

A black and white photograph of a city street scene. On the left, there is a large parking lot filled with cars. Behind the parking lot, a building has a sign that reads "Northern Furniture Co. FINEST IN HOME FURNIS. 21 EAST EIGHTH STREET". To the right of this building, a vertical sign reads "NORTHERN FURNITURE FURNITURE CARPETING APPLIANCES 224-6086". The street is paved and has a few cars driving. In the background, several tall city buildings are visible under a clear sky. The overall scene is an urban environment.

Minnesota Street Reconstruction: Project Update

June 27, 2022



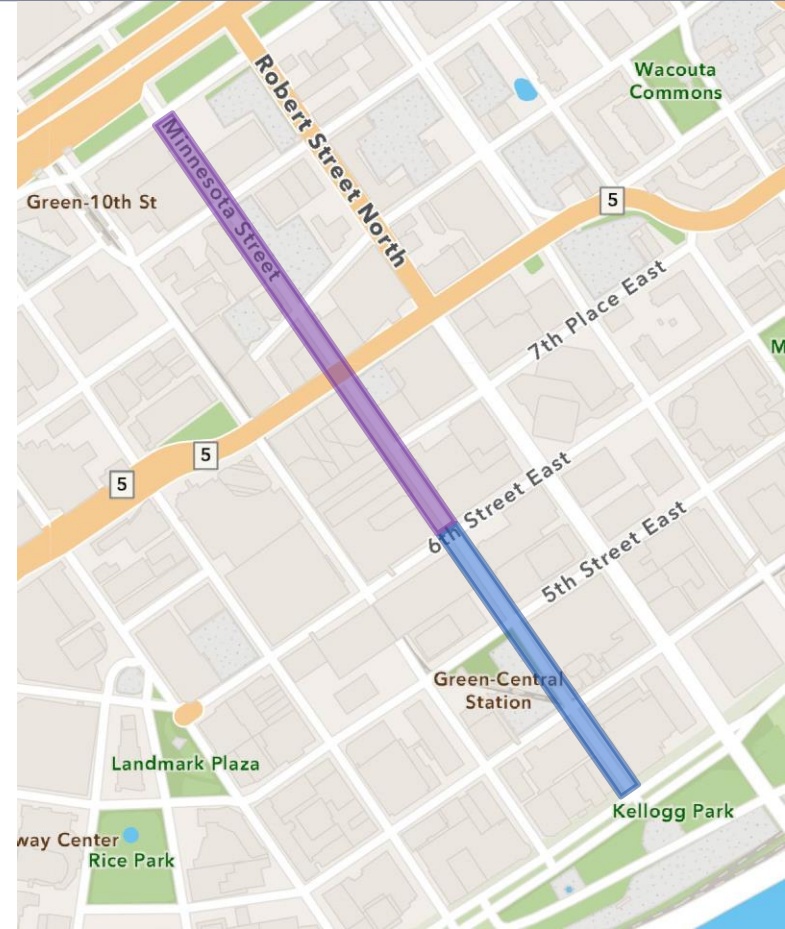
Project Overview

Full reconstruction in 2 phases:

- **Phase 1:** 2023. Kellogg to 6th Street
- **Phase 2:** 2024. 6th Street to 11th Street

