

Project design goals

1

Make it more comfortable for people walking, biking, rolling and using transit along the corridor



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Build a road for today and tomorrow that reflects the community's values



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Design a liveable, calmer, safer street



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Make it easier to access nearby community destinations including parks, trails, and local businesses



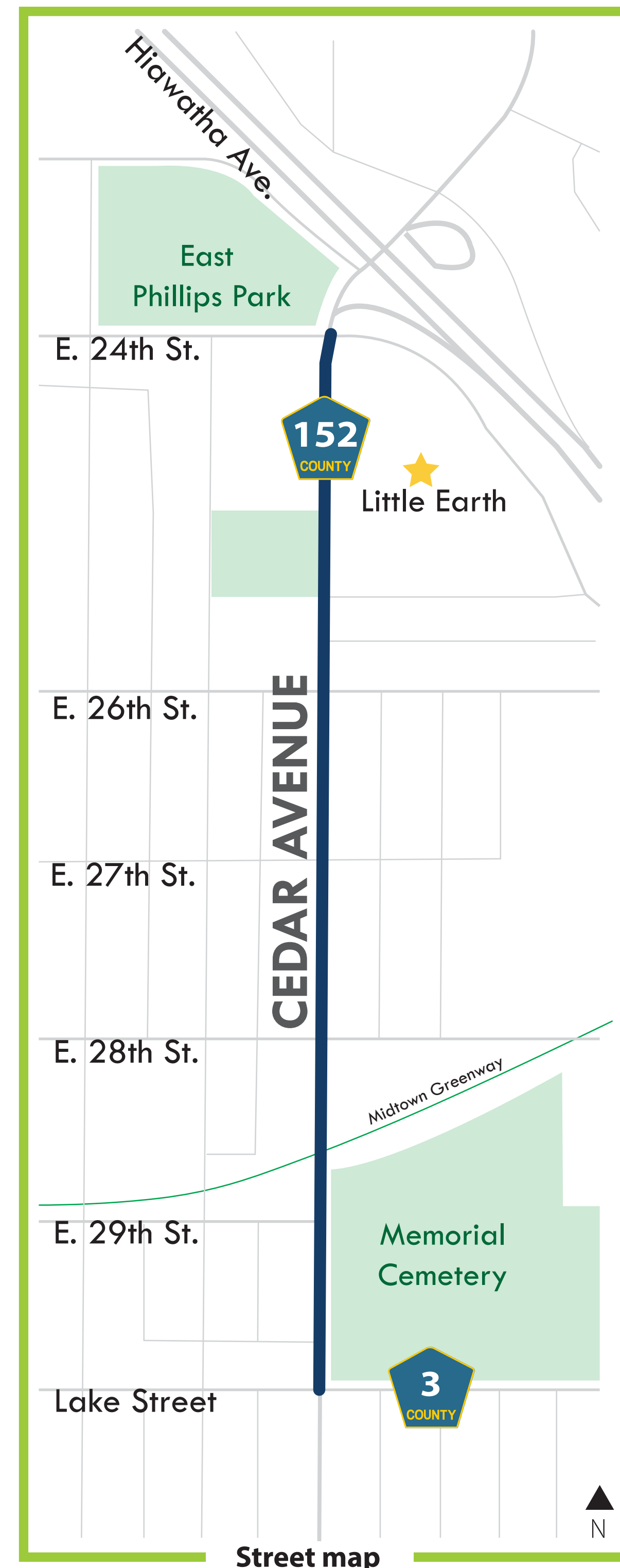
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Preserve existing tree canopy and increase greening along the corridor



6

Replace and modernize aging infrastructure, such as traffic signals and stormwater facilities



