



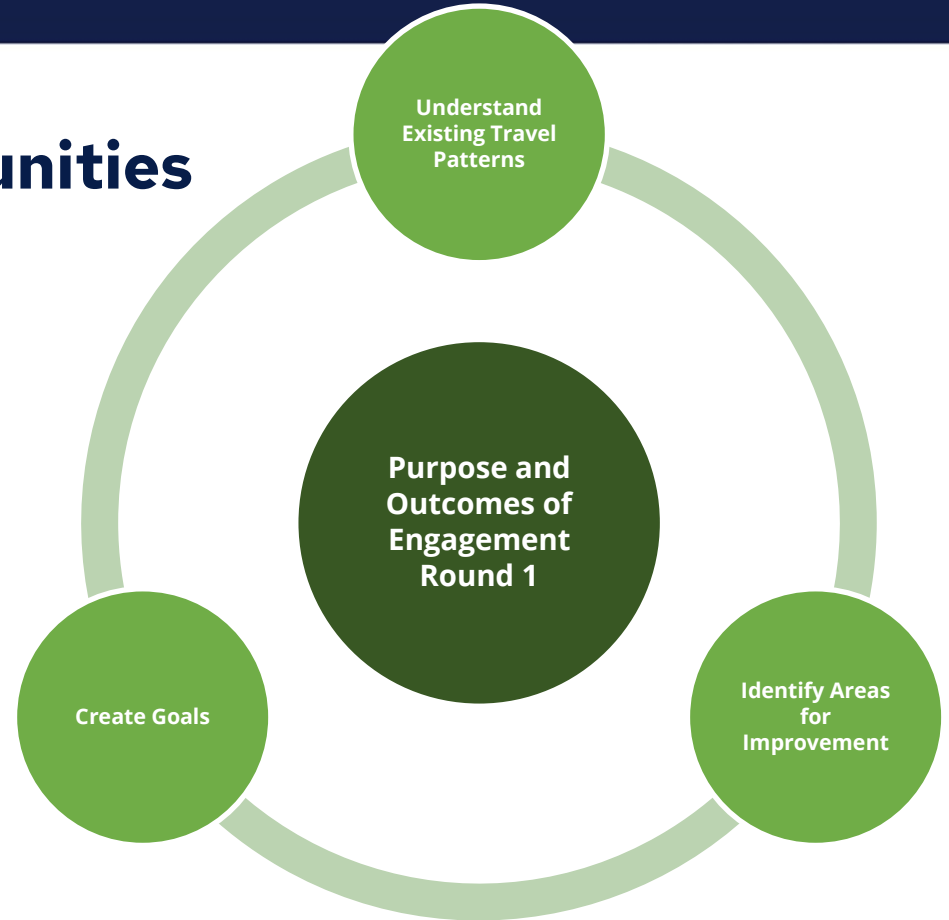
# Minnesota Street Reconstruction

Public Engagement Round 1 Summary



# The first of many opportunities

- These pages describe the information gleaned from the first round of engagement conducted for the Minnesota Street Reconstruction project, which occurred between March and June of 2021.
- **Thank you for participating and for staying engaged.** These results represent a snapshot in time; feedback is continually being received and incorporated into the design.





## What we did

- A virtual open house via a recorded presentation on YouTube
- An online survey
- In-person flyering of the corridor
- Generated a project email list
- Conducted key stakeholder meetings



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**PROJECT DETAILS & BACKGROUND**  
The City of Saint Paul is planning to reconstruct Minnesota Street from the 2nd Block to the 10th Block. The project will include reconstructing the street, sidewalks, and utility infrastructure along the corridor. The project will also include reconstructing the street, sidewalks, and utility infrastructure along the corridor.

