

Robert Street Reconstruction

Phase two engagement summary: March - April 2023



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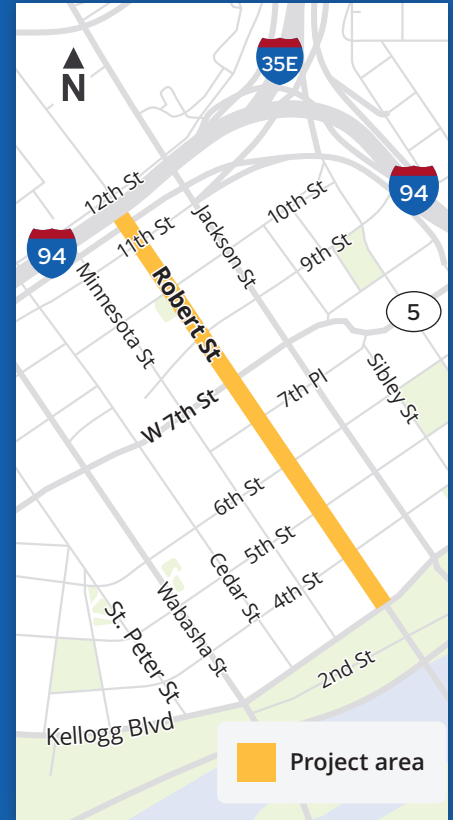
Project overview

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.

Phase two engagement

From March to April 2023, we collected public input on three preliminary designs. We also asked the public to rank their top priorities and share their parking preferences. We hosted an online survey and an interactive comment map for public feedback. We held five public events and continued residential and business outreach. We also posted informational signage along Robert Street connecting people to the survey and comment map.



Project area map



20+

stakeholder
events and
meetings



167

in-person
interactions
at events



566

survey
responses



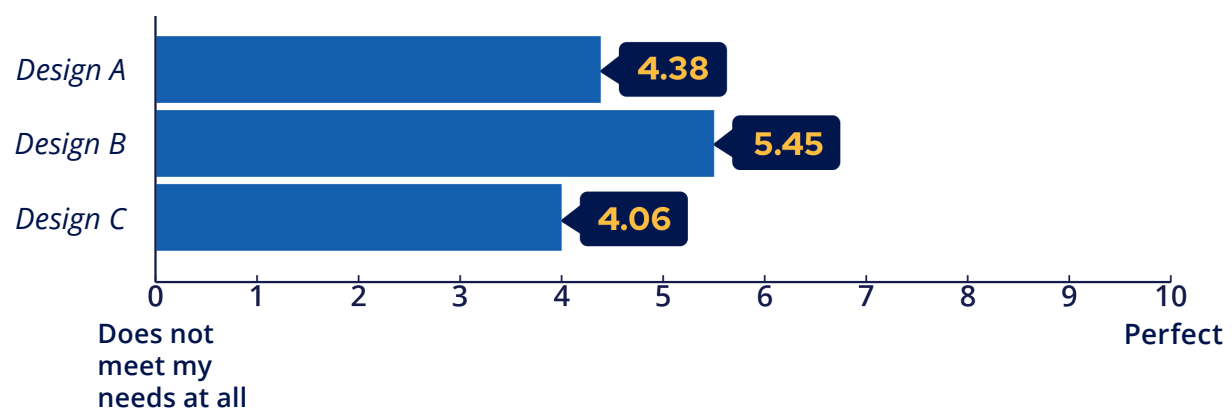
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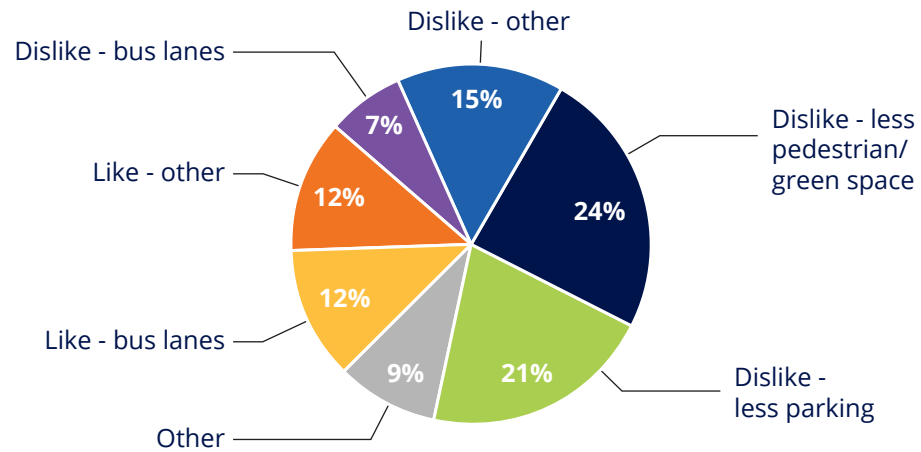
What we heard: design feedback

