

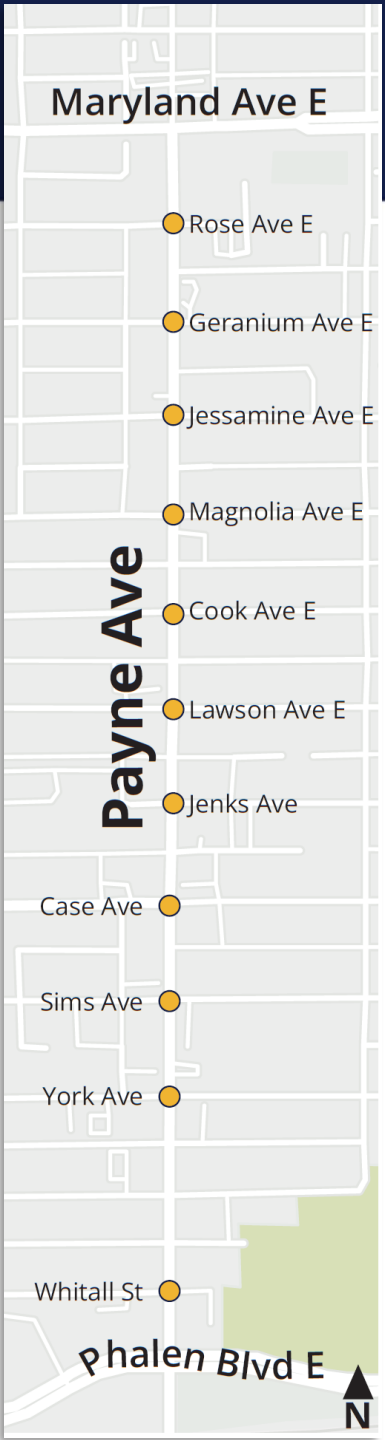


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Payne Phalen District Council 1.27.2026

Payne Ave. Pedestrian Intersection Improvements 2026



Project Area

- **11 intersections** between Phalen Blvd. and Maryland Ave.
- Intersection improvements include **updating ramps, bump outs, medians, and update Case signal**
- Regional Solicitation funding **\$1,780,000**
- Working with consultant for design and engagement



Project Status





Engagement

How did we gather feedback?

Project Website



Available throughout project, includes materials, engagement activities, and contact information

Online Survey

67 responses

Gathered feedback on existing issues and opportunities along Payne Avenue

Interactive Map



Identified specific pedestrian obstacles, safety concerns, and areas for improvement

Business & Stakeholder Outreach



Discussed the project and needs with businesses and community members

Community Meetings



Brought project information and feedback opportunities to the community



Project Website

Visit the project website:
stpaul.gov/payneavenue



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The screenshot shows the top of a web browser displaying the City of Saint Paul website. The navigation bar is blue with the city logo and menu items: 'I Want To...', 'Parks & Rec', 'Residents', 'Businesses', and 'Departments'. A search icon is on the right. Below the navigation is a large photograph of a city street corner with a brick building and a sidewalk. Overlaid on the photo is the project title 'Payne Avenue Pedestrian Intersection Improvements' in white text. Below the title is a sub-headline: 'The city will be making pedestrian intersection improvements on Payne Avenue in 2026.' and a date 'Last Edited: January 16, 2026'. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Project Details' section with a 'Project Map' button and a 'Back to All Projects' link. The 'Description' section states: 'The city will make pedestrian intersection improvements on Payne Avenue to make intersections more accessible for pedestrians. This includes the construction of updated pedestrian ramps, bumpouts (curb extensions), and pedestrian medians.' The 'Location' section lists: 'Intersections on Payne Avenue include Rose Avenue, Geranium Avenue, Jessamine Avenue, Magnolia Avenue, Cook Avenue, Lawson Avenue, Jenks Avenue, Case Avenue, Sims Avenue, York Avenue, and Whitall Street.' The 'Timeline' section shows the year '2026'.



Project Survey + Map

Available in English, Hmong, Somali, and Spanish
84 responses



52% are White
17% are Asian or Asian American
13% are Black or African American
4% are Hispanic or Latino
2% are American Indian or Alaska Native



93% speak English
3% speak Hmong
1% speak Spanish



78% live in the area

Community demographics are 46% Asian, 22% Black, and 18% White

Phases 2 and 3 will focus on gathering feedback from these demographics



What did we hear?

