected stops, visit [Metro Transit Rider Alerts](#), or contact your transit service

Driving

- We'll maintain local access for residents
- Vehicles able to cross Nicollet on local streets unless crews are working at that location
- 73rd and 76th will each close during roundabout construction, but not at the same time
- Narrow single lane or a gravel surface at times



Project visualization

[View the full project area](#)

Planned improvements to Nicollet Avenue

Safer & calmer new road

- One lane of traffic in each direction and a center lane for left turns
- Roundabouts at 67th, 70th, 73rd, and 76th streets
- Fresh asphalt pavement for a smoother, safer ride

Easier & safer for pedestrians

- Separate bike paths on each side of Nicollet Avenue
- New sidewalks on both sides of the street
- Better crosswalks with new curbs and ramps, updated walk signals, and raised areas to help people cross more safely

Inviting & sustainable spaces

- Wider green boulevards between the road and sidewalks, which will also help with stormwater quality
- New streetlights and pedestrian level lighting, along with more green spaces
- New trees, coordinated with the City of Richfield, to be planted following the completion of construction

Pre-construction outreach

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Contacting destinations & connectors

- Holy Angels Academy
- Richfield High School
- Augsburg Park Library
- Richfield Community Center
- School bus service
- Metro Transit
- Waste haulers
- Postal service

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Communicating with businesses & residents

In-person visits and/or calls and/or emails with businesses throughout project area to provide info and discuss access needs, customers, schedules, and concerns

Connecting with people who live along the project area

Keeping the Richfield community informed

Pre-construction outreach begins in May

Communication continues through 2026 and 2027



Project webpage updates

Visit and bookmark hennepincounty.gov/nicollet-richfield



Emails to subscribers

Sign up to receive updates about schedule, closures & impacts



Visits & meetings

Business, resident, destination and partner connections



Construction signs & digital boards

Watch for on-site alerts

Thank you

Project info & questions

- transportation@hennepin.us

Stanley Lim PE, Project manager

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- 612-282-3609





Report Prepared By:

Department Director:

Item for Consideration:

Hennepin County - Penn Avenue Open House 3 Material Review

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hennepin County and consultant staff will be presenting materials that will be available for public engagement events during Phase 3, including intersection and cross section design options.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve materials for Phase 3 public engagement

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Hennepin County

CSAH 32 (Penn Ave) Reconstruction Transportation Commission Meeting #6

Matt Huggins, PE
Project Manager

April 29, 2026





Agenda

4/1/2026 Transportation Commission Recap

Penn Ave Intersection discussion

Phase 3 engagement materials overview

TH62 & 66th St design overview



Commission actions

Action: Verify intersection alternatives

Preliminary design engagement schedule

Project kick-off

City Council Update #1

City Council Update #2

City Council Resolution

Spring
2025

March
2026

Summer
2026

Fall
2026

Phase 1: Experiences

Phase 2: Vision and Tools

Phase 3: Concept Alternatives

Phase 4: Recommendations

*** We are here**

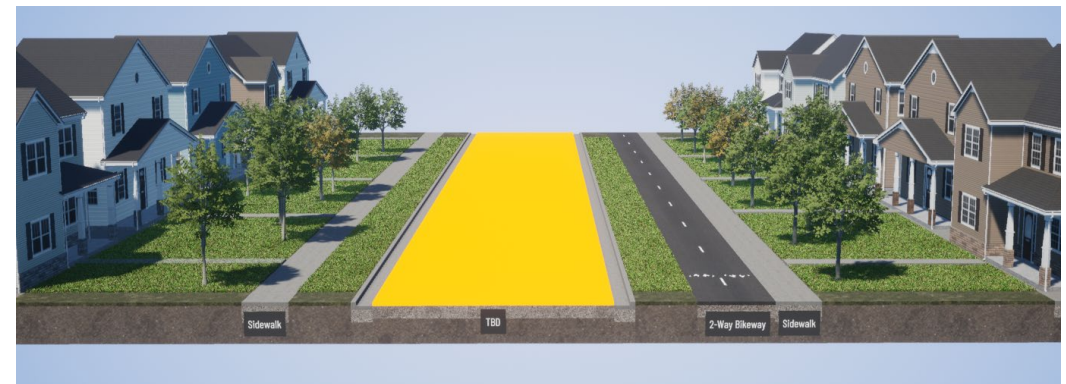
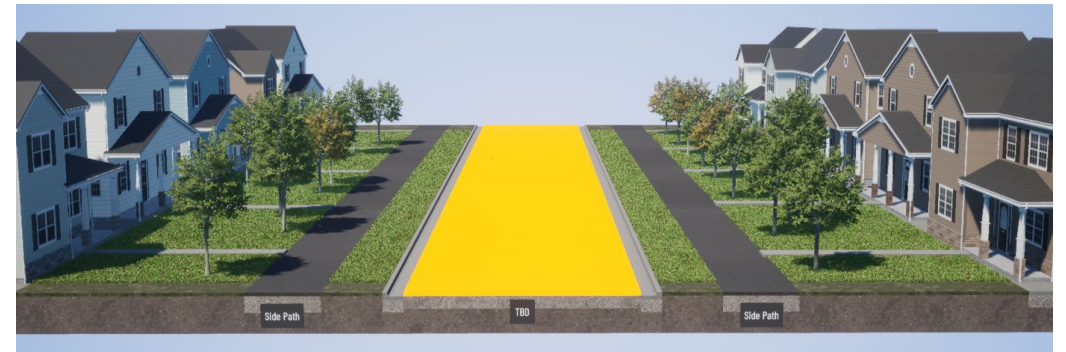
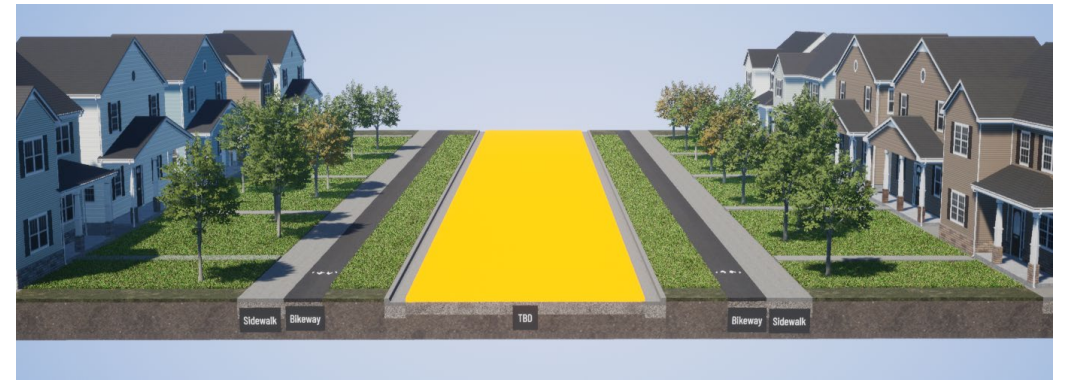
*** Start of construction
tentatively planned for
Spring 2028**

