Robert Street Reconstruction



Phase one engagement summary: September - December 2022

Project overview

In 2025 to 2026 the City of Saint Paul plans to reconstruct eight blocks of Robert Street in downtown Saint Paul, from I-94 to Kellogg Boulevard. Reconstruction is needed to repair and replace sidewalks, pavement, and utilities.

This project presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to achieve the City's vision of what a modern downtown corridor can be: safe, livable, inviting, active, a center of regional economic activity– and equitable for all.

Project goals



Create a vibrant and welcoming place for everyone



Improve mobility for all modes of travel



Enhance street-level commerce



Facilitate a community engagement process that addresses the needs of all stakeholders



Support efficient and reliable transit service through downtown



Create an accessible and safe environment for people who walk and roll



Improve and replace aging roads, sidewalks, and utilities



Project timeline



Phase one engagement: visioning & listening

September - December 2022

In phase one, our goals were to inform people about the project and learn about their vision for Robert Street. We asked people how they use Robert Street, and what they want to see changed or improved. **Public feedback from phase one will help shape the new design of Robert Street.**

What we did

298

In-person interactions at events

6

In-person events

Over 100

Transit riders engaged

49

Survey responses

19

Online map comments

335

People added to the email list

10

Stakeholder meetings

95%

Of adjacent property owners contacted

2

Corridor residents added to the Steering Committee



Pop-up event at Town Square



Open house at the Metropolitan Council

What we heard

Top stakeholder priorities and themes included:



Green space

- More plants and trees
- Vibrant and interesting streetscape
- Expand and improve Pedro Park (shade and seating)



Pedestrians & safety

- · Wider, smoother sidewalks
- Increased pedestrian visibility
- Safer crossings (especially at Kellogg Blvd. and 10th St. intersections)
- Bump outs and shorter pedestrian crossings
- ADA accessibility (especially at the Pioneer Endicott)
- Better skyway access



Transit

- More heated, enclosed bus shelters
- Dedicated bus lanes



Cafe seating

- More public cafe seating (especially in Pedro Park)
- Keep cafe seating between 9th St. and 10th St.



Traffic & parking

- Traffic calming measures
- Maintain on-street parking (especially between 9th St. and 10th St.)
- Prioritize parking and traffic flow over bike lanes



Public amenities

- Public amenities (restrooms and water fountains)
- Better street lighting



Bikes

- More bike parking
- Better bike connections to parks and bike paths



Pop-up event at Mears Park

Stay informed

Sign up for email updates and learn about upcoming events:



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