Most people want to walk the **same amount or more** on Payne Avenue

People walk on Payne to **eat, work, access recreation, or shop**

Key pedestrian concerns:

- Cars drive too fast
- Not enough marked crosswalks
- Lack of pedestrian visibility
- Poor sidewalk conditions
- Community safety

Desire for **street lighting, furniture, and less litter**

More crosswalks are needed

Community wants to **support businesses** along Payne Avenue

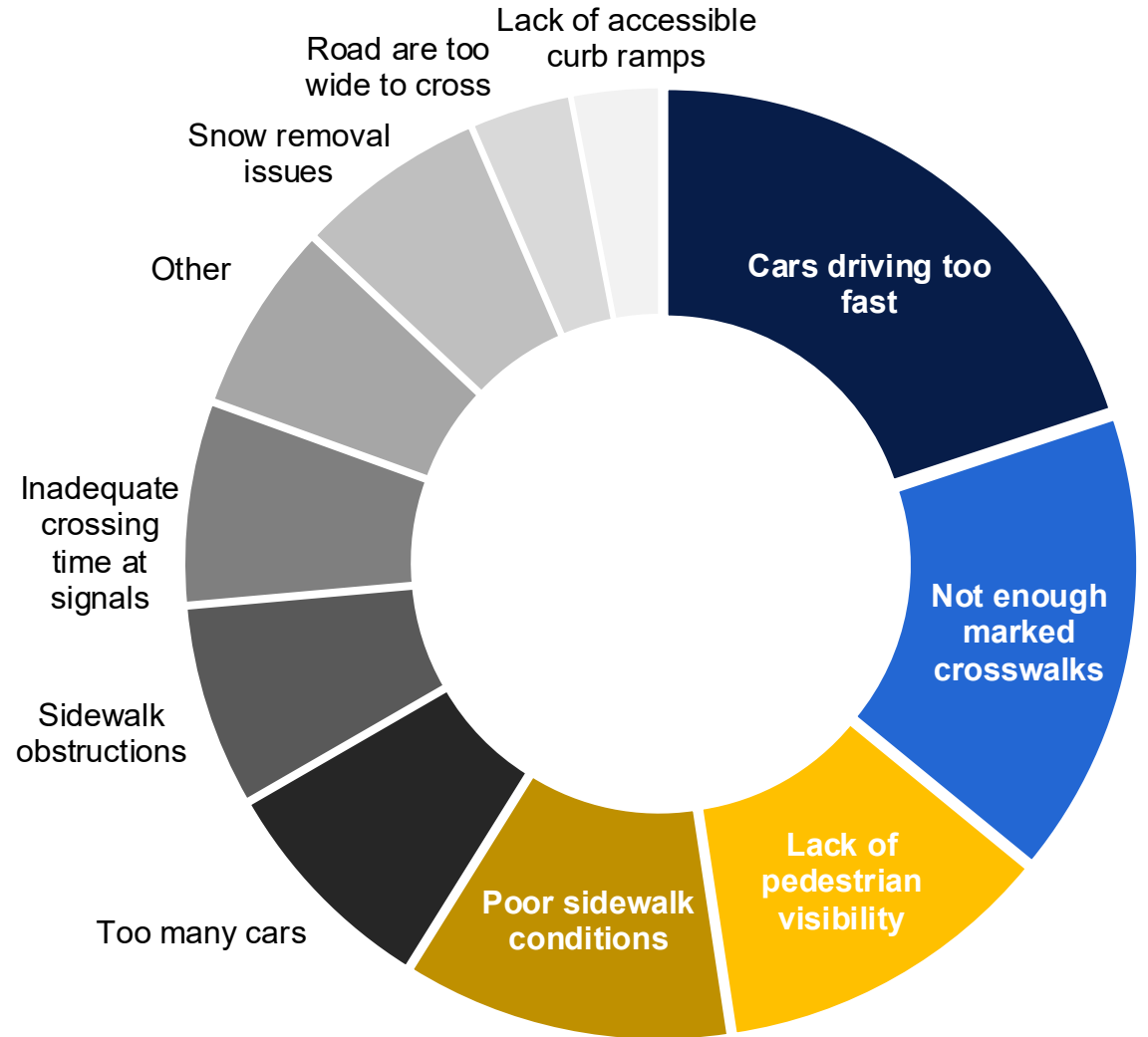
People would like to see **traffic slowed down**



What did we hear?

Top 4 pedestrian issues:

1. **Cars driving too fast (20%)**
2. **Not enough marked crosswalks (16%)**
3. **Lack of pedestrian visibility (11%)**
4. **Poor sidewalk conditions (11%)**





Pedestrian Improvements

BUMP-OUTS

Bump-outs, also referred to as curb extensions, are extensions of the sidewalk into the roadway at intersections.



