



Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission

Monday, August 23, 2021, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Remote meeting

1. Rice Street Visioning Study – Nick Fischer (Ramsey County), 40 minutes

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(612) 315-7905, Phone Conference ID: 612 928 00#

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Upcoming Transportation Committee Meetings

- September 20 (no meeting September 6 due to holiday)
- October 4

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Transportation Committee Staff Report for Projects

Committee date: August 23, 2021

Project Name: Rice St visioning study

Geographic Scope: Pennsylvania to Wheelock

Project Contact: Nick Fischer, P.E. Nicklaus.fischer@co.ramsey.mn.us

Project Webpage: <https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transportation/future-road-projects/future-road-construction-projects/rice-street-visioning-study>

Project Description: The study will define a community-driven vision for Rice Street. The purpose of the Rice Street Visioning Study is to:

- Promote economic growth and community investment while maintaining and providing business opportunities.
- Create an inviting environment.
- Enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety.
- Maintain and augment transit service.
- Continue to increase vehicle safety.

Project Stage & General Timeline: 3 Design Concepts are out for public feedback

Public Hearing Date & Location: n/a

Cost & Primary Funding Source(s): CSAH funds

Transportation Committee Role:

Inform project scope & approach implementation Inform design Inform

Make recommendation

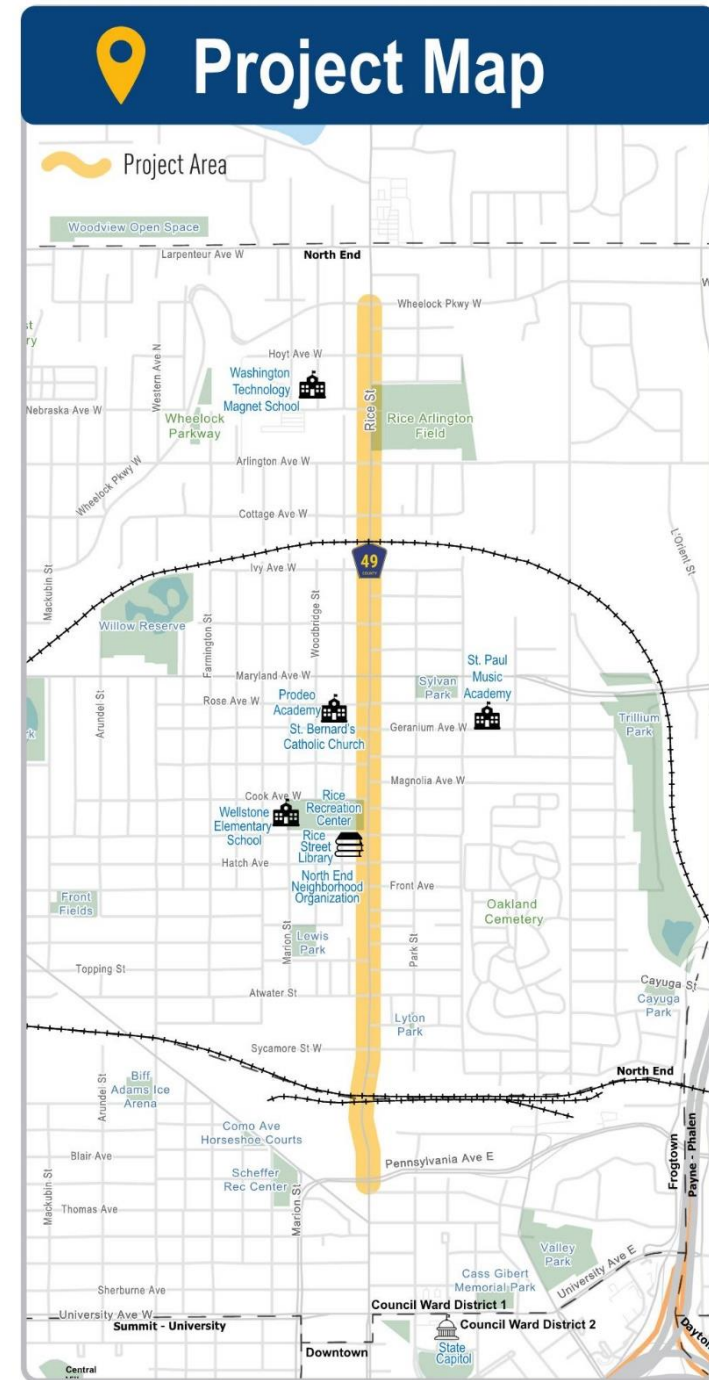
Explanation Present 3 design concepts for committee feedback