**EXISTING CONDITIONS**  
• Reduce Crash in the corridor per year  
• Increase the right of way to 40 feet  
• There are 4 bus lanes and 2 bus stops

**CITY PROJECT GOALS**  
• Increase safety  
• Increase mobility  
• Increase quality of life  
• Increase economic vitality  
• Increase sustainability  
• Increase community engagement

**PROJECT TIMELINE**  
2021 Concept Design  
2022 Final Design  
2023 Construction Phase 1  
2024 Construction Phase 2

**Agenda**

- Project Background
  - Location, Timing, Need, Scope
  - Schedule
  - Goals
- Existing Conditions
  - Traffic
  - Existing right of way usage
  - Transit
  - Downtown Coordination
- Next Steps

*Icon indicates that we need your feedback*

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# Thank you for your feedback!

- The virtual presentation was viewed **over 230 times**
- There were **209 surveys taken**
- **69 emails** were added to the project distribution list
- **5+ stakeholder meetings** (and counting...)



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# Round 1 Survey Summary

Survey was open March – June 15, 2021



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# Responses over time

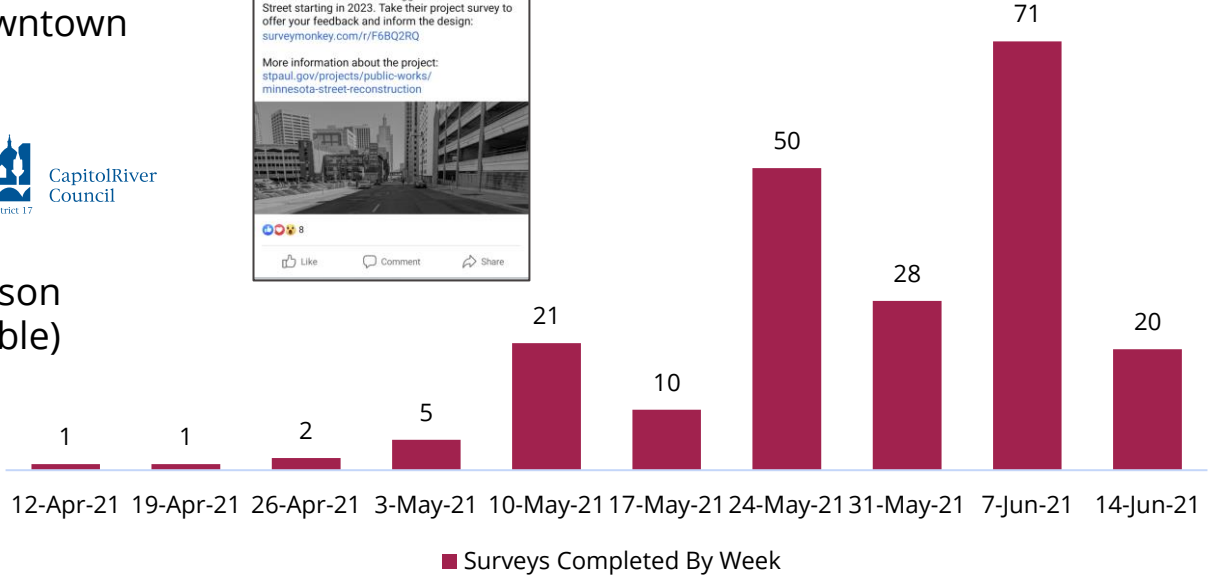
- Capitalized on established communication channels of key agencies and partners downtown



- Used both virtual & in-person methods (when safe/feasible)