Project schedule

2022-2023
Planning

2023 - 2024
Conceptual
design

2024-2025
Detailed
design

2026-2027
Construction

2027
Complete



Project engagement goals

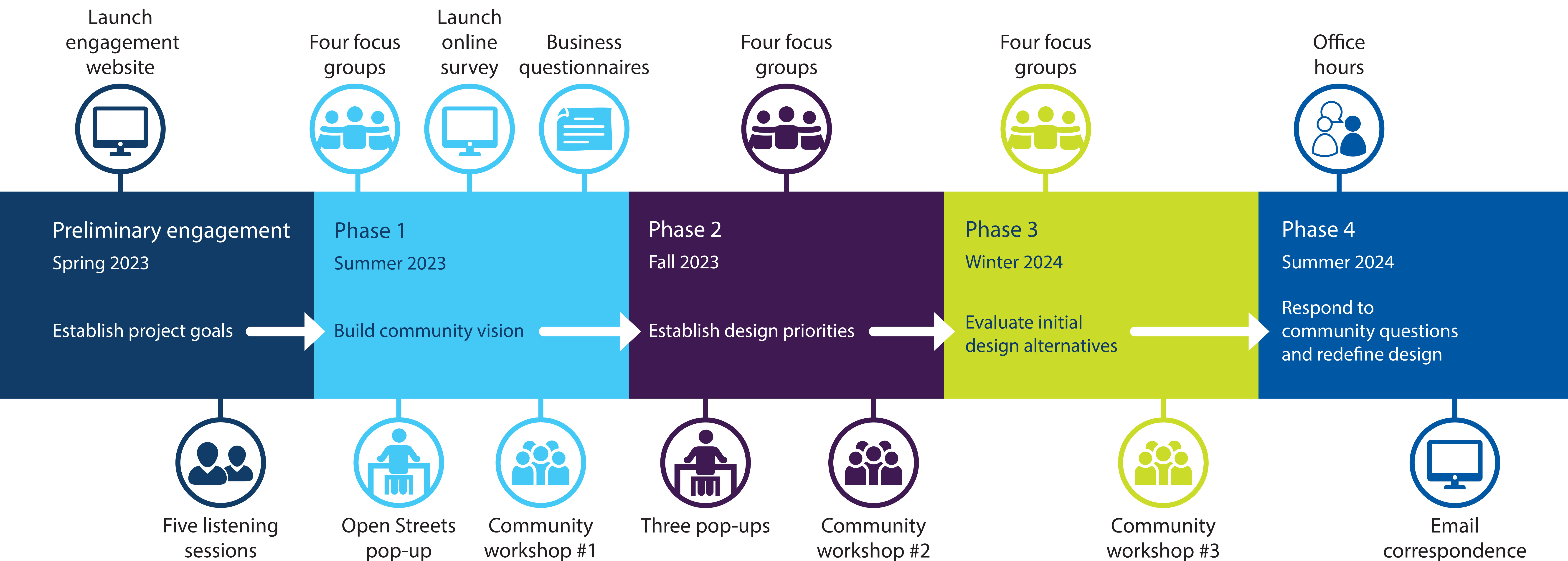
We are building relationships with the community to create an inclusive experience and gain multicultural perspectives. Throughout conceptual design the county partnered with community-based organizations in the Phillips neighborhood with the interest, capacity, and expertise in conducting engagement.

Community partners






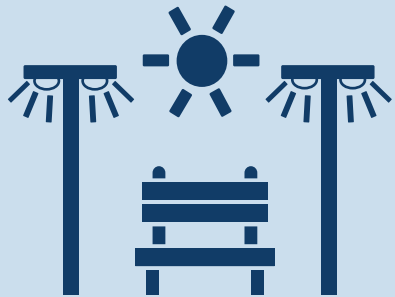




Engagement summary

For the past two years, the Cedar Avenue project team has engaged with the community on how they use Cedar Avenue today and what they want a reconstructed Cedar Avenue to look like. Over four phases of engagement community members participated in sharing their concerns, priorities, and feedback on the redesign of Cedar Avenue.



Key community input

Across all phases of the engagement the following priorities emerged:

Environment and health	
Pedestrians	
Bicycles	
Public amenities	
Transit	
Gathering	
Vehicles	
Parking and delivery	



Environment and health emerged as a key priority, with a focus on community wellness. Trees along the corridor are important, as well as adding more boulevards and green space. Concerns were raised about construction noise and pollution.

Safety of people walking, rolling, and biking must be improved. The community wants better sidewalks and crosswalks, more space for bicyclists, and better lighting.

Congestion and backups cause unpredictable and unsafe driving maneuvers. The lack of turn lanes, combined with a wide street and high traffic, makes all types of travel difficult, with poor visibility around parked and turning autos, high auto speeds, and weaving drivers.

Parking needs vary throughout the corridor.

Transit was consistently a priority for many in the community.

Cedar Avenue design

The final design for Cedar Avenue is based on the six project goals and feedback from the community throughout the design process.

