

Minnehaha Avenue Reconstruction | Project Overview



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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. The bridge over Swede Hollow is not part of the street project and will be addressed in a future project when funding is available. This is a full reconstruction, meaning it will completely rebuild the street.

Improvements will include:

- Improved pavement quality
- Repaired sidewalks
- Space for biking
- New lighting
- New sign and street striping
- Improved sewer and water connections
- Added green space

Timeline

Feedback collected during Phase 1 engagement over the summer helped inform the preferred design for the street. The project team is currently sharing the preferred design with the community ahead of construction beginning in Spring 2027. Information about staging, detours and what to expect during construction will be shared early next year.

Summer 2026

Preliminary design

Fall - Winter 2026

Final design

Spring 2027

Construction

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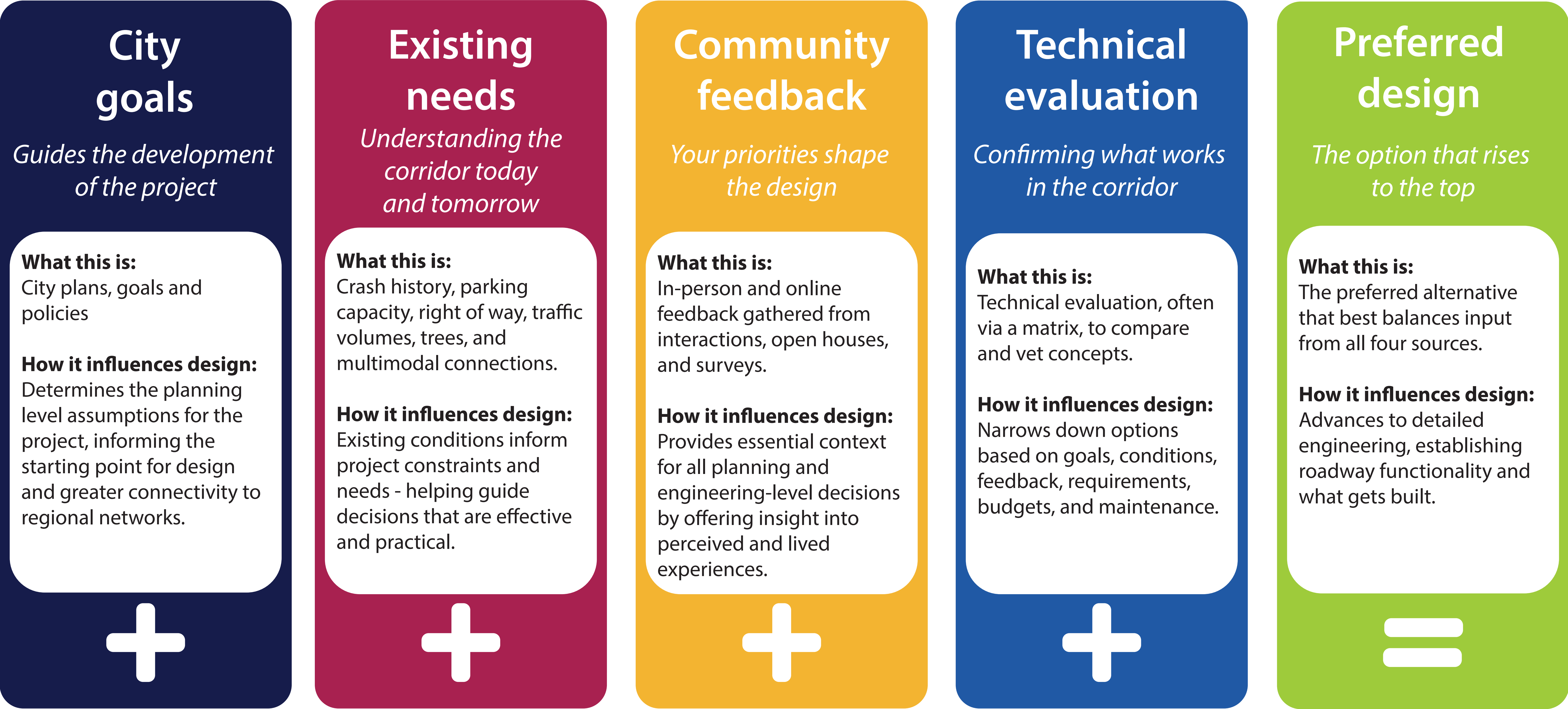
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Concept Alternative Development Overview

The alternative concepts for Minnehaha Avenue were developed using project and city goals, technical analysis, and a mix of engagement activities aimed at gathering feedback reflective of the varying needs, uses, and community members that use the corridor.



Phase 1 Engagement

Phase 1 engagement occurred in June 2026. Through resident and business door knocking, an open house, an online survey and meetings with area stakeholders and District Councils, the project team collected feedback from community members on three different design options for the street.