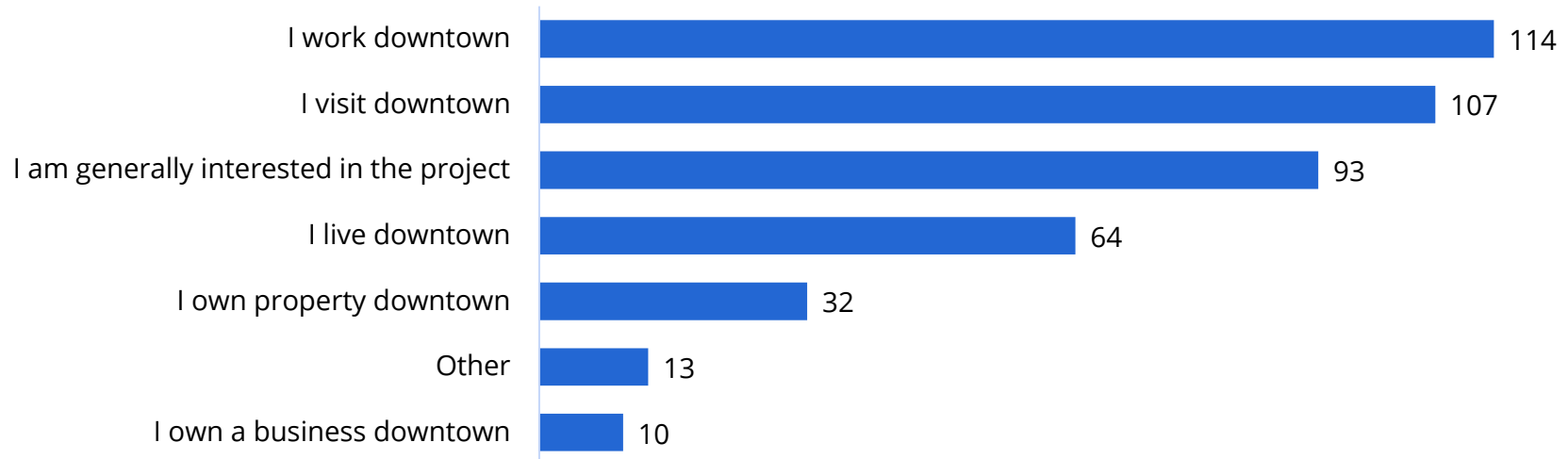
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## A healthy distribution of downtown users took the survey, with employees and visitors most represented

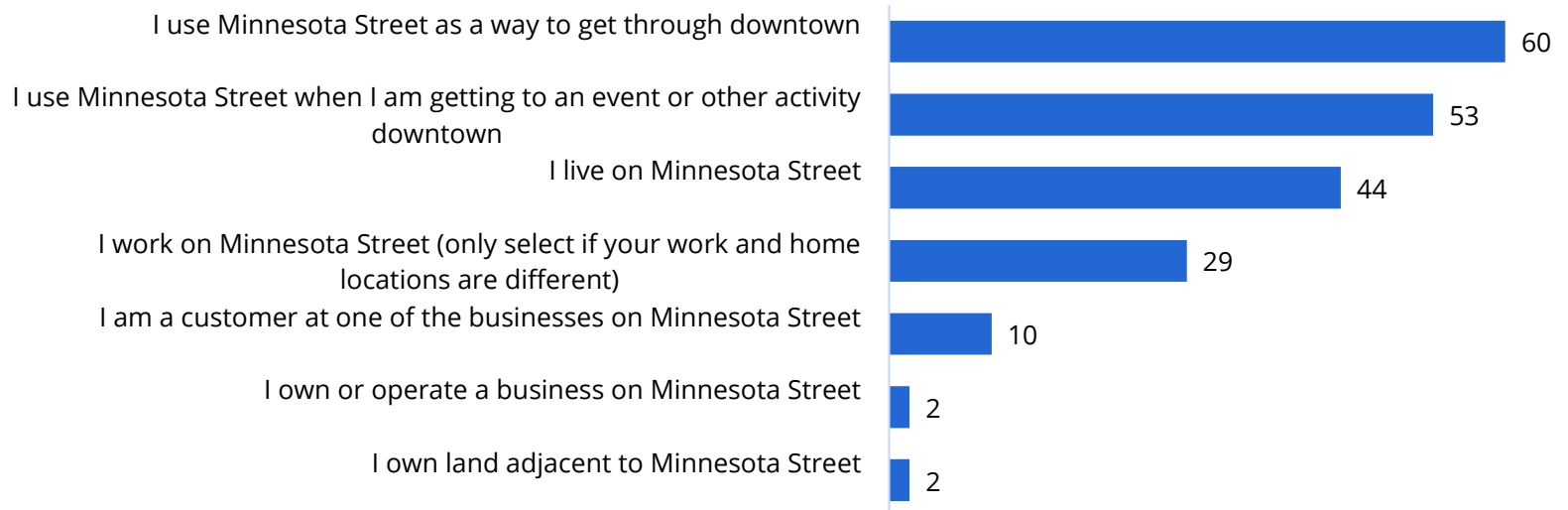
Q1. Select all that apply to you.