4/1/2026 – Transportation Commission Recap

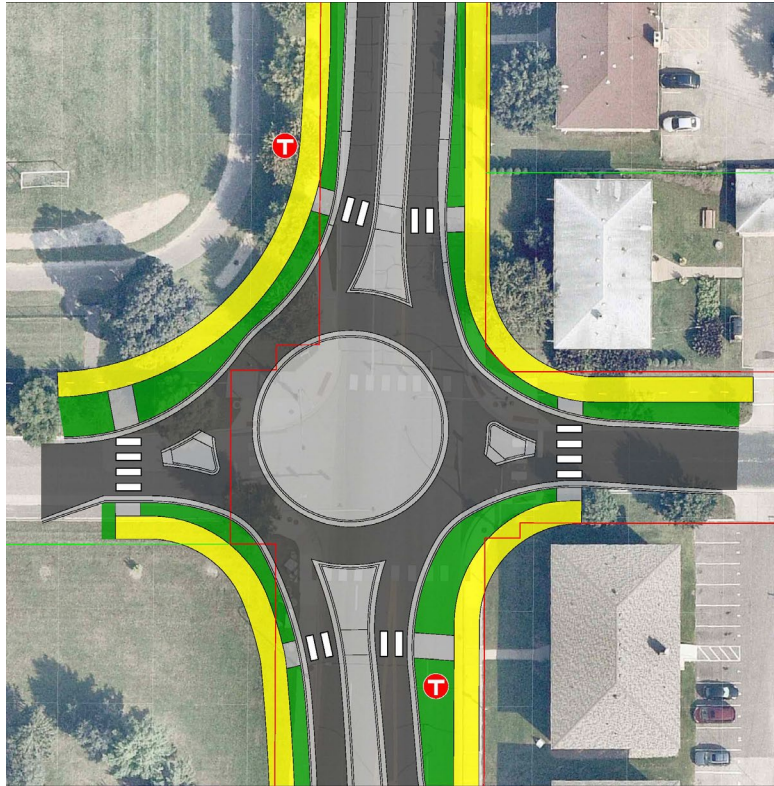
Advance 3 bikeway options

- 1 Way Cycle Track + Sidewalks
- Shared Use Paths on Both Sides
- 2 Way Cycle Track + Sidewalks

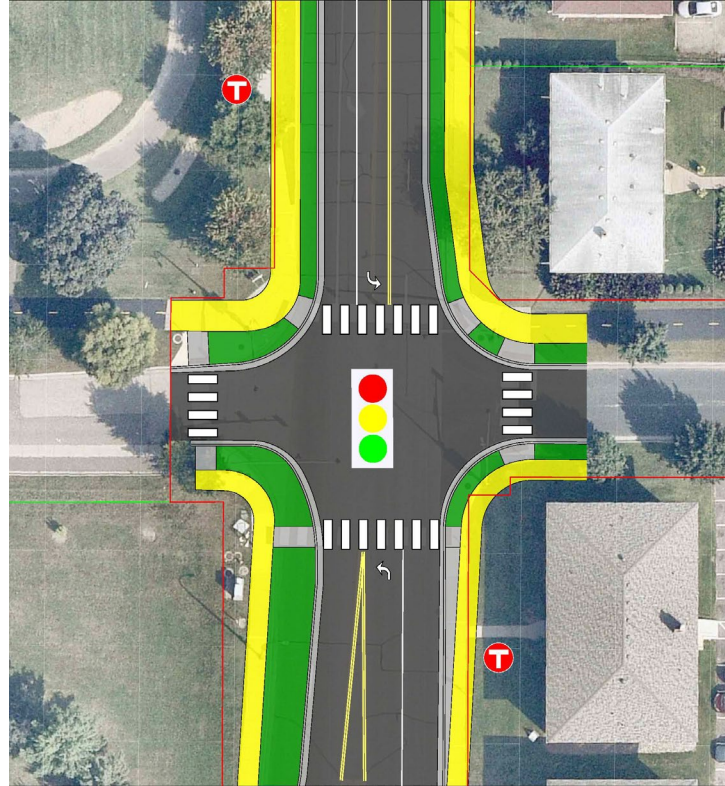
Advance On-Street Parking between 68th St and 66th St



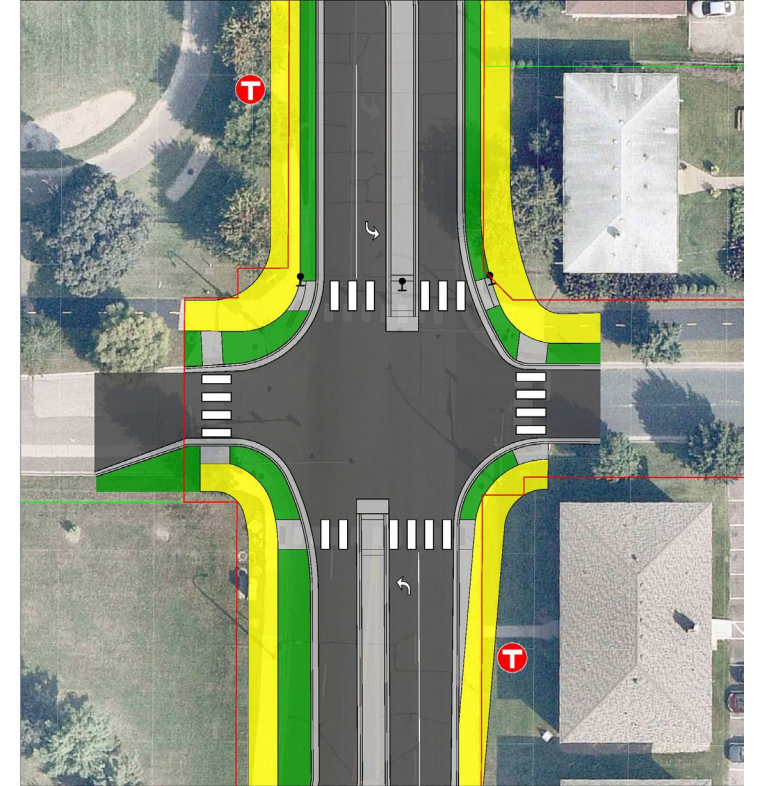
Intersection discussion (75th Street)