Benefits

- People walking and driving can see each other better
- Shorter distance to cross street
- Slows cars down by visually narrowing the road
- More waiting space for people walking

Considerations

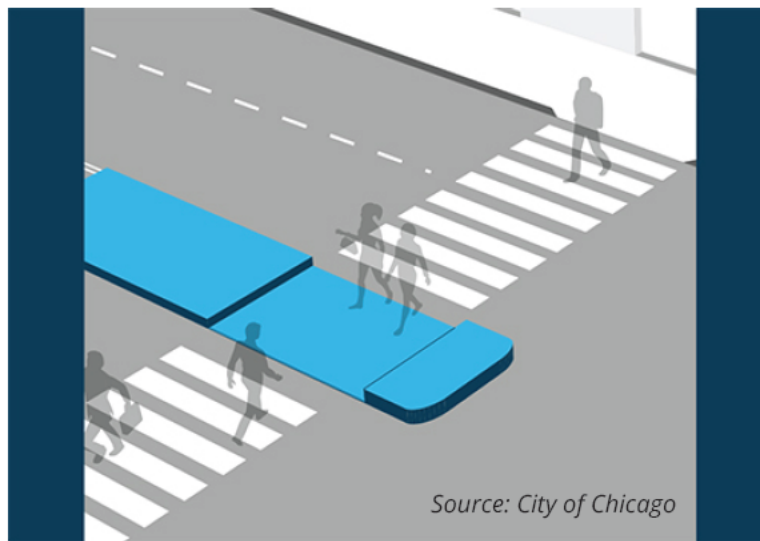
- Need to ensure large trucks and buses can safely make turns
- Design so snow plows can move through intersection easily
- May compress bicycle and vehicle traffic at intersection



Pedestrian Improvements

MEDIANS

Pedestrian medians are raised medians that protect pedestrians and bicyclists from vehicles.



Benefits

- People walking only have to navigate one direction of traffic at a time
- Makes people walking more visible
- Shortens the distance to cross by splitting in half
- Slows vehicles by narrowing the roadway

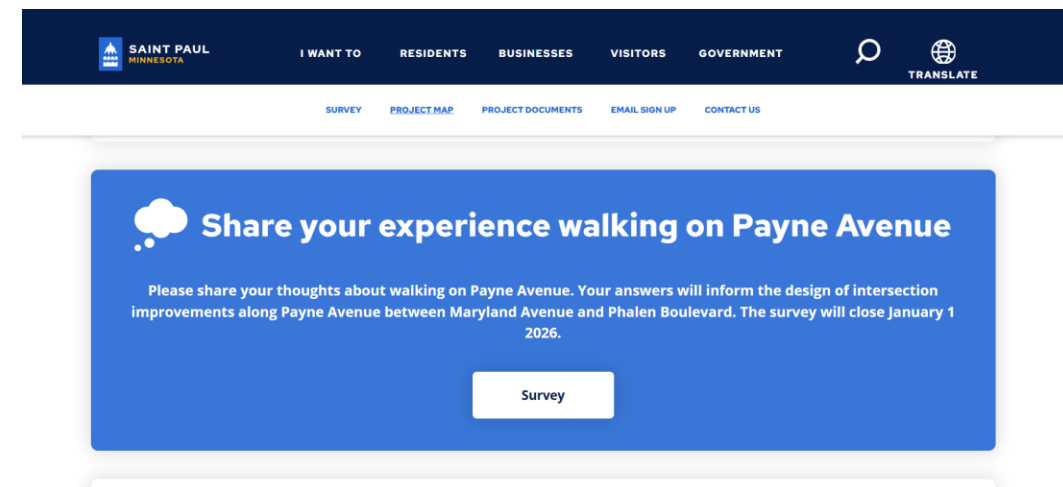
Considerations

- Could reduce parking adjacent to median
- Could interfere with transit operations
- Can restrict where cars can make left turns



Next Steps

- **First draft designs** by the end of January
- Working on **historical and environmental review**
- **Recommend specific improvements** (bump-outs and medians) and share with community in Phases 2 & 3 of engagement
- **Construction** planned in summer of 2026 and potentially into 2027
- Saint Paul Regional Water 2026 lead replacement project: [Lead Free SPRWS | Saint Paul Regional Water Services](#)
 - Lead@stpaul.gov or 651.266.6820



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