# Survey takers use Minnesota Street as a part of the broader downtown network

## Q2. Why do you primarily use Minnesota Street?

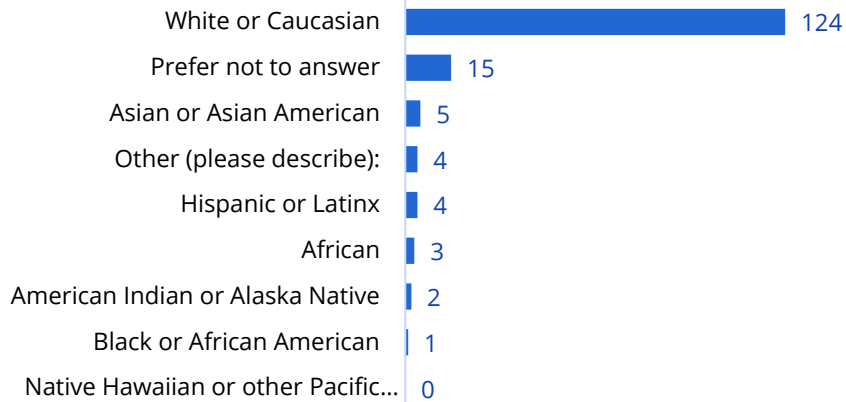




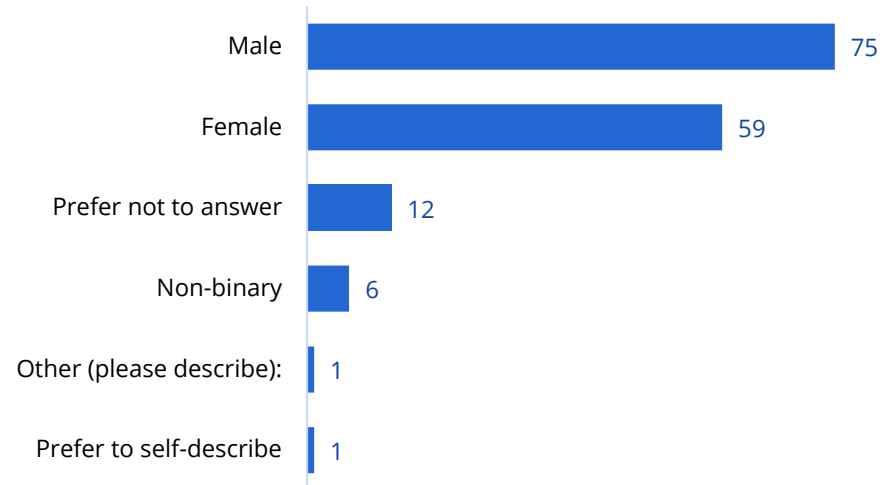


## Many survey takers were white or male, but other races/ethnicities and genders were also represented

### Q3. With which race or ethnicity do you most identify?



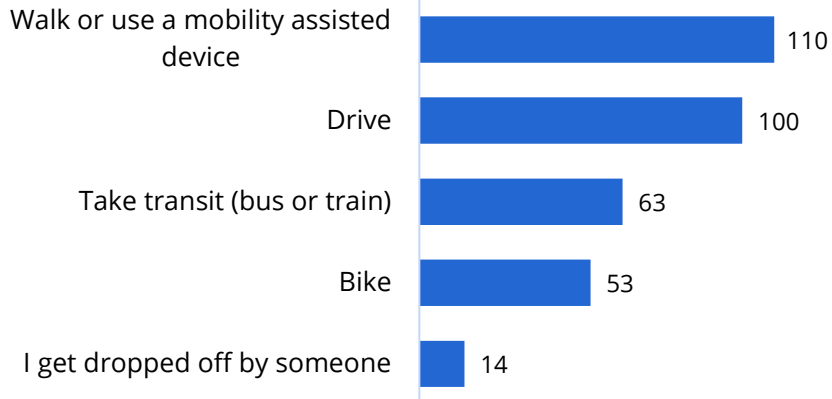