Roundabout



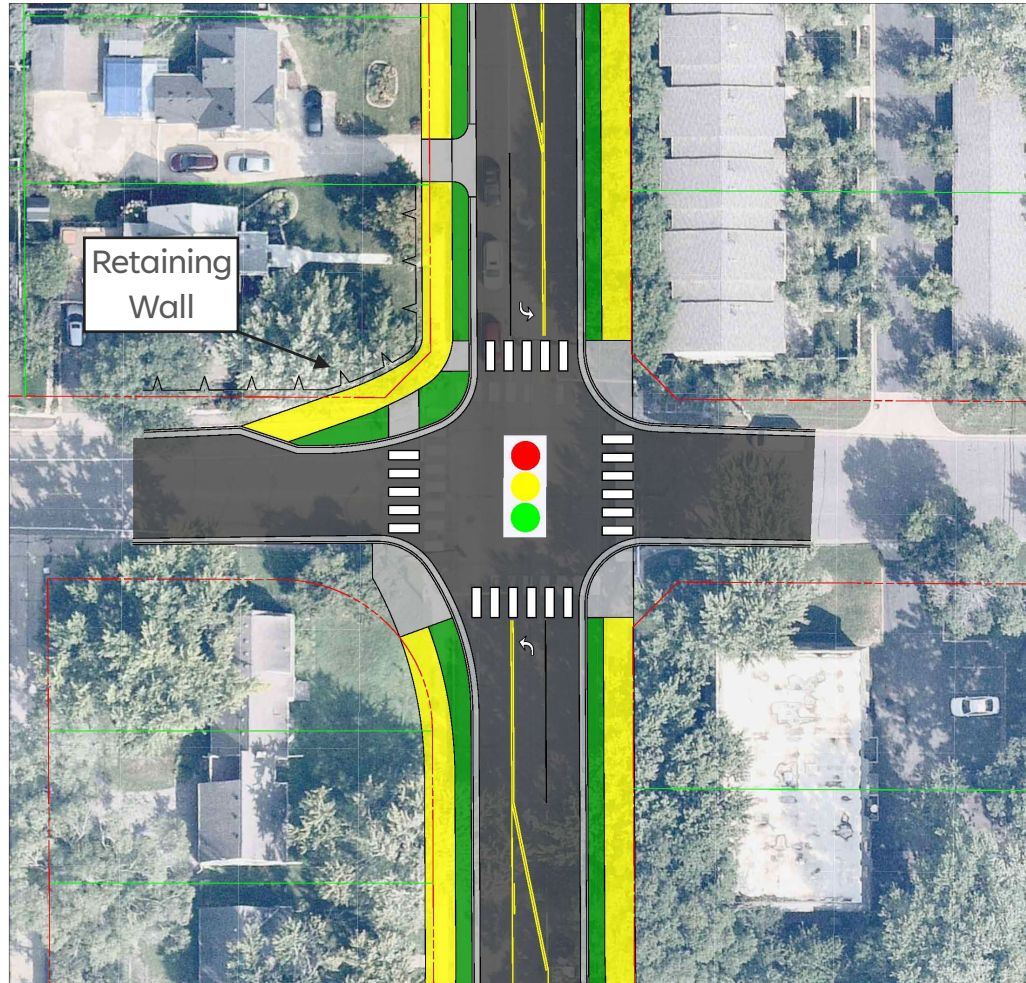
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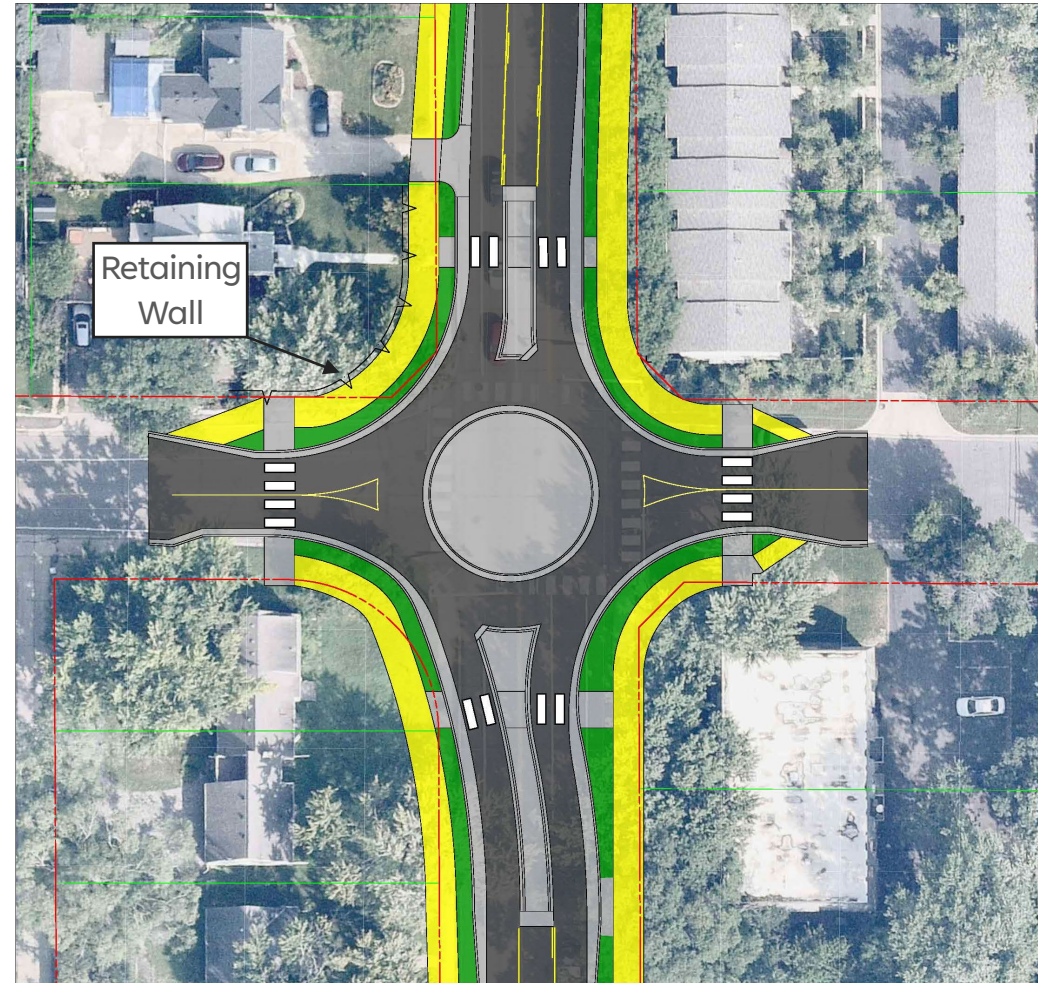
RRFB

Note: Bikeway configuration shown in yellow to be determined.

Intersection discussion (69th Street)