Key design features include:

Improve traffic flow and overall safety using a two-lane road with left turn lanes.

Slow traffic and improve pedestrian safety by adding wider boulevards and medians in select locations.

Add space for bicyclists with a two-way separated bike path between 24th Street and 28th Street (converts to a shared use path between Cedar Field Park and 26th Street).

Enable more space for people walking and biking by removing parking north of 28th Street.

Prioritize greening and enable efficient rainwater management.

24th Street to 28th Street

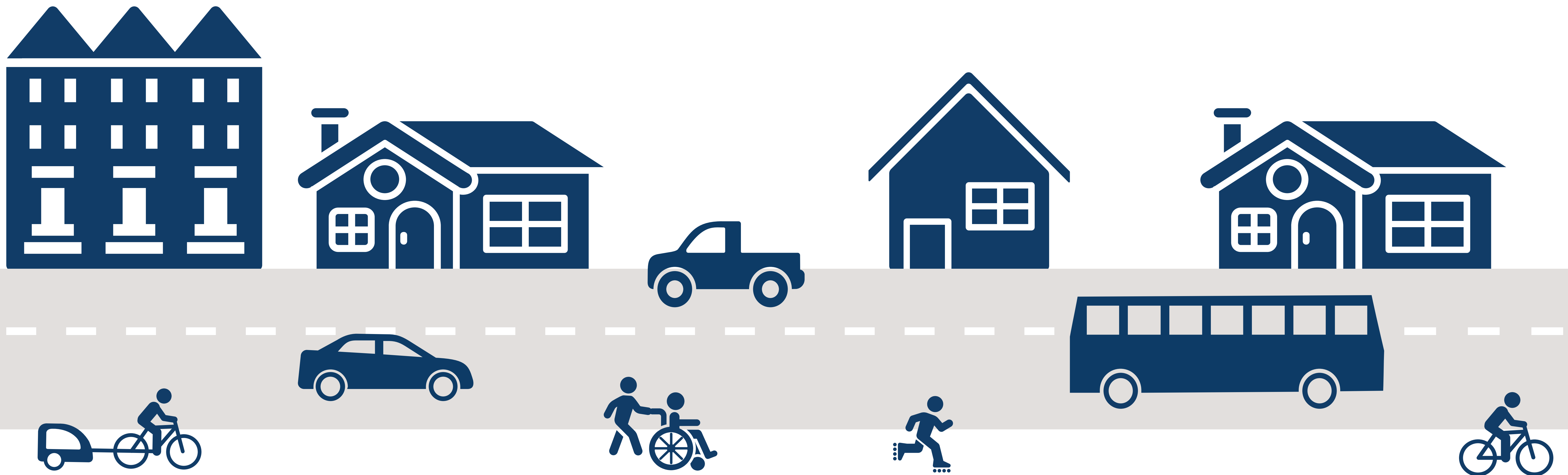


28th Street to Lake Street



Construction

2026-2027



Cedar Avenue reconstruction

If you drive

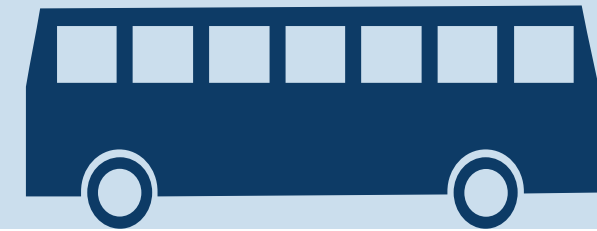


- Cedar Avenue from 24th Street to Lake Street will be closed to vehicle traffic.
- Cedar Avenue through vehicle traffic will be detoured onto Bloomington Avenue via Lake Street and 24th Street.
- 26th Street westbound and 28th Street eastbound at Cedar Avenue will remain open, providing enough space for one automotive lane and one bicycle lane along these cross streets.
- Little Earth Community and EM Stately vehicle access will be maintained during construction via a temporary two-way conversion of Omega Place.