### Q4. What is your gender identity?





# All modes use Minnesota Street today even though the vehicle infrastructure is prominent

**Q5. How do you typically travel on or across Minnesota Street?**





## The pedestrian and transit experience was voted universally important; the driving and bicycling modes had votes on both ends of the spectrum

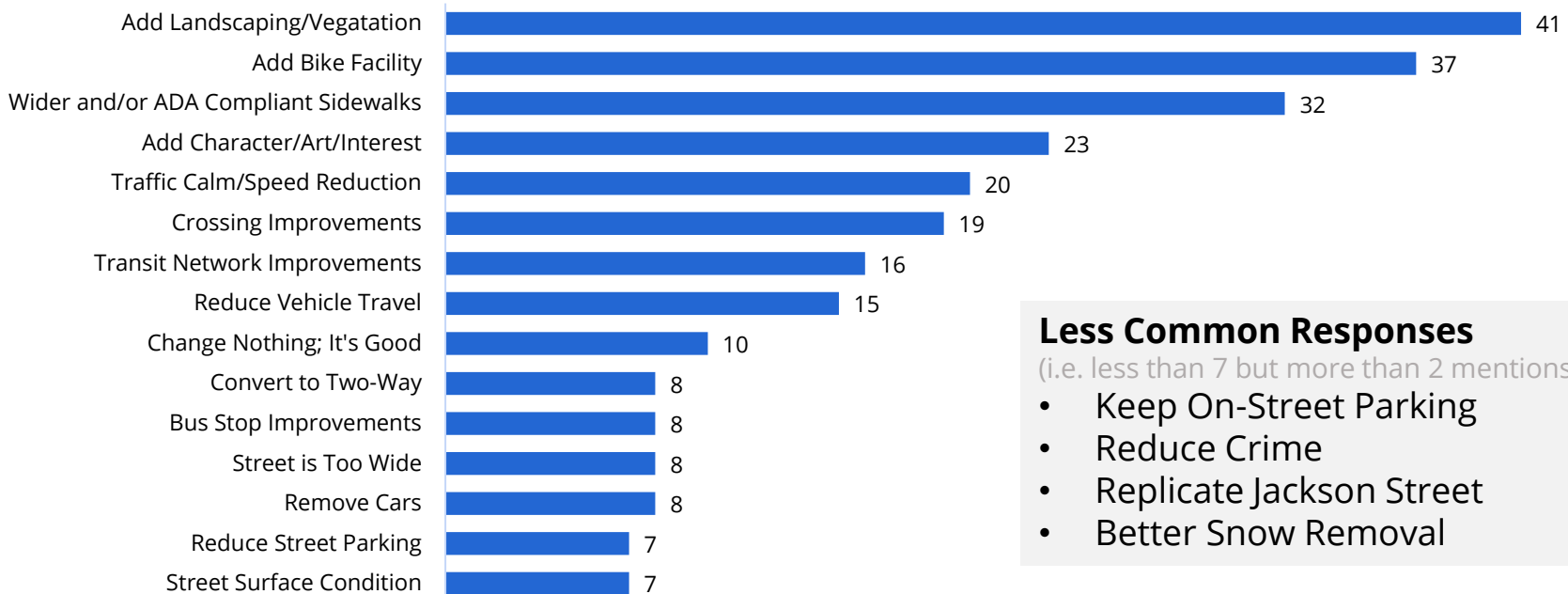
**Q6. Please tell us how important each mode is to you on Minnesota Street.**