Attachments include: none

Project Goals

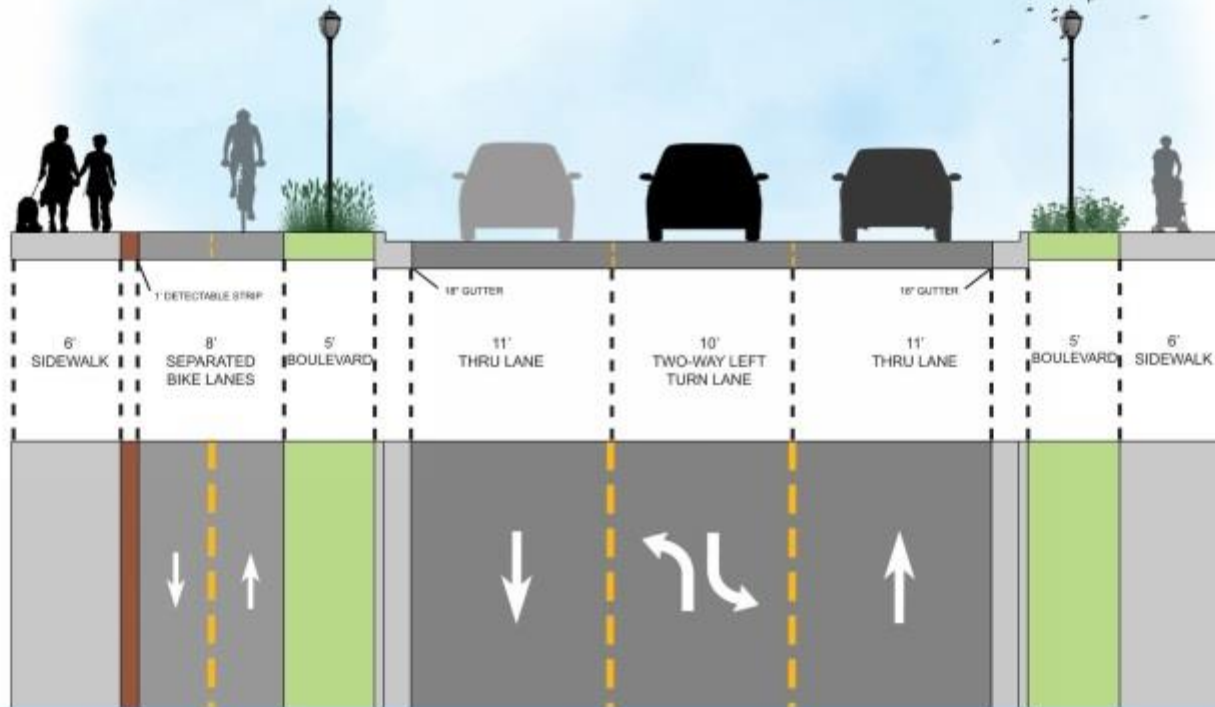
Rice Street between Wheelock and Pennsylvania

- Layout and Implementation plan
- Final Layout next 1-2 months
- Pick section to reconstruct in 2023
- Potential to mill and overlay or restripe roadway in short term