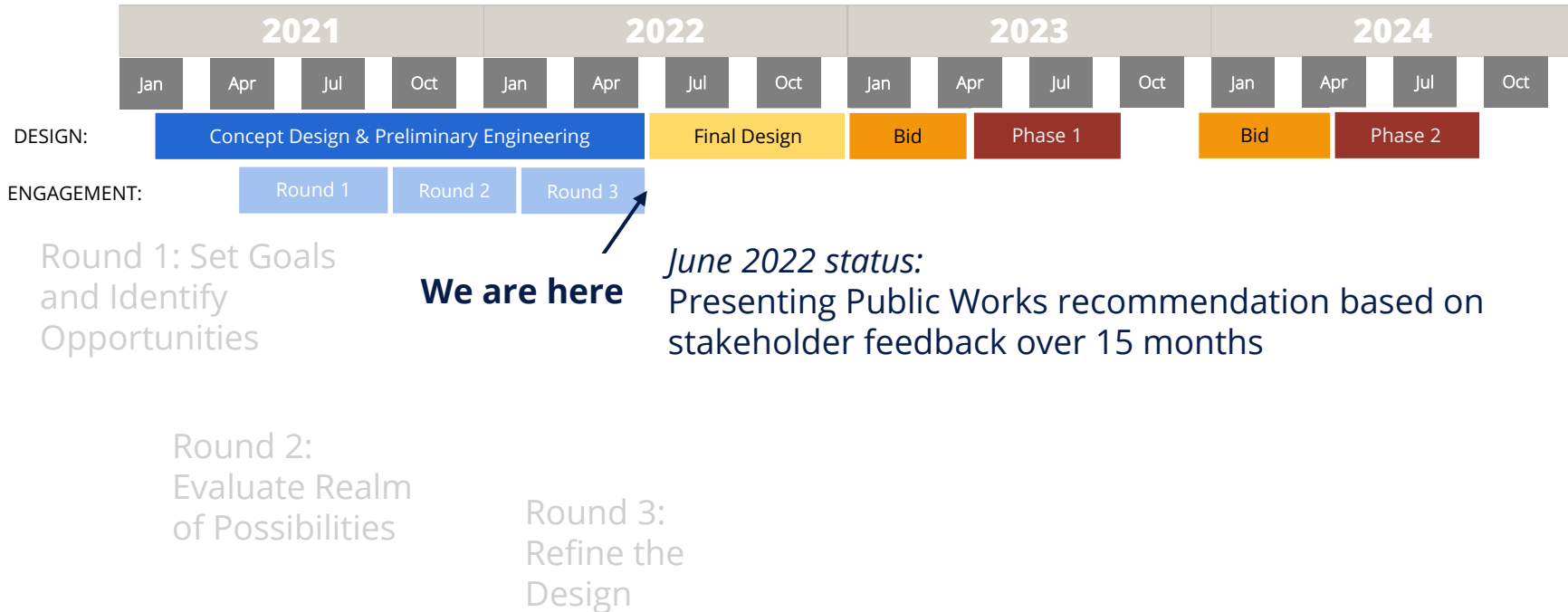


The pavement, sidewalks, curbs, and utilities need to be replaced. Photo taken in April 2021.





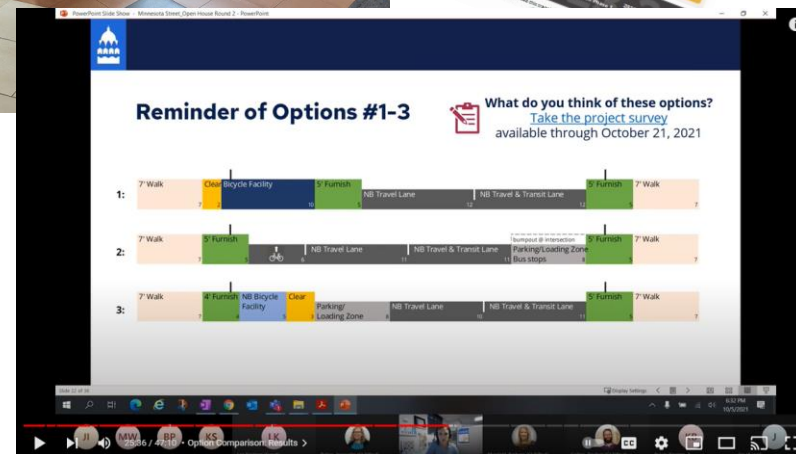
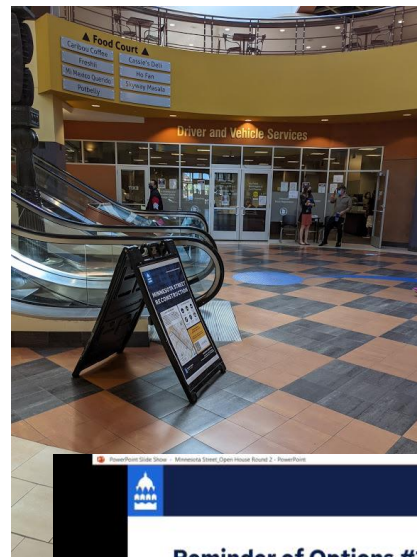
Schedule