	Not important at all & this mode should not be accommodated	Not important	Somewhat important	Very important	Most important	Weighted Average "Score"
Walk or use a mobility device	4	6	13	65	82	4.3
Take Transit (bus or train)	4	21	35	63	35	3.7
Drive	23	27	39	32	45	3.3
Bike	20	27	34	50	27	3.2
Get dropped off	17	54	48	25	4	2.6



## Survey takers want “more” outside the curbs with safer speeds inside the curbs

### Q7. What would you *change* about Minnesota St?



#### Less Common Responses

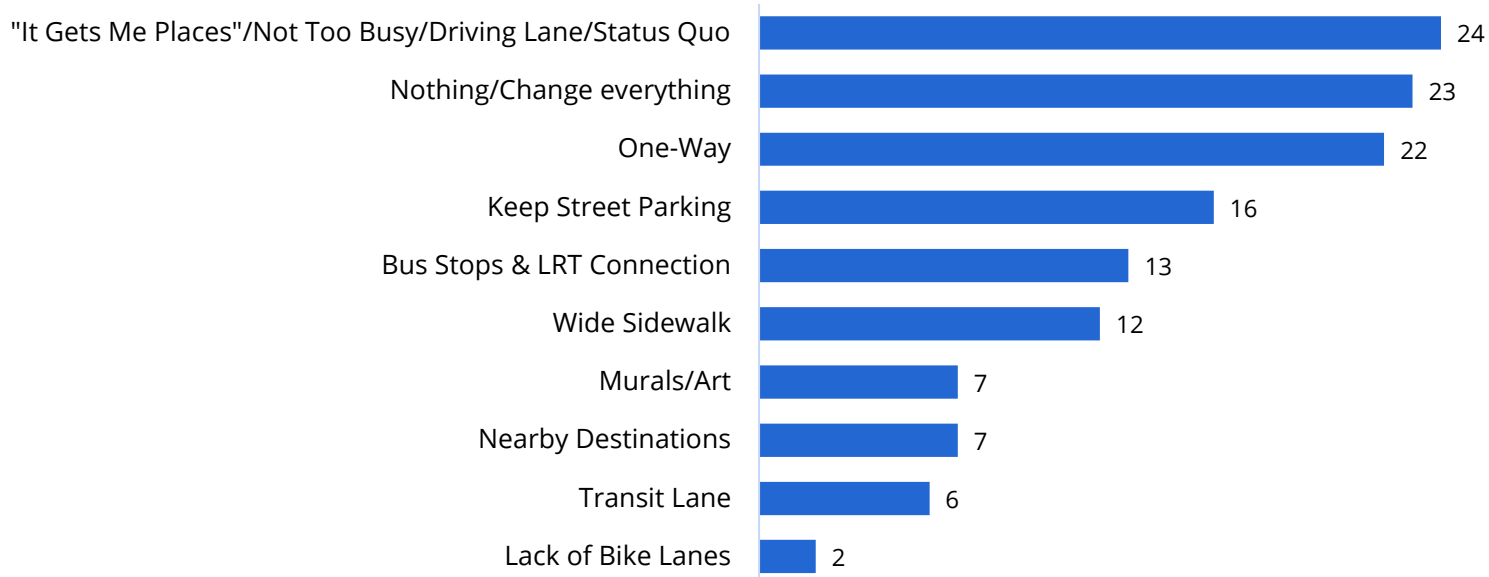
(i.e. less than 7 but more than 2 mentions....):