Concept A

3-Lane Roadway, 2-Way Separated Bike Lane

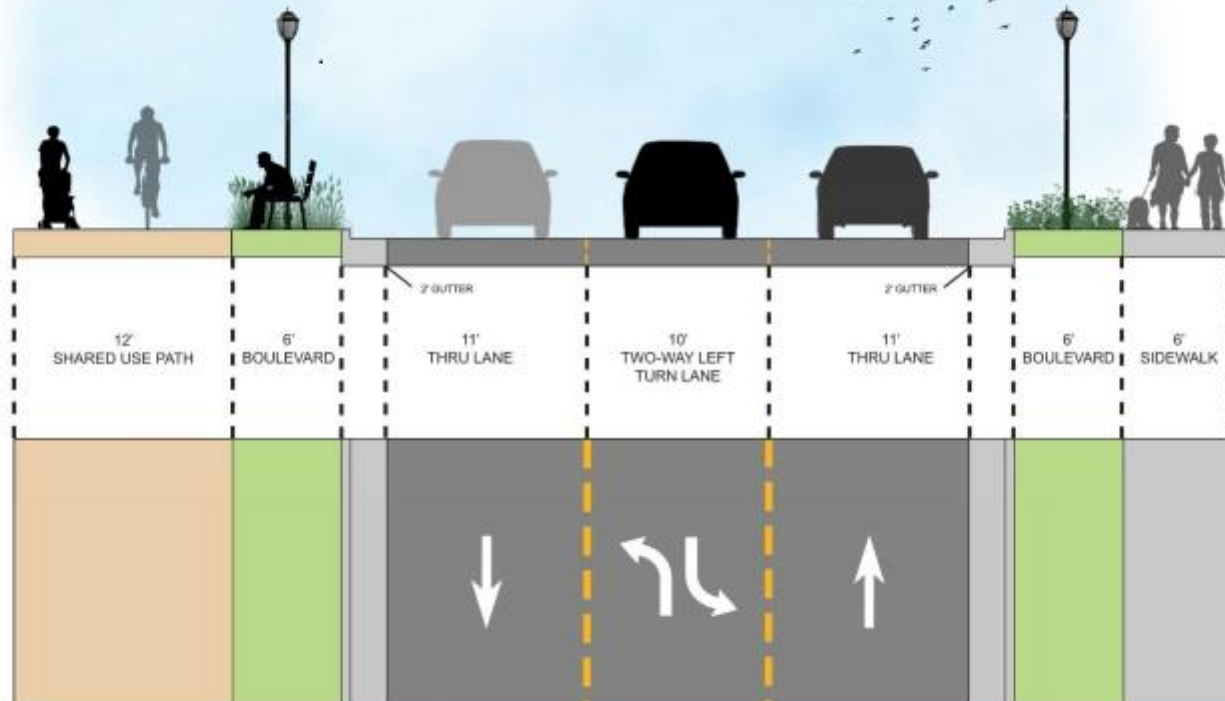


Key elements

- 3-lane roadway with 11' thru lanes and a 10' turn lane
- 6-foot sidewalks, 5-foot boulevards
- Two-way 8-foot separated bike lane

Concept B

3-Lane Roadway, Shared Use Path

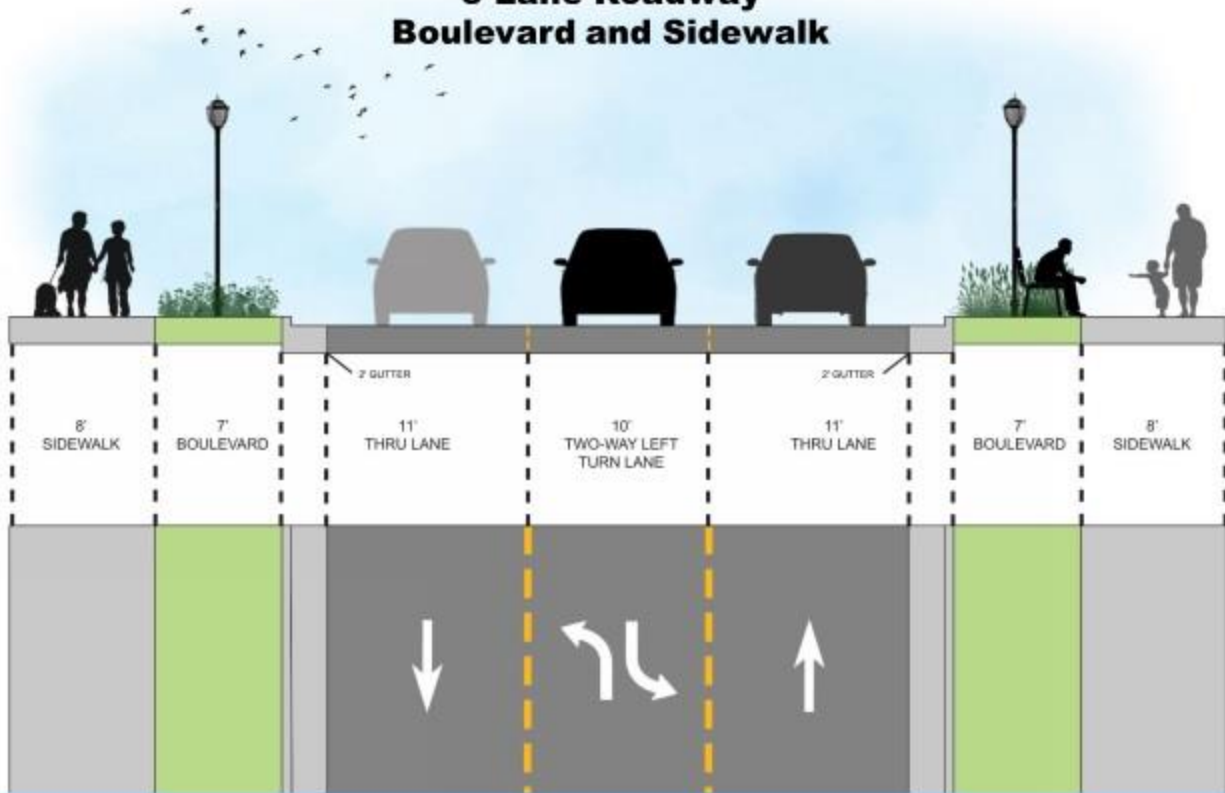


Key elements

- 3-lane roadway with 11' thru lanes and a 10' turn lane
- 6-foot sidewalk, 6-foot boulevards
- 12-foot shared use side path

Concept C

3-Lane Roadway Boulevard and Sidewalk



Key elements

- 3-lane roadway with 11' thru lanes and a 10' turn lane
- 8-foot sidewalks, 7-foot boulevards