	Alternative A	Alternative B	Alternative C
Existing Needs			
City Goals			
Community Feedback			
Operations and Maintenance			

Does not meet measure

Somewhat meets measure

Meets measure

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. There is a desire for the street to have more trees, wider boulevards, and for some on-street parking to be preserved to support local businesses.

Design Feedback



Alternative A: Separated two-way bikeway with parking

Feedback showed support for a two-way bikeway. There was a desire for more green space and trees, but not at the expense of on-street parking.



Alternative B: Shared-use trail with parking and more greening

Feedback showed support for green space, trees, and on-street parking, with the shared path emerging as the most preferred treatment for improving walking and biking.



Alternative C: Separated two-way bikeway without parking

Feedback showed support for a two-way bikeway, green space, and trees, but not at the expense of on-street parking.

Preferred Design

After evaluating all three designs on how well they met existing corridor needs, city goals, community feedback, and operations and maintenance standards, **Alternative B :“Shared use path with parking and more greening”** was selected as the preferred design for the corridor.

This design provides a safe space for people to walk and bike with the shared use path, has a wide boulevard which supports tree growth and provides snow storage space, preserves convenient on-street parking access, and maintains efficient two-way traffic flow while naturally encouraging safer driving.

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Payne Avenue to Arcade Street



Arcade Street to East 7th Street

Minnehaha Avenue Reconstruction | Special Assessments



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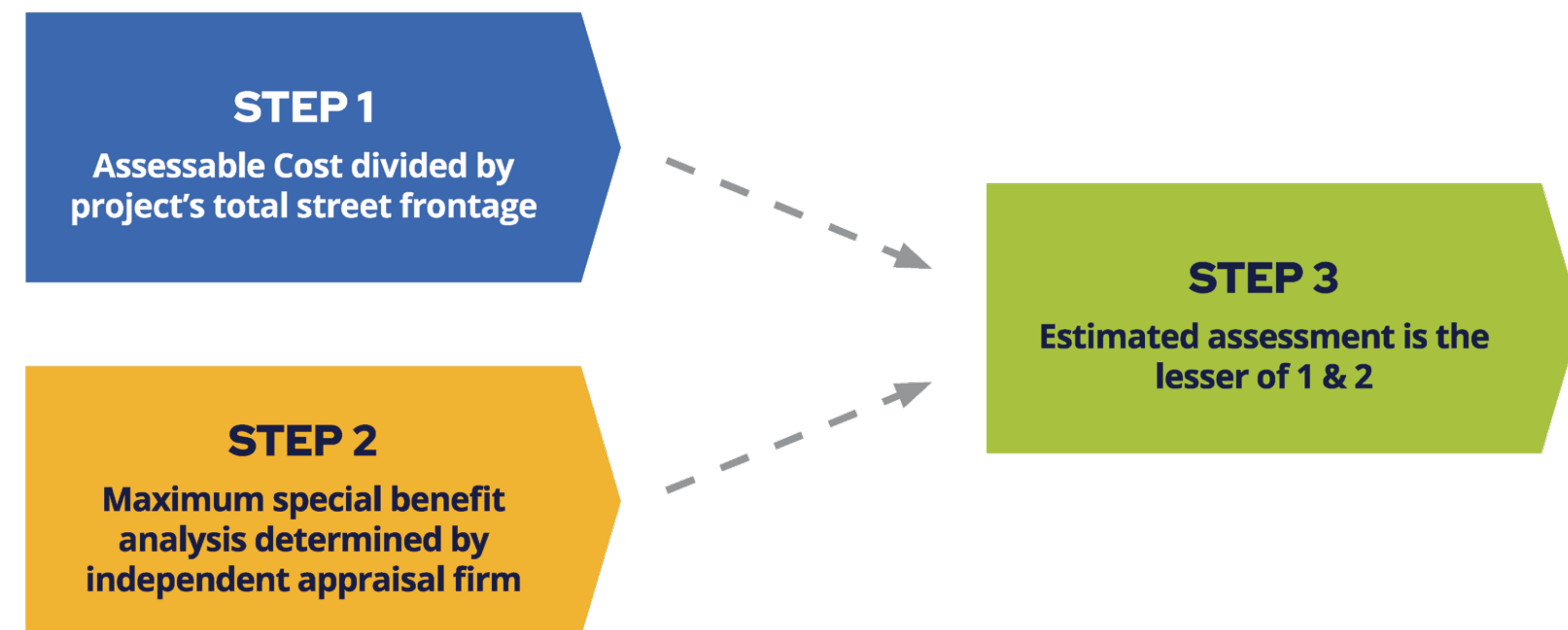
Special Assessments

A special assessment is a charge imposed on private property (land and buildings) to help pay for a public improvement that benefits the property. Special assessments typically help pay for street reconstruction, road resurfacing, sanitary and storm sewer construction, sidewalks, alleys and other public improvements.

