



Minnesota Street Reconstruction: Project Update

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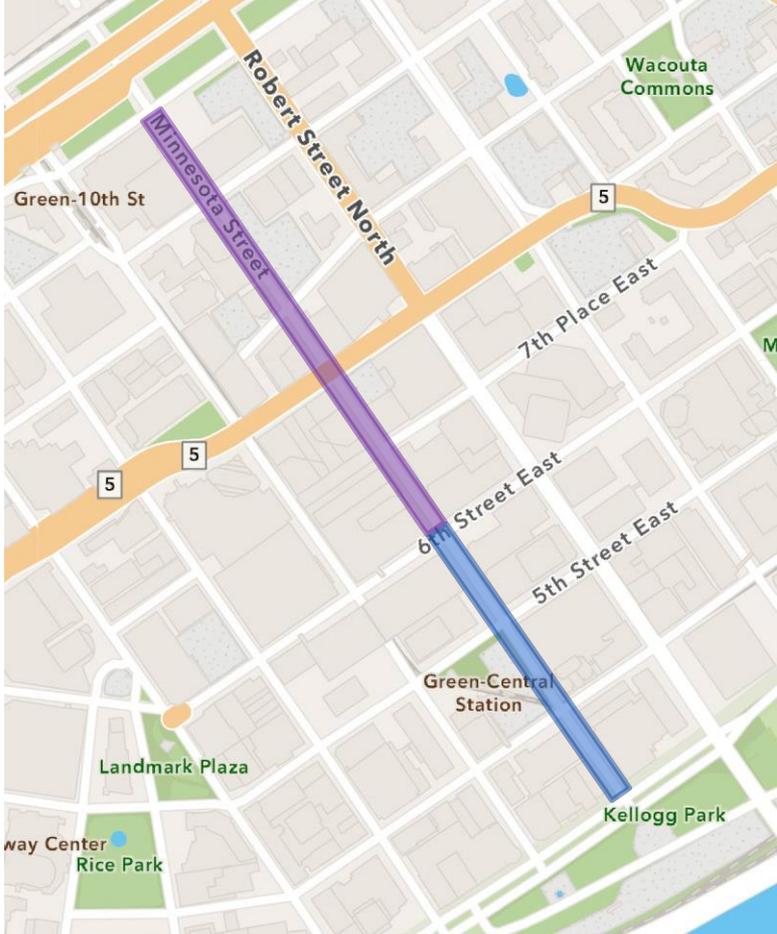


Project Overview

- Full reconstruction in 2 phases:
- **Phase 1:** 2023. Kellogg to 6th Street
- **Phase 2:** 2024. 6th Street to 11th Street



The pavement, sidewalks, curbs, and utilities need to be replaced. Photo taken in April 2021.





Schedule



DESIGN:

ENGAGEMENT:

We are here

June 2022 status:
Presenting Public Works recommendation based on stakeholder feedback over 15 months

Round 1: Set Goals and Identify Opportunities

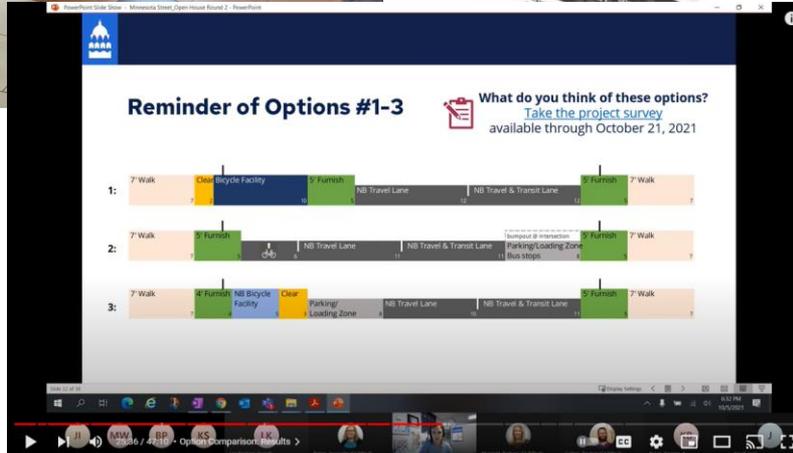
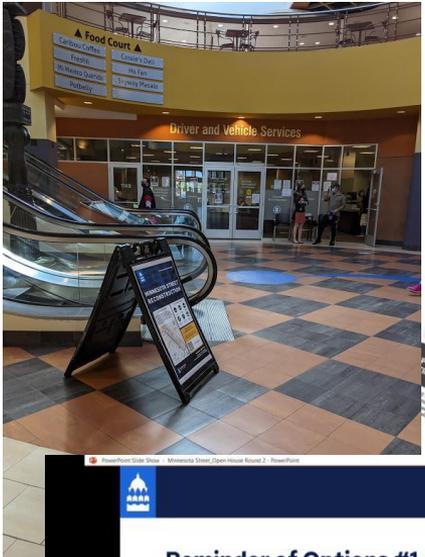
Round 2: Evaluate Realm of Possibilities

