

Minnehaha Avenue Reconstruction

Phase 1 Engagement Summary



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Project Overview

The City of Saint Paul is reconstructing Minnehaha Avenue from Payne Avenue to East 7th Street. Construction will begin in Spring 2027.

Phase 1 engagement occurred in June 2026 and focused on collecting feedback from community members on three different design options for the street.

Feedback collected during this phase will be used to help select a preferred design option for the street.



June 25, 2026 open house at Hope Community Academy
(above)

What You Shared



Improving the safety and comfort of walking along the street is a top priority for many community members.



While community members still want to drive on the street, there is a strong desire to redesign Minnehaha Avenue to encourage more walking and biking.



Seeing more trees and green space along the street is important to many people in the community.



Adding and expanding street boulevards creates more snow storage space, making winter travel much easier for people who walk and bike.



Preserving some on-street parking is seen as being important for supporting local businesses.



Community members want to see more lighting and trash cans along the street.

Key Takeaway: Community members want Minnehaha Avenue to be a street that makes walking, biking and driving feel safe, easy and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities. Adding green space to the street is seen as being central to achieving this goal, as it would provide protection for walkers and bikers from the street, provide extra snow storage and lighting space, and shade from trees would make summer travel more comfortable. To support local businesses, community members want to see some on-street parking preserved.

Community Preferred Design Options

Three design options for the street were shown during this phase of engagement. The two options shown below received the strongest support from the community.

Shared-use trail with parking and more greening



Community members shared that they liked the extra green space provided by this option, the on-street parking, and felt the shared use path would be an upgrade to existing walking and biking infrastructure.

Separated two-way bikeway with parking



Community members shared that they liked the separation of walkers and bikers with the two-way dedicated bikeway. Some said they would like to see more green space on the street, however not at the loss of the on-street parking lane.

Next Steps

The project team will use community feedback, along with project goals, existing needs and technical evaluation to determine a preferred design option for the street. The preferred design option will be shared with the community for comment in Fall 2026, and will be carried through to final design. The preferred design option is what the street will look like after construction is complete. Construction is planned to begin in Spring 2027.

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