- Keep On-Street Parking
- Reduce Crime
- Replicate Jackson Street
- Better Snow Removal



## Survey takers like the convenience of Minnesota St, transit connectivity, and the locations with art/murals

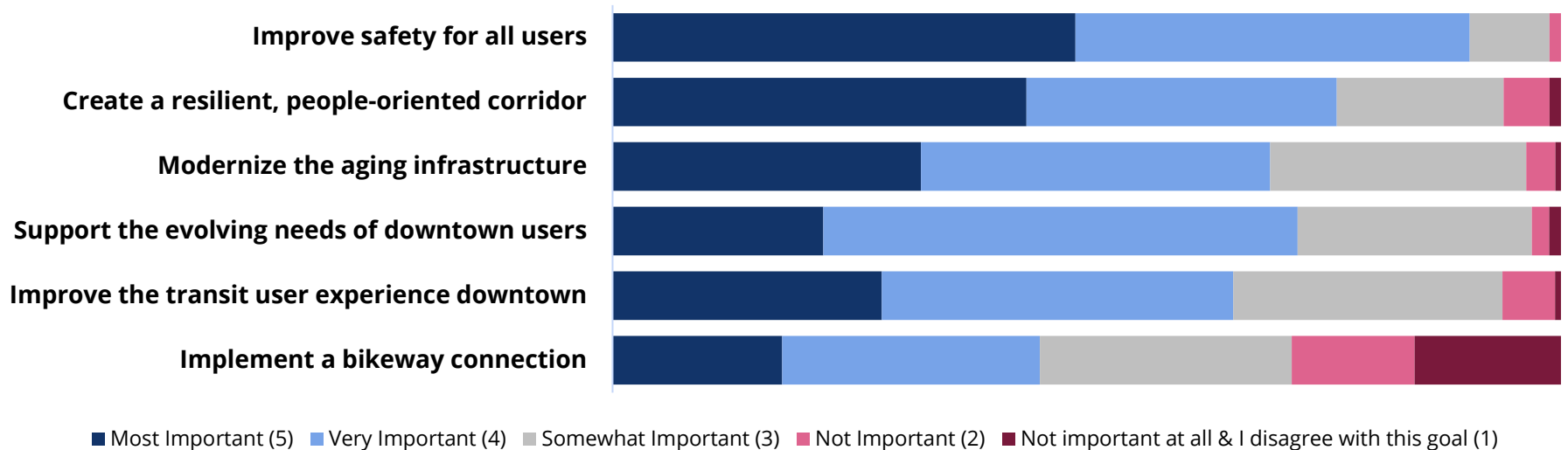
### Q8. What do you *like* about Minnesota Street? What would you keep?





# Below are the City of Saint Paul goals for the project, sorted by survey findings

Q9. Please tell us how important you think each goal is.





## Location specific feedback

- **At 11<sup>th</sup> Street:** Modernize parking meters
- **At the Pointe Condos:** Increase visibility exiting the parking ramp and address sewer challenges
- **South of 10<sup>th</sup> Street:** Request for pedestrian scale lighting
- **At 9<sup>th</sup> Street:** Request for pedestrian signage or enhanced crossing
- **At 7<sup>th</sup> Street:** Longer pedestrian signal timing requested
- **At 7<sup>th</sup> Place:** Better visibility of this signal/request for enhanced crossing
- **At 6<sup>th</sup> Street:** Straighten walking route and address curb height
- **At 5<sup>th</sup> Street:** Transit maintenance vehicles should be accommodated; use the corners for a public purpose



## Round 1 Engagement Takeaways

- People are passionate about the opportunity to improve a central corridor in downtown. Many people requested comprehensive changes such as greenways or transit malls; others only called for minor, site-specific tweaks.
- There is a strong desire for character and visual interest via landscaping, trees, art, different materials, benches, etc.
- Many mentions of traffic calming and right-sizing the street to meet the multimodal needs of downtown users



# Thank you!

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