Round 3: Refine the Design



How We've Gotten Feedback

- 2 virtual open houses
- 2 online surveys
- In-person flyering of the corridor
- Generated a project email list
- Conducted property owner meetings
- Met with BOMA Govt affairs group
- Met with CRC & Transportation Committee





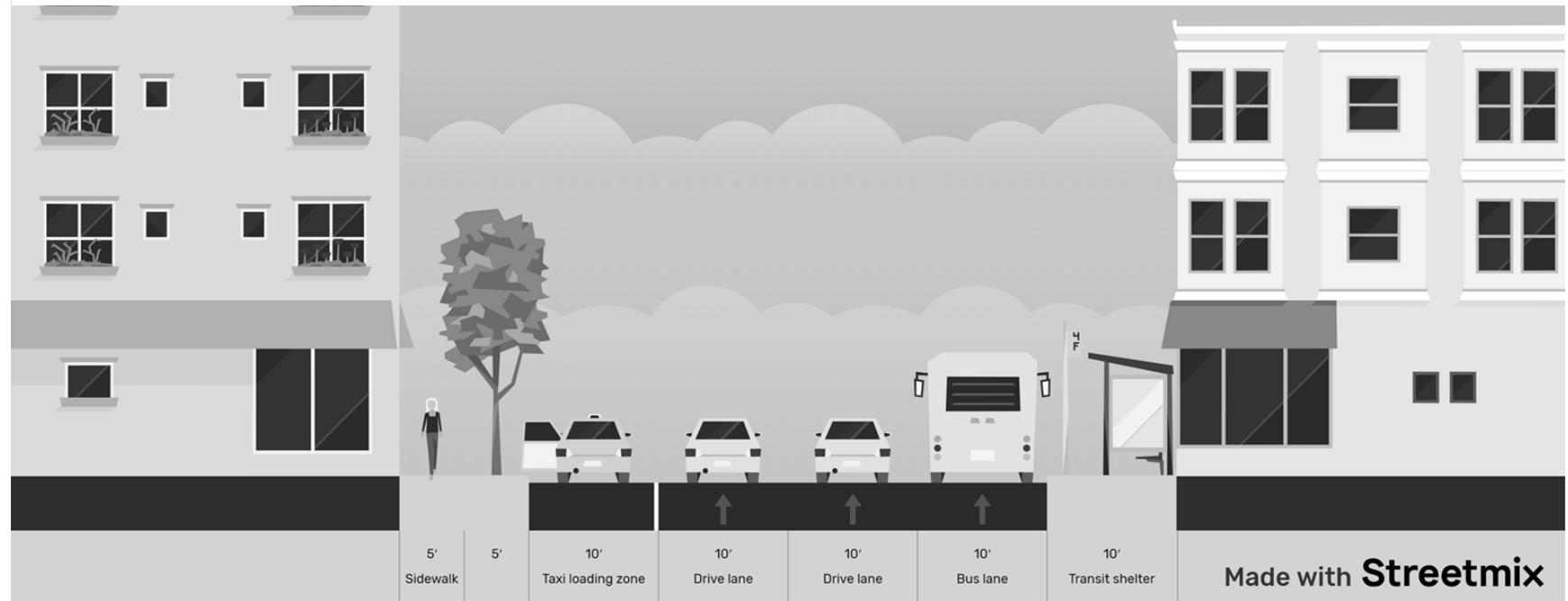
Stakeholder Engagement Themes

- People are passionate about the opportunity to improve a central corridor in downtown
- Street trees & pedestrian buffers from traffic is a top priority 
- To safely accommodate all users we need to incorporate:
 - A protected bicycle facility for local network connectivity
 - 2 general purpose travel lanes (with buses in the right lane)
 - A parking or loading zone on every block
- Our design needs to be flexible:
 - To respond to road closures and unexpected construction
 - To enable efficient commutes into and out of downtown
 - To incorporate emerging modes and uses within downtown (scooters, outdoor gathering, etc.)