Image of Cedar Avenue and Lake Street intersection

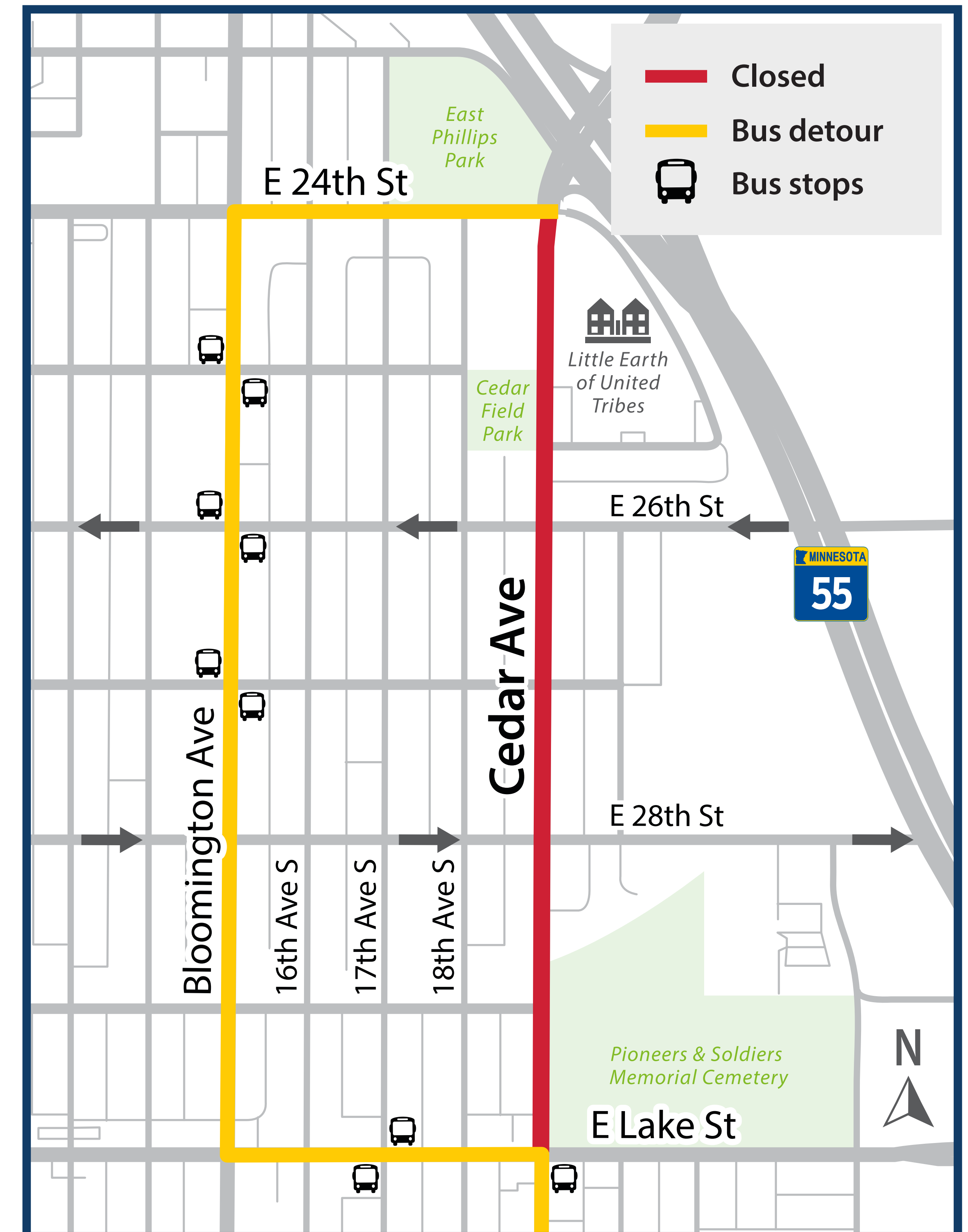


If you take transit



- Transit (Route 22) will follow the vehicular detour onto Bloomington Avenue via Lake Street and 24th Street.
- Bus stops will be at the existing stops along those streets; Bloomington at 25th, 26th and 27th Streets and Lake at 17th Avenue.