On a scale of 0-10, how would you rate each design?



Design A

Design Option A has four lanes in total: two traffic lanes and two lanes for transit and right turns.

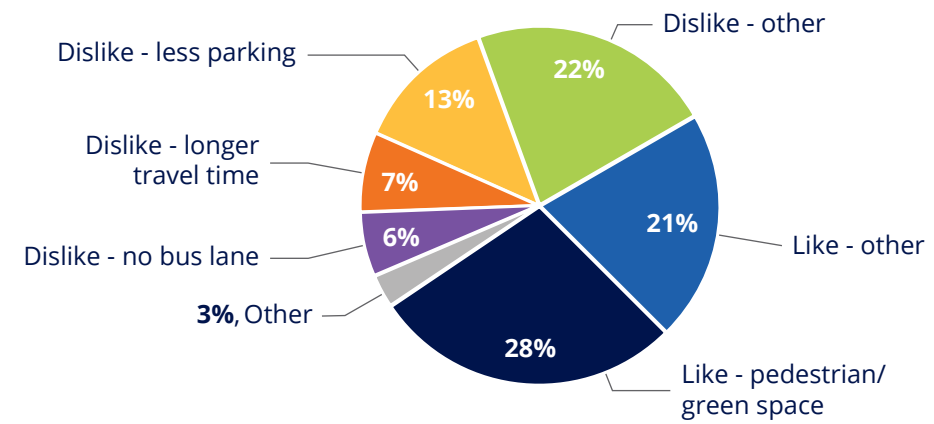


“Bus lanes help the flow of traffic.”

- survey respondent

Design B

Design Option B has three lanes in total: two traffic lanes and one center lane for left turns.

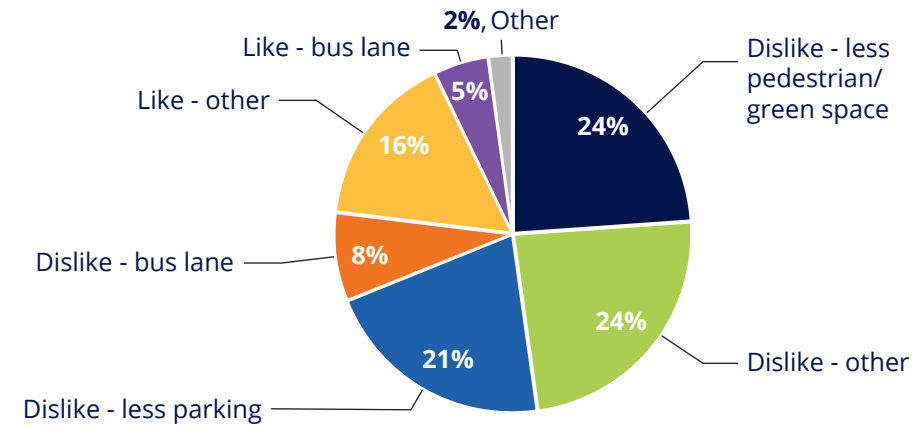


“Let’s use this opportunity to make the space more human.”

- event participant

Design C

Design Option C has four lanes in total: two traffic lanes, one center lane for left turns, and one lane for northbound transit and right turns.



“There’s a little of everything.”