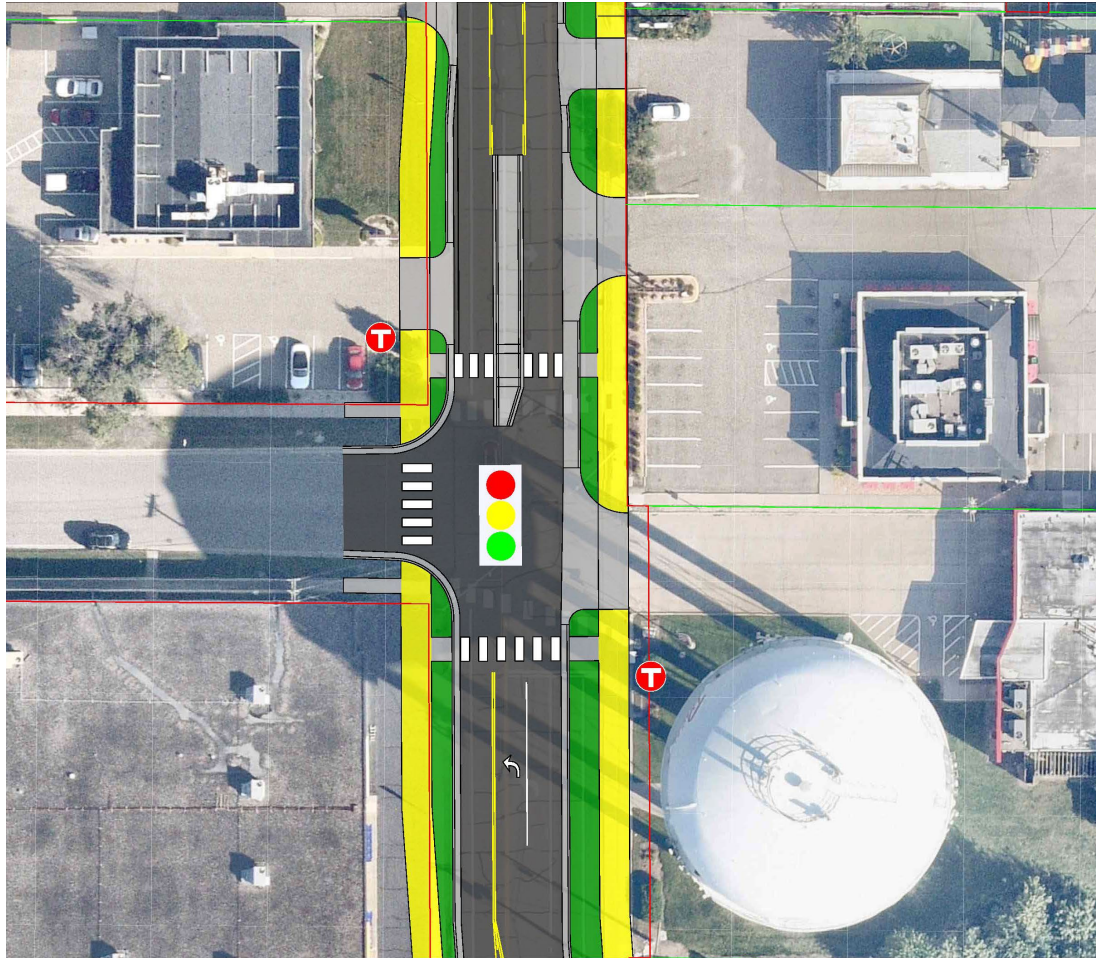
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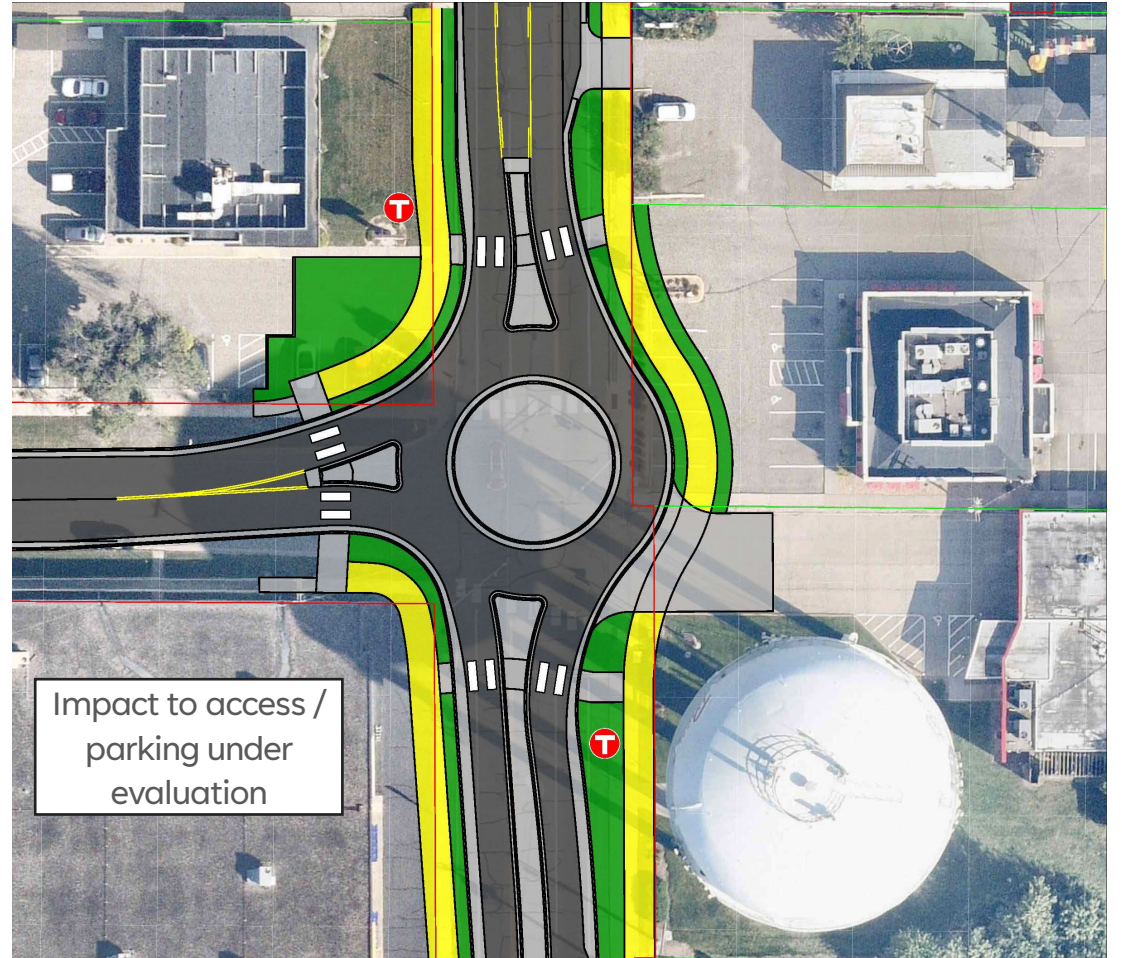
Roundabout

Note: Bikeway configuration shown in yellow to be determined.

Intersection discussion (64th Street)