Image of E Lake Street and S 17th Avenue Metro Transit bus stop

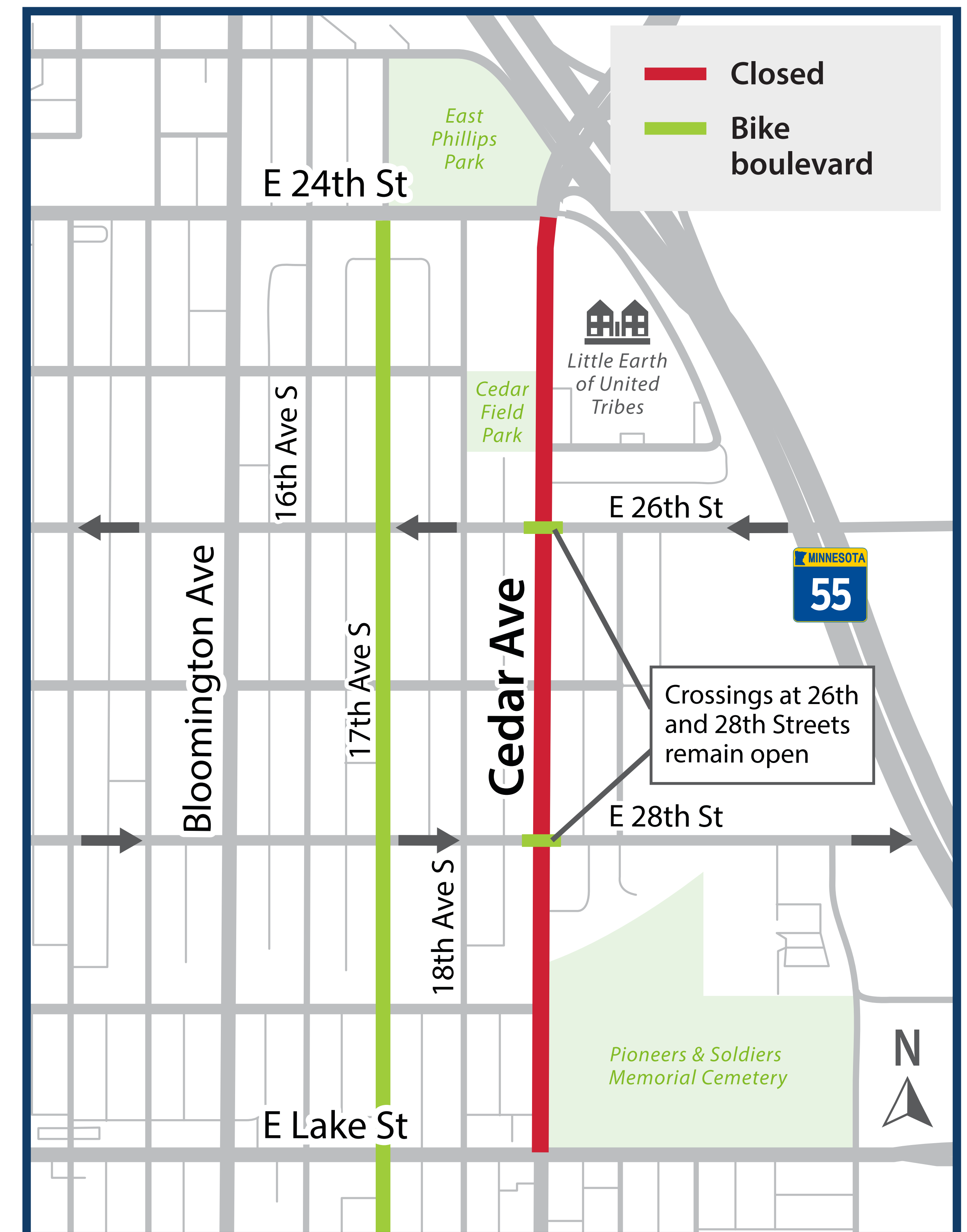


If you bike



- Cedar Avenue from 24th Street to Lake Street will be closed to bicycle traffic.
- Cedar Avenue bicycle traffic will be rerouted to adjacent streets.
17th Avenue is a designated bike boulevard, though bikes are welcome on all adjacent streets.
- 26th Street westbound and 28th Street eastbound at Cedar Avenue will remain open, providing enough space for one automotive lane and one bicycle lane along these cross streets.