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





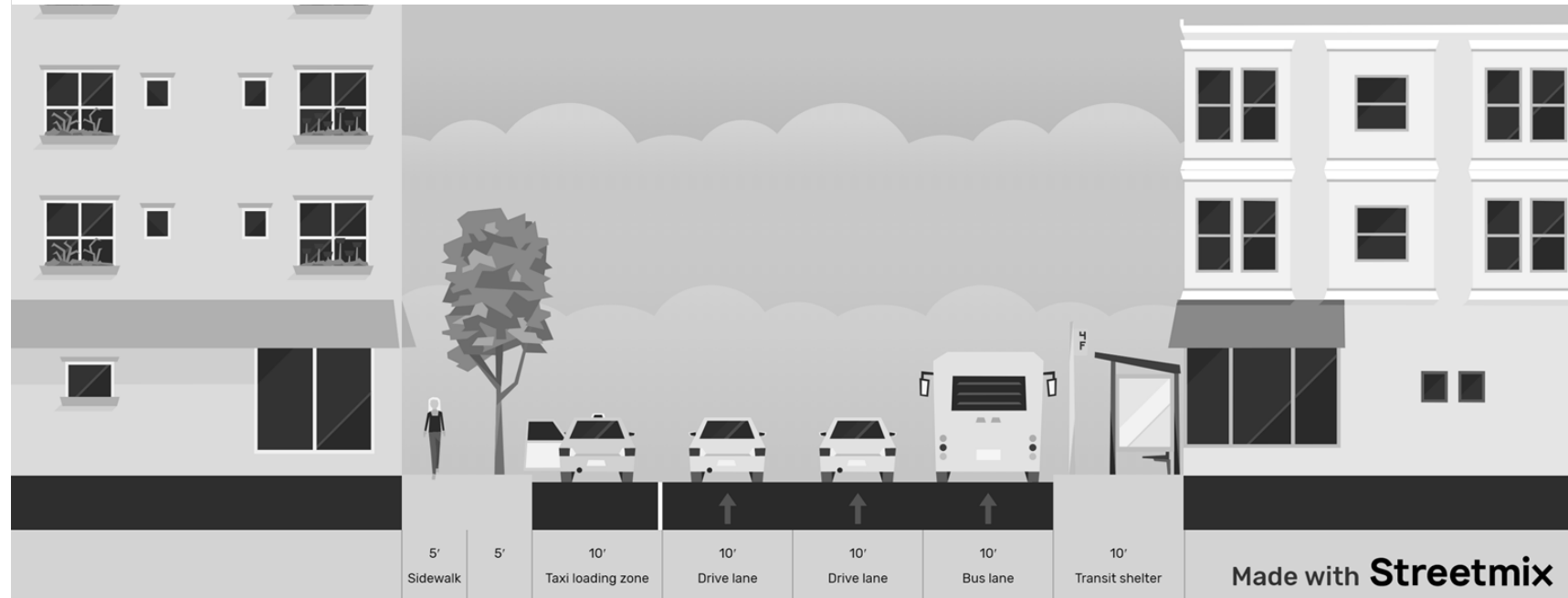
Stakeholder Engagement Themes

- 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](#)