Traffic Signal

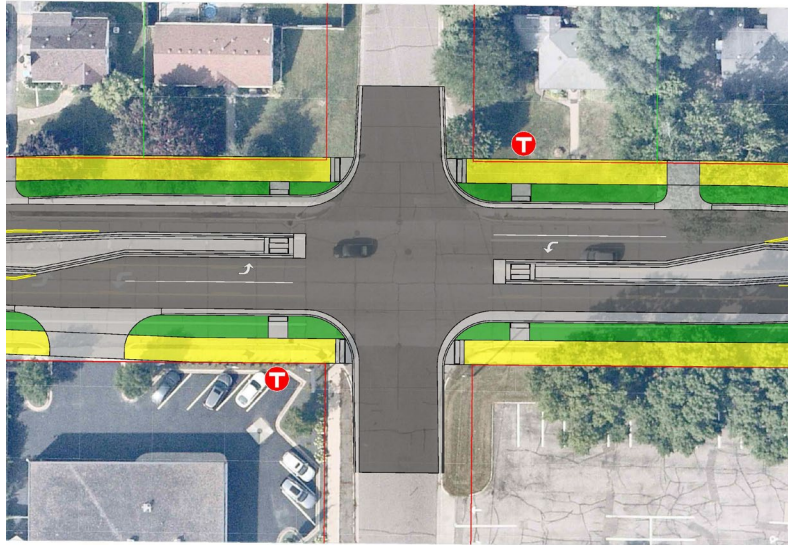


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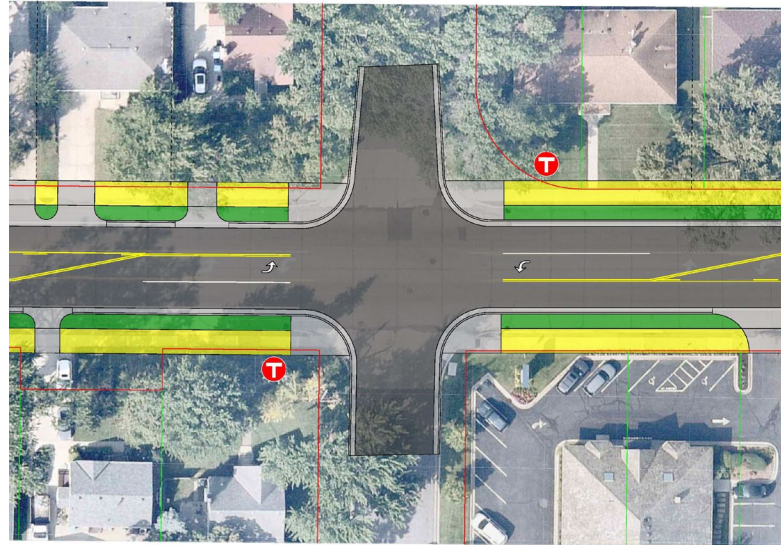
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Intersection discussion – MSA Streets

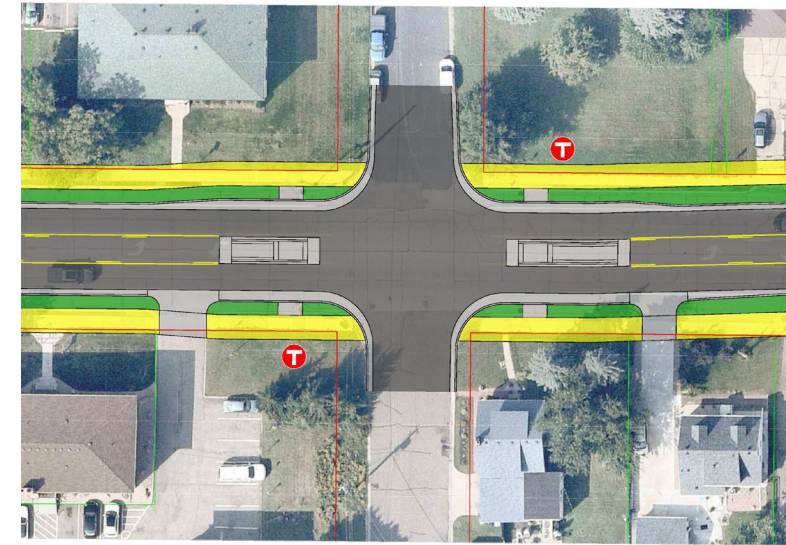
(70th, 65th, and 63rd Streets)



Median Refuge
(73rd St shown for context)



No Median Refuge
(70th St shown for context)

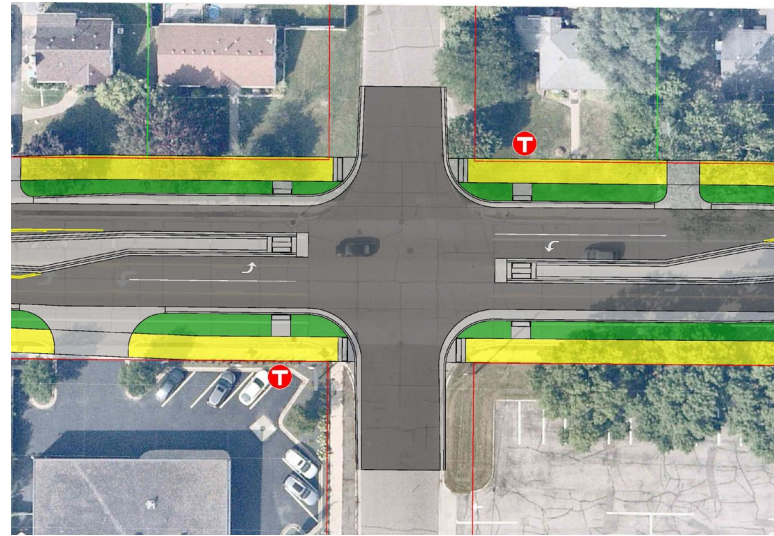


Median Full Access
(74th St shown for context)

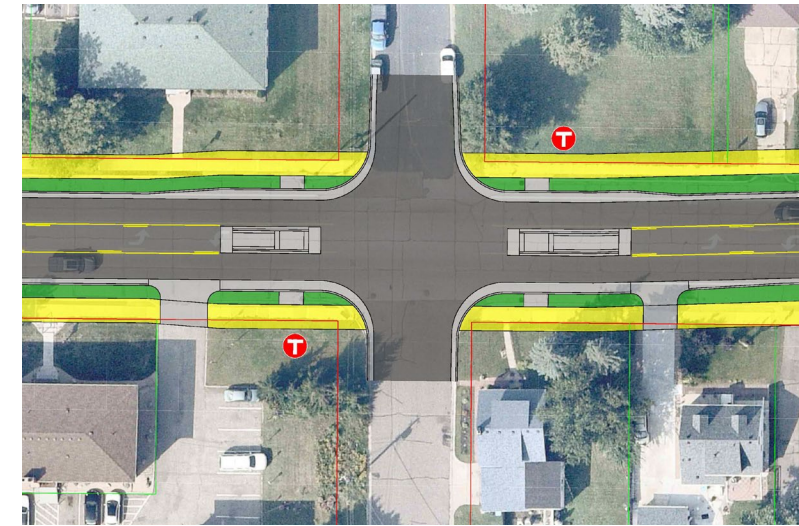
Note: Bikeway configuration shown in yellow to be determined.

Intersection discussion – Local Streets

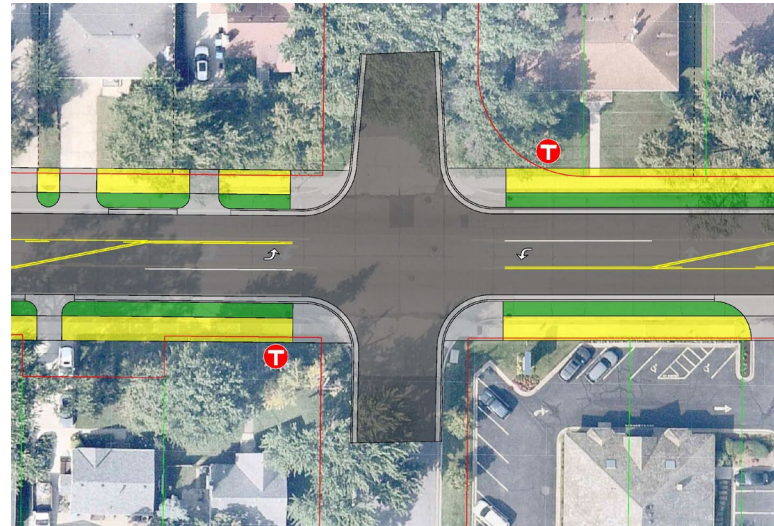
(74th, 73rd, 72nd, 71st, 70 ½, 68th, and 67th Streets)



Median Refuge
(73rd St shown for context)



Median Full Access
(74th St shown for context)



No Median Refuge
(70th St shown for context)



Median Closure
(71th St shown for context)

Note: Bikeway configuration shown in yellow to be determined.