Image of S 17th Avenue bike boulevard

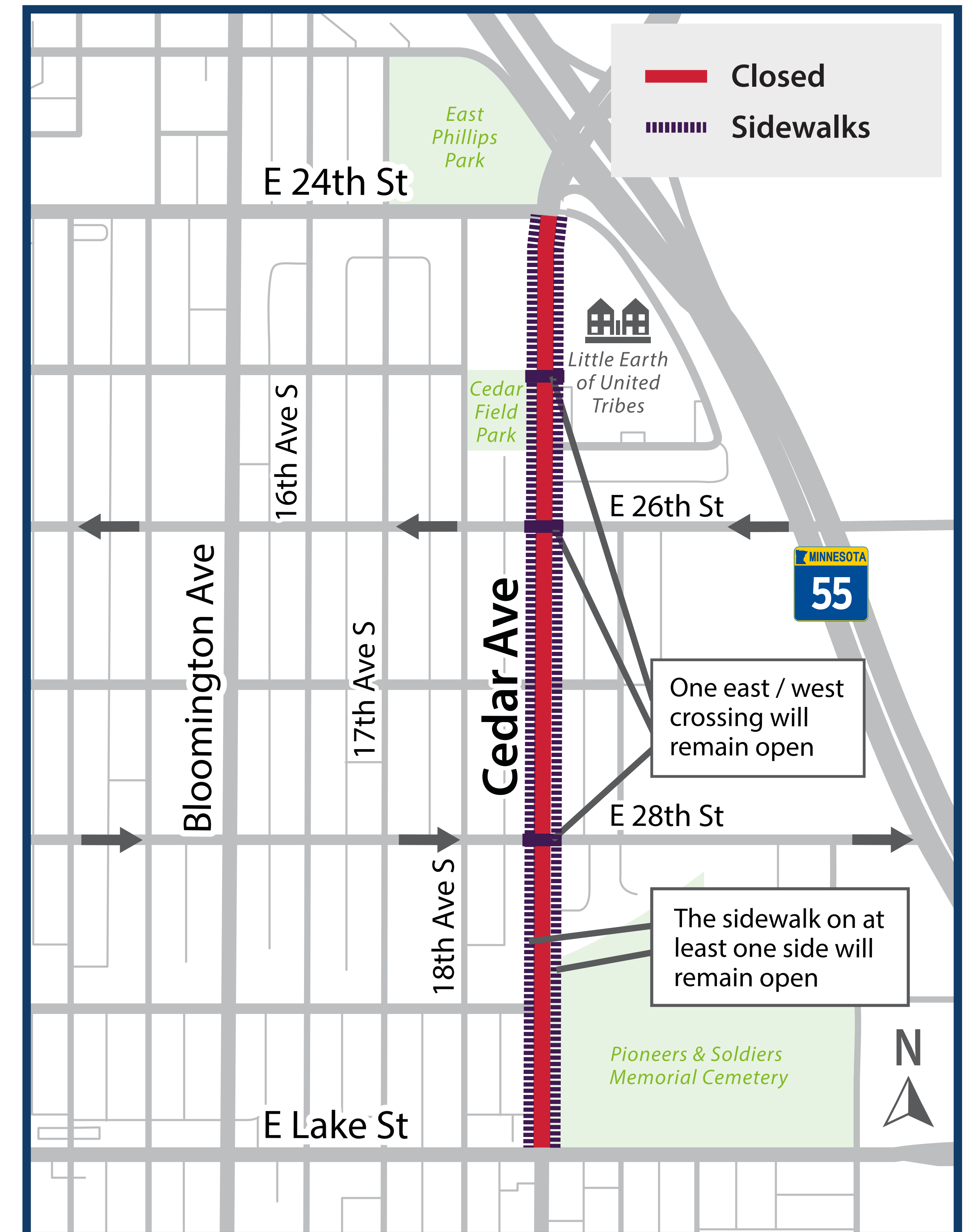


If you walk/roll



- Sidewalks on at least one side of Cedar Avenue will remain open during construction for people walking north/south along the street.
- East/West pedestrian crossings on at least one side of 26th Street and 28th Street will remain open throughout construction.
- Little Earth Community pedestrian access across Cedar Avenue will be maintained throughout construction via temporary mid-block crossing near the existing crossing location.

Image of Little Earth community pedestrian bridge



If you live in the area



- Advance notice will be provided to residents and businesses prior to closures of Cedar Avenue.
- Local vehicle traffic will navigate around the Cedar Avenue closure using surrounding streets.
- A minimal number of properties only have access off of Cedar Avenue. Access will remain off Cedar Avenue but may be on gravel surfaces to the nearest intersection.
- To ensure local access between Ogema Place and EM Stately Street during construction, Ogema Place will be converted to a two-way road with no parking from 24th Street to the turn-around driveway at Little Earth.

Image of Little Earth of United Tribes residential neighborhood