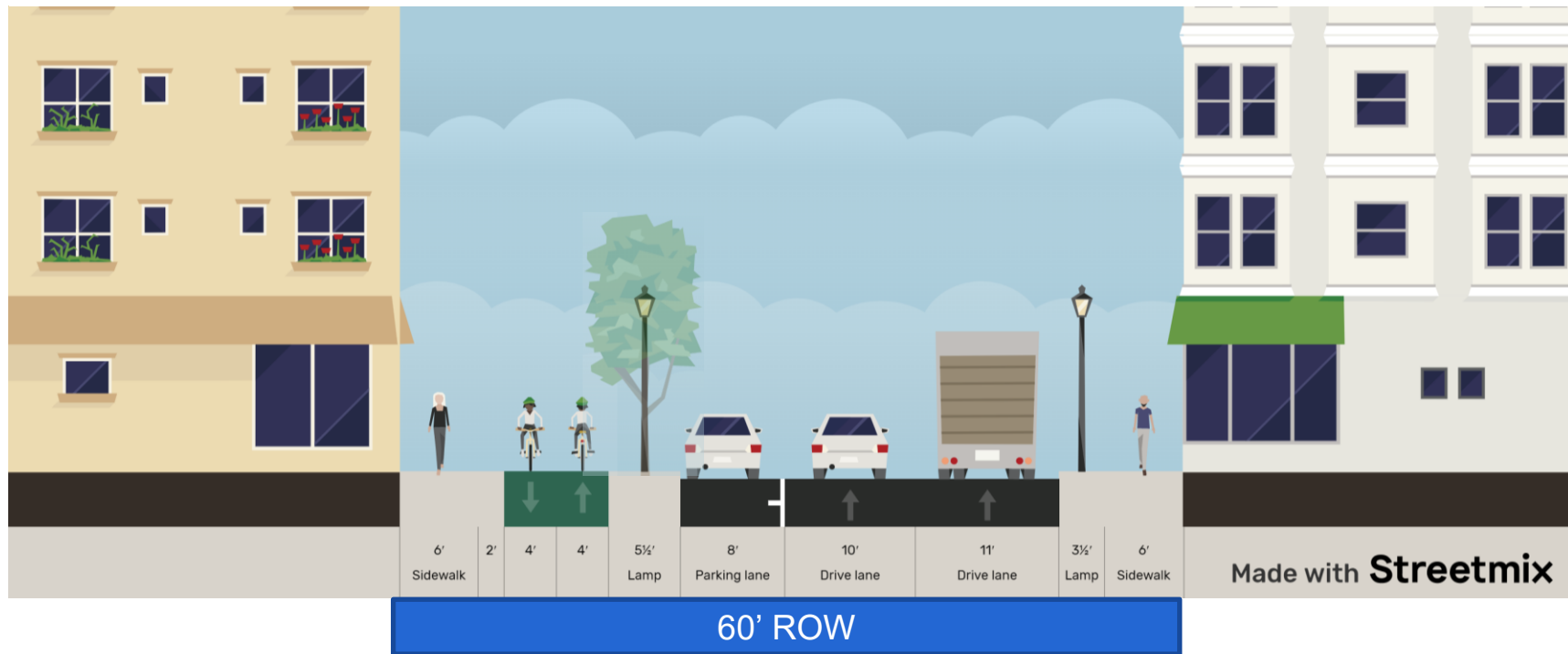


Existing Minnesota Street





Proposed Mn Street (Summer 2022)





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

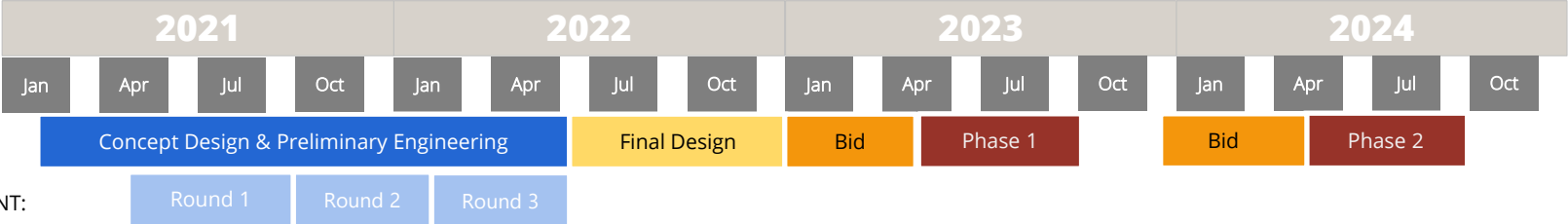


Project Goals

		Fall 2021 Options Presented for Feedback			Proposed Option	Reasoning for Proposed "Hybrid" Option
		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3		
	Improve safety for all users					All users have separated space; multiple minimum dimensions
	Create a resilient, people-oriented corridor					Street trees on most blocks; no landscaping unless maintained by private property owner
	Modernize the aging infrastructure					Utilities and pavement will be replaced
	Support the evolving needs of downtown					Parking retained to remain flexible to downtown property owner needs
	Improve the transit user experience downtown					Layover location retained; curbside operations
	Implement a bikeway connection					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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