Phase 3 engagement materials overview

Engagement topics

- Background/process
- Bikeway options (cross-sections)
 - 1 Way Cycle Track + Sidewalks
 - Shared Use Paths on Both Sides
 - 2 Way Cycle Track + Sidewalks
- Intersection treatment options
- Parking configuration (south of 66th St)

Engagement material

- Background poster boards
- Parking poster boards
- Cross-section dot activity
- Intersection roll plot

Virtual engagement

- Interactive map for intersection options
- Short survey for cross-sections
- Project update news letter

Open House



Tuesday, May 19



4:30-7 p.m.



Richfield Middle School

7461 Oliver Ave. S, Richfield

Phase 3 business engagement

Approach

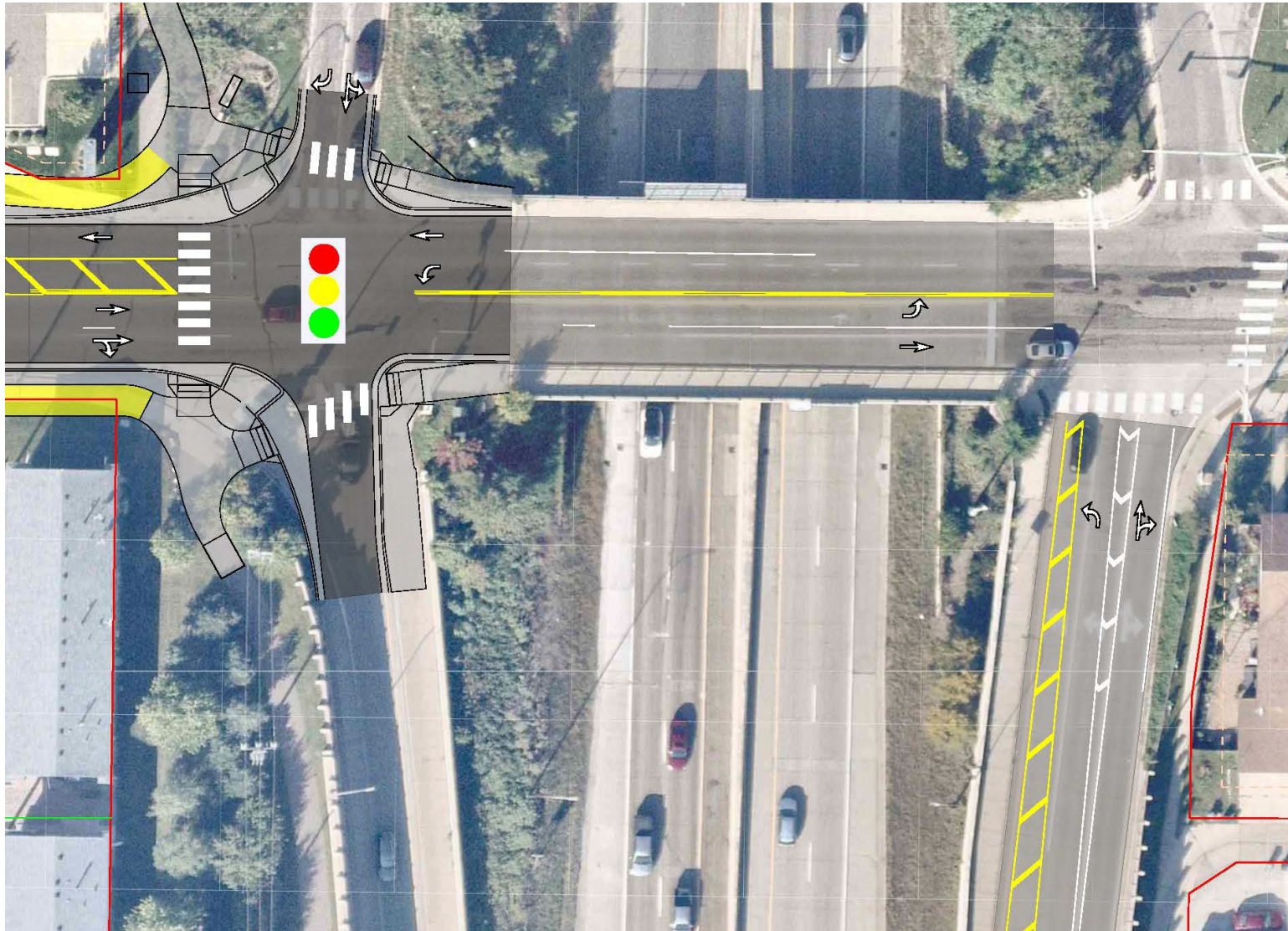
Door knocking

One-on-one interviews

In-office hours (TBD)