Only properties directly on Minnehaha Avenue between Payne Avenue and East 7th Street will receive an assessment as part of this reconstruction project.

How is a Special Assessment Calculated?

There are three steps in calculating a special assessment.

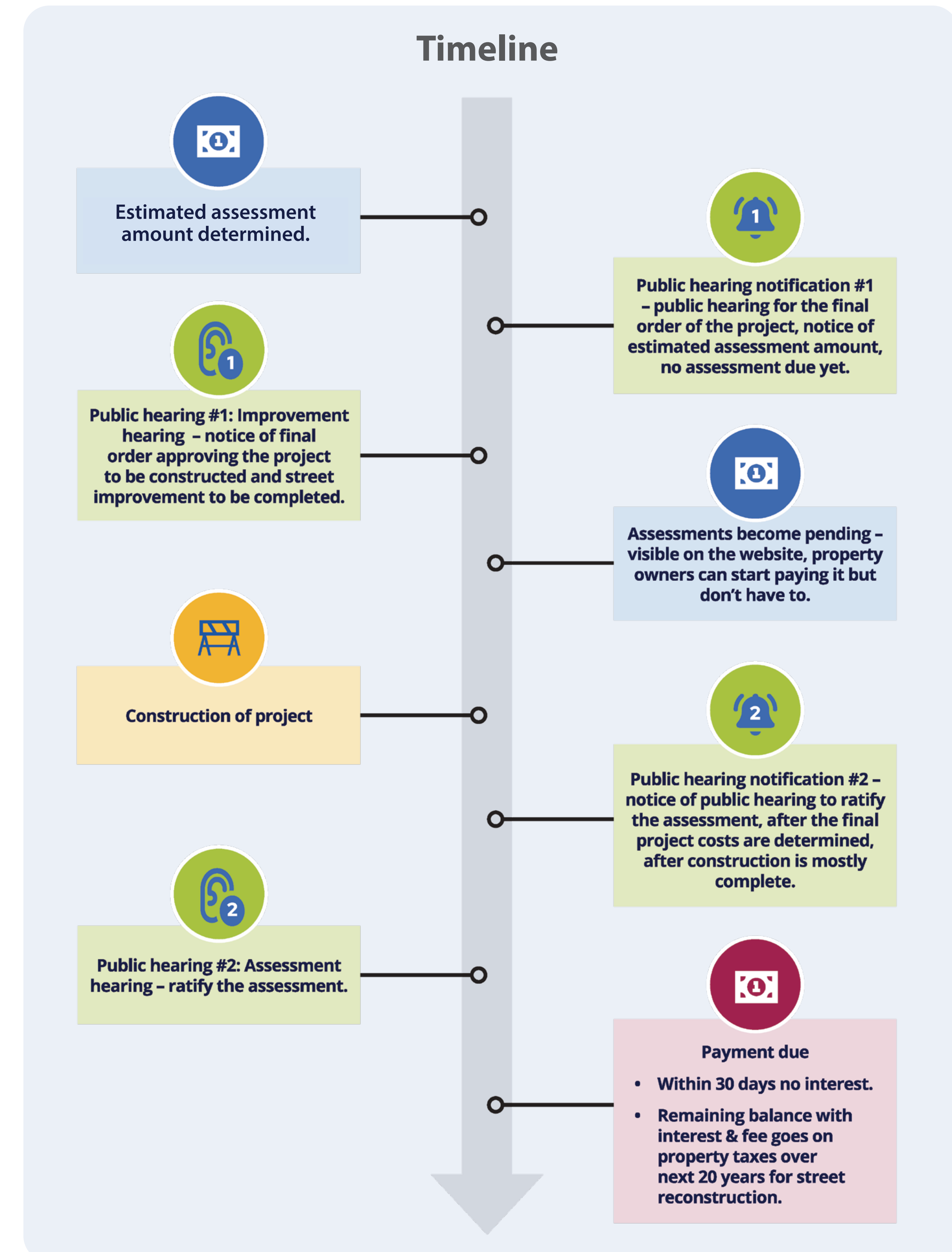


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Timeline



By understanding who we are reaching through engagement, we can better adjust our approach to reach a broader audience. Information collected remains anonymous.

How would you describe your race and/or ethnicity?

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American Indian or Alaska Native

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Black or African American

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Asian or Asian American

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Hispanic or Latino

☐

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

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White or Caucasian

☐

Middle Eastern or North African

☐

Other

What is your zip code?

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55106

☐

55130

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55101

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Other

What language do you primarily speak or use most often?

English

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Español

☐

Somali

☐

Hmong

☐

Other

☐

How did you hear about this event?

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Postcard

☐

Flyer

☐

Friend / Family

☐

Other