

# Transportation Committee Recommendation

Committee date: 7/11/2022

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Staff recommendation	<i>Recommend approval</i>
Action item requested of the Committee	<i>Recommend approval of proposed cross-section for Minnesota Street</i>
Committee recommendation	<i>Recommended approval</i>
Committee vote	<i>Unanimous</i>

**Project Name:** Minnesota Street Reconstruction

**Geographic Scope:** Minnesota St in downtown between Kellogg Blvd and 11<sup>th</sup> St

**Project Contact:** Anna Potter

**Project Webpage:** [www.stpaul.gov/MinnesotaStreet](http://www.stpaul.gov/MinnesotaStreet)

**Project Description:** Reconstruction of Minnesota Street in two phases. Public Works is wrapping up the concept design phase of work and would like to progress into Final Design for the rest of the year. Goals of the project include modernizing the aging infrastructure, implementing a bikeway connection, improving the transit user experience, creating a more resilient and people-oriented corridor, and supporting the health of downtown.

**Project Stage & General Timeline:** The project is currently wrapping up concept design, with the recommended cross-section for consideration today. Final design will occur throughout 2022 and will include:

- Internal and external engineering review
- Intersection design
- Utility design
- Design of the streetscape and pedestrian areas
- Construction phasing and coordination

**Public Hearing Date & Location:** no public hearing date set; targeting Nov 2022

**Cost & Primary Funding Source(s):** ~\$19M in 5-year capital plan; local funds

**Transportation Committee Role:**

- Inform project scope & approach       Inform design       Inform implementation  
 Make recommendation

**Explanation** Looking for approval of Public Works recommended cross-section.

**Attachments include:**

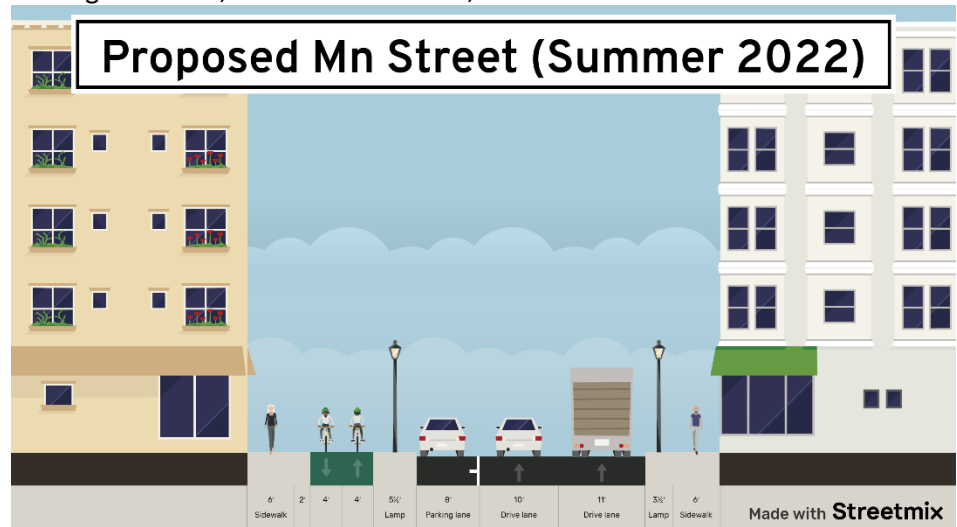
- Complete Streets Checklist       Scoping document       CIB request  
 Summary of Engineering Recommendations

Staff recommendation	<i>Describe, if any recommendation/action is required</i> Over the past year, staff has collected hundreds of survey responses, conducted dozens of formal and informal stakeholder meetings, and initiated engineering and utility design on the corridor.
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The key themes that we have heard over 15 months of conversations:

- Street trees & pedestrian buffers are a top priority
- A protected bicycle facility is necessary to safely accommodate current and future users, including emerging modes of transportation
- Two travel lanes are necessary to enable efficient commutes into and out of downtown
- A parking or loading zone is necessary on every block to maintain local building access and flexibility in the long term

With these key themes in mind, the proposed concept for Minnesota Street includes sidewalks on both sides of the street, a boulevard/buffer space that is wide enough for street trees on one side, a two-way bike facility, a parking or loading zone lane, and two drive lanes, as shown below:



This concept is a hybrid version of all the options presented in Fall 2021. It was developed as a result of public and stakeholder feedback. The concept will change slightly on each block in order to respond to adjacent property owner needs.