All the engagement feedback to date can be found on the [project website](#)



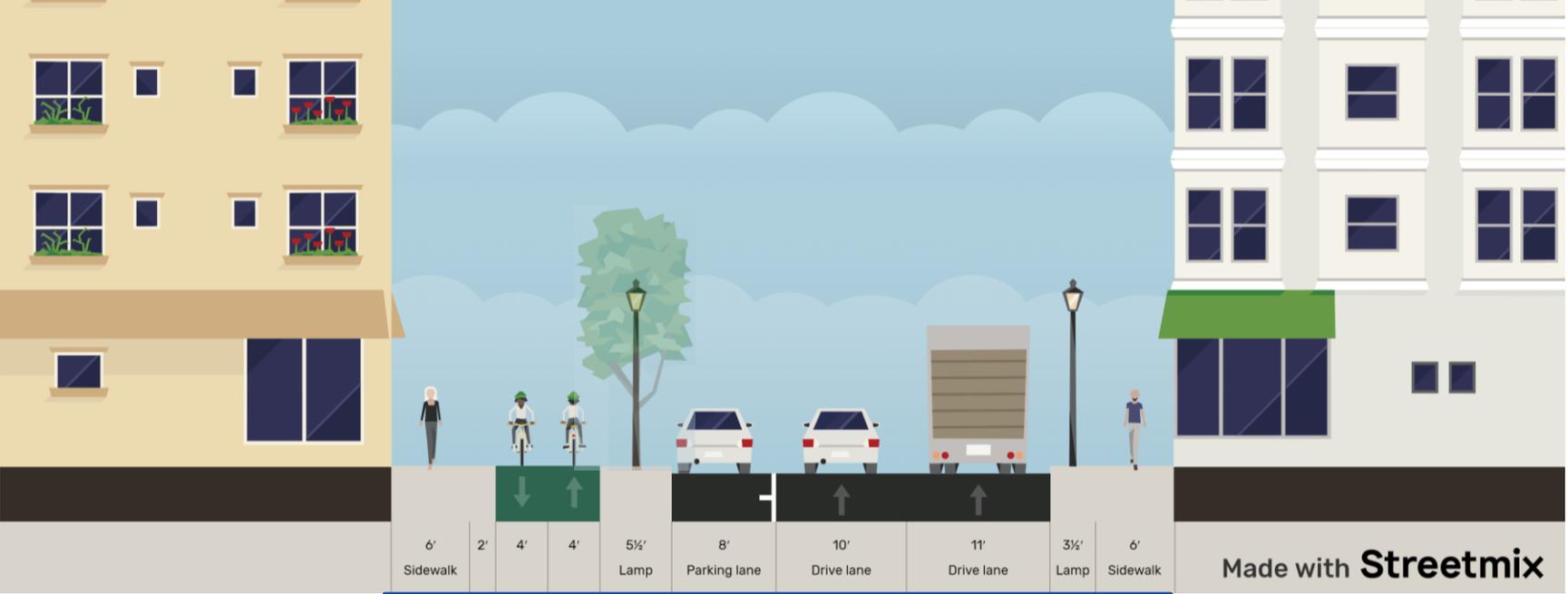
Existing Minnesota Street



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Proposed Mn Street (Summer 2022)



60' ROW



Features of this design

- Consistent with multiple city policies
- Adjusts on a block-by-block basis to respond to property owner needs
- All users and parking/loading are present in the section: pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, and drivers
 - All elements are operating at their minimum dimensions in the right of way
- Repurposes the transit lane
- Trees on one side of the street



Project Goals

-  Improve safety for all users
-  Create a resilient, people-oriented corridor
-  Modernize the aging infrastructure
-  Support the evolving needs of downtown
-  Improve the transit user experience downtown
-  Implement a bikeway connection

Fall 2021 Options Presented for Feedback				Proposed Option	Reasoning for Proposed "Hybrid" Option
Option 1	Option 2	Option 3			
					All users have separated space; multiple minimum dimensions
					Street trees on most blocks; no landscaping unless maintained by private property owner
					Utilities and pavement will be replaced
					Parking retained to remain flexible to downtown property owner needs
					Layover location retained; curbside operations
					Protected minor bicycle facility on west side of street



Next Steps



Summer 2022: Final design phase

- Internal engineering review, including intersection design
- Collaboration with Metro Transit and MnDOT and partner agencies

Fall 2022-Winter 2023:

- Construction phasing coordination with property owners and downtown stakeholders
- Develop Statement of Engineering Recommendation

Spring 2023: Construction Phase 1 (Kellogg to 6th Street)

Spring 2024: Construction Phase 2 (6th Street to 11th Street)

Thank you!

Questions?

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