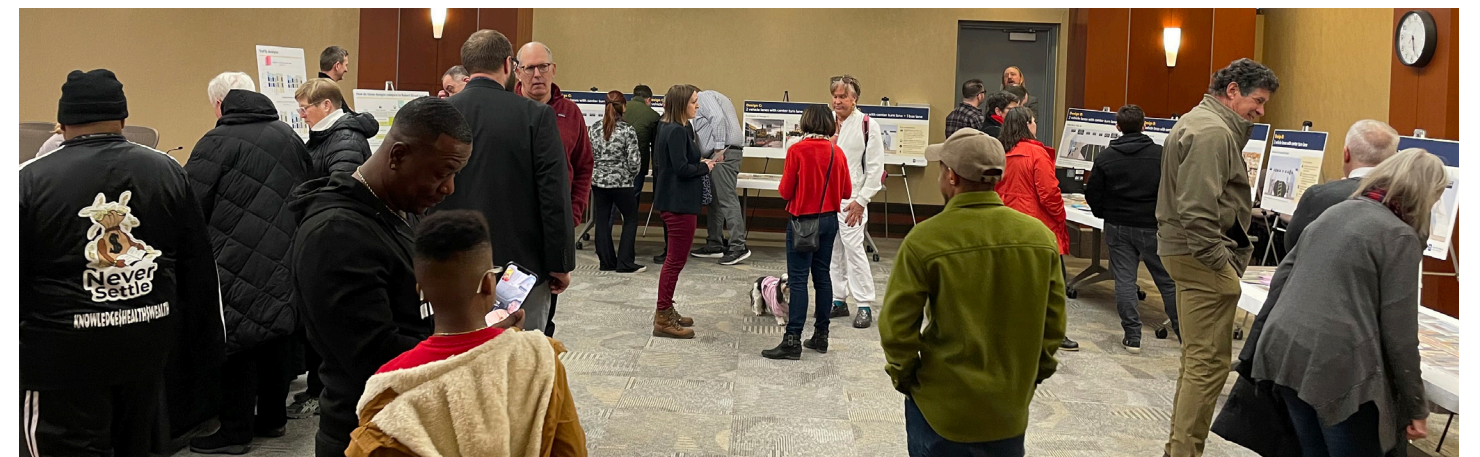
- survey respondent



Project signage along Robert Street



Pop-up event at Gambit Brewing



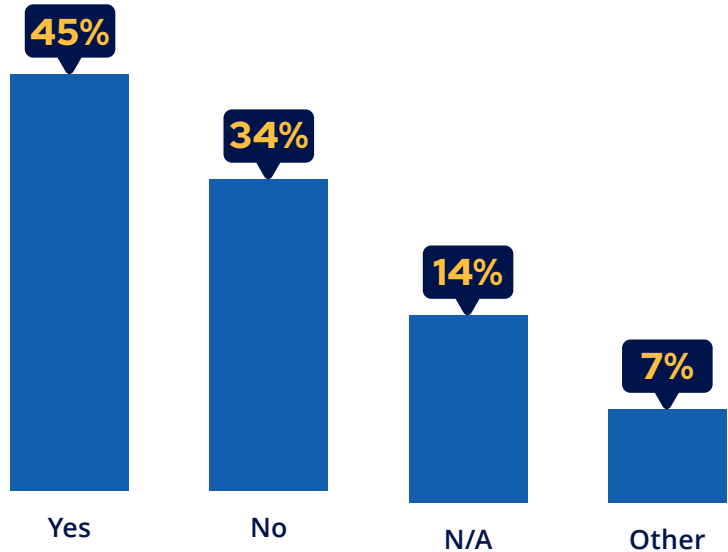
Open house at Metropolitan Council

What we heard: priorities and parking

Priorities ranked in order of importance

- 1 Pedestrian and green space
- 2 Vehicle travel time and traffic flow
- 3 Parking and drop-off space
- 4 Transit travel time and reliability

Would you visit a business on Robert Street if you had to park off-street nearby (like in a lot or a ramp) instead of at a meter?



Demographics of engagement participants

Race and ethnicity: 70% white or European American, 15% preferred not to answer, 6% Black or African American, 4% Hispanic or Latino/a, 2% American Indian or Alaskan Native, 2% Asian or Pacific Islander, 2% Mexican, 1% Hmong. Pronouns: 45% she/her, 40% he/him, 13% other or preferred not to answer, 2% they/them. Age: 38% between 36 and 50, 26% between 21 and 35, 23% between 51 and 64, 12% 65 and over, and 2% 20 and under. Disability: 80% without a disability, 13% with a disability, 7% preferred not to answer.

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