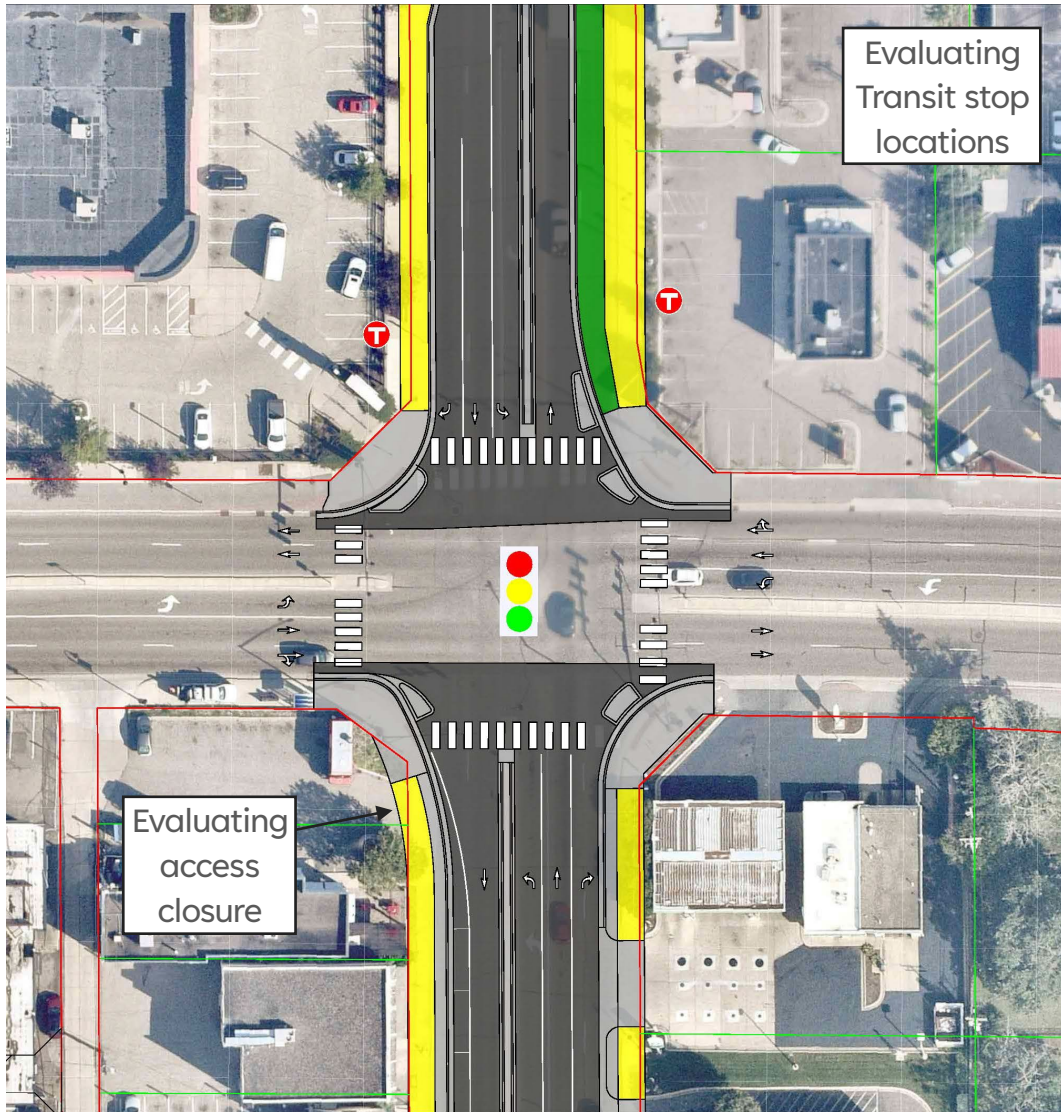


Supplemental design elements – TH62 Interchange



- Re-stripe TH62 WB off ramp
- Remove dual left turn lane
- Re-stripe TH62 Bridge
- Dedicated NB/SB Left turn lanes
- Move crossing to south side
- Implement truck pillows
- Traffic signal improvements

Supplemental design elements – 66th St Signal



- Bikeway configuration to be determined
- Implement truck pillows
- Lane re-configuration on Penn Ave
- Revise existing traffic signal
- No planned improvements along 66th St

Next steps

- Penn-Central business group meetings – April / May 2026
- County Active Transportation Committee – May 18, 2026
- Initiate Phase 3 virtual engagement – May 5, 2026 (target)
- Open House #3 – May 19, 2026
- Pop-up events
- Close Phase 3 virtual engagement – July 10, 2026
- City Council Work Session #2 – July 28, 2026



Thank you

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Appendices

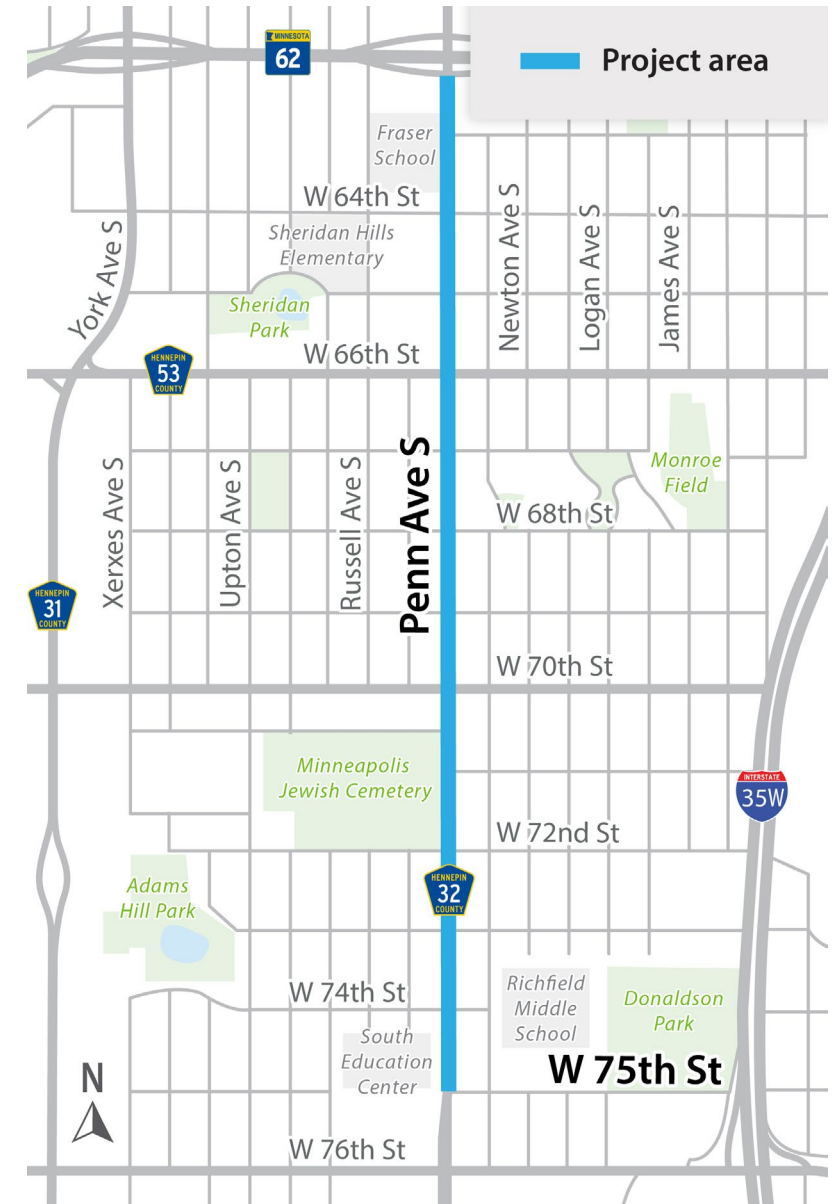


Project scope

Reconstruction from 75th Street to Highway 62

INITIAL PROJECT GOALS

- Replace deteriorating pavement surfaces and walks
- Enhance mobility to regional destinations
- Implement bikeway
- Improvements to existing public utilities
- Traffic control upgrades and implementation of traffic calming and safety measures
- Improving transit stops for current and future transit routes
- Leverage green infrastructure to achieve storm water goals and enhance visual character



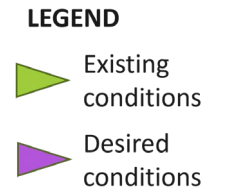
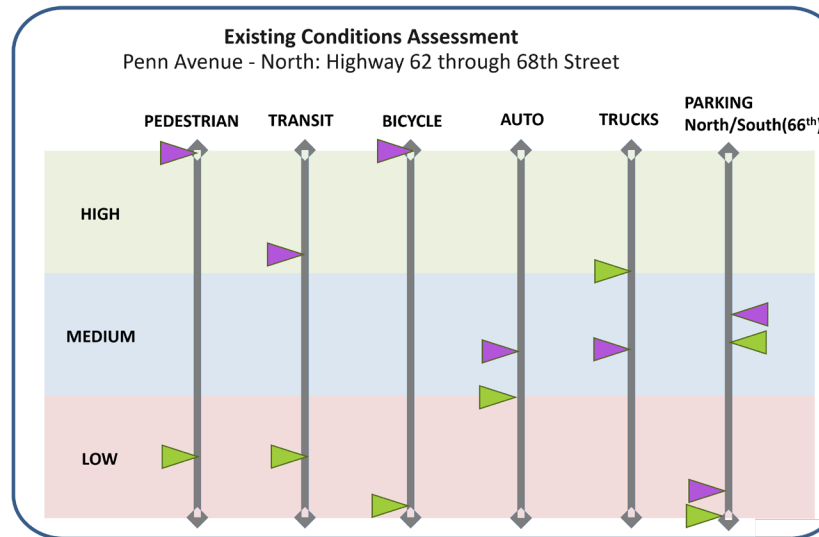
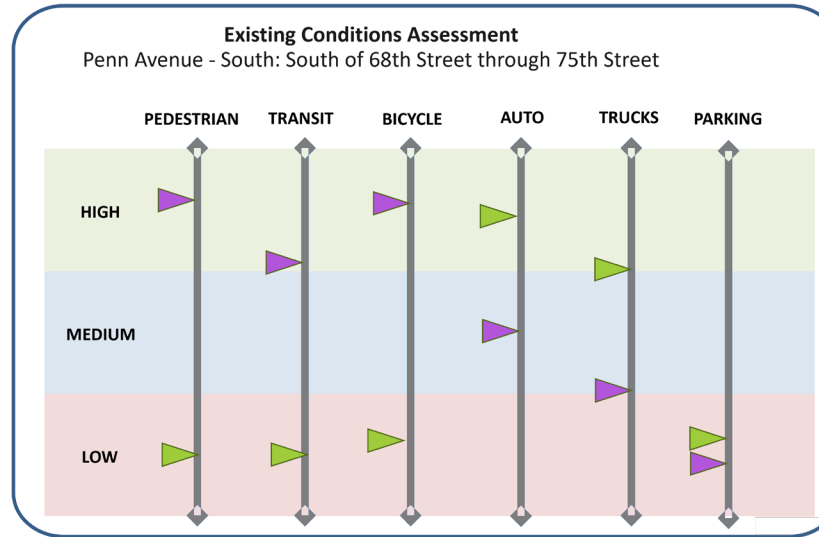
Transportation Commission Priorities

Transportation Commission assessment

- Existing conditions discussed prior to Phase 1 activities
- Desired conditions led to development of Problem Statement
- Difference between conditions establishes priorities

Desired outcomes

- Improve experiences for those walking, biking, and rolling
- People walking, biking, rolling, and taking transit prioritized over vehicle and truck travel and on-street parking
- On-street parking low priority outside of Penn-Central district



Problem statement

People need safe and reliable property access along Penn Avenue

- People can't walk or bike safely or comfortably along Penn Avenue
- It's difficult to make left turns onto or off Penn Avenue
- The pavement is in poor condition
- There are limited public parking opportunities along Penn Avenue
- People need safe and reliable property access along Penn Avenue

Penn Avenue is dangerous to walk

- Penn Avenue is not safe to walk across
- Penn Avenue is not comfortable to walk along
- There are no features to create a positive walking experience

Biking on Penn Avenue is not safe

- There are no dedicated bike facilities on Penn Avenue
- It is difficult to cross Penn Avenue when traveling on nearby trails

There isn't enough green space on Penn Avenue

- The lack of green infrastructure doesn't support sustainability and maintenance
- The lack of greenspace detracts from the visual quality of the neighborhood

Penn Avenue does not fully support the needs of a vibrant business district

- The lack of walkability discourages pedestrian activity to businesses along Penn Avenue
- The existing street doesn't support businesses as destinations, lacking a sense of place
- The lack of convenient public parking and consistent access detracts from the user experience

Originally drafted as part of 2021 Penn Avenue study.

Revised in collaboration with Transportation Commission.

Community supports problem statement.



Report Prepared By:
Matt Hardegger, Transportation Engineer

Department Director:
Kristin Asher, Public Works Director

Item for Consideration:
Sidewalk Projects Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff will be providing a schedule and design update for the three 2026 sidewalk projects

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action required, information only

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1. 260429_Sidewalks



2026 Sidewalk Projects

Transportation Commission
April 29th, 2026

Matt Hardegger, PE
Transportation Engineer

Map



Sheridan Hills SRTS

- Bids opened April 2nd
- Contract awarded April 28th
- Contract Dates
 - Construction Start: June 8th
 - Substantial Completion: August 21st
 - Final Completion: September 25th

73rd Street Sidewalk

- 90% Design Completed
- Scope Change Process
 - Replacing new sidewalk with trail rehab is considered a formal scope change by Met Council
 - Requires approval of three bodies
 - TAB TAC F&P: April 16th
 - TAB TAC: May 6th
 - TAB: May 20th
- Updated Schedule
 - Final plans: late May
 - Bid opening: June
 - Construction: September-October

64th Street Sidewalk

- 90% Design Completed
- Project on hold
 - Railroad has informed city that they will not allow a crossing at this location due to the presence of track switch
 - Staff and Council will continue working to resolve this with the railroad
 - Project will likely need a program year extension from Met Council

64th Street Sidewalk – Nicollet Ave

- Consultant performed traffic study in February
 - Removing the full NB left turn lane is NOT recommended
 - Intersection crash rate is over the state critical rate and turn lanes are known to lower crash rates
- Recommendations
 - Crosswalk striping and signage
 - RRFB if desired by city
 - Other recommendations
 - Look for a narrow median refuge that keeps the left turn lane
 - Introduce a positive offset to the turn lanes to reduce vehicle crash rate



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Department Director:
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Item for Consideration:
Regional Solicitation Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff will be providing an update on the upcoming Met Council Regional Solicitation for federal and active transportation grants.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action required, information only

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Regional Solicitation

Transportation Commission
April 29th, 2026

Matt Hardegger, PE
Transportation Engineer

Program Overview

- Applications open from May 7 – June 25
- Two funding types
 - Federal (Roadway/regional trails): \$240M
 - State (Active Transportation): \$50M
- Funding years
 - AT funds: 2027, 2028, 2029
 - Federal funds: 2030 & 2031
- Streamlined Process for 2026
- [More information](#)

Planned Applications

- Federal
 - Roadway Modernization
 - 76th west of Penn
 - 77th from Portland to Richfield Parkway
 - Proactive Safety
 - 76th & Newton Ave
- Active Transportation
 - Projects must be specifically identified in an adopted plan document (CIP, Ped Plan, etc) that is less than 10 years old
 - Local Bike Facilities
 - 73rd Street Trail - 35W to Lyndale (Ped Plan)
 - Local Pedestrian Facilities
 - 68th Street Sidewalk - Lyndale to Nicollet (Ped Plan)
 - Middle School SRTS - 74th and Oliver (SRTS Design Assistance & SRTS Comp Plan)
 - Active Transportation Planning
 - Bicycle Master Plan Update (Document over 10 years old)

Future Cycles

- Alternating Years
 - Odd years: AT Funding
 - Even Years: Federal Funding

