

Cedar Avenue reconstruction

Phase 1 engagement summary

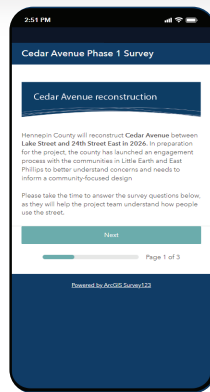
Engagement events

Hennepin County hosted several engagement events to continue developing a conceptual design for the reconstruction of Cedar Avenue (County Road 152) both *with* the community and *for* the community. Community stakeholders were invited to share their perspectives at the following events and through an online survey:

**Midtown Greenway tent
Open Streets
June 10th**



**Phase 1 online survey
Online
July 10 - August 9**



**Little Earth United Tribes Gym
phase 1 workshop
In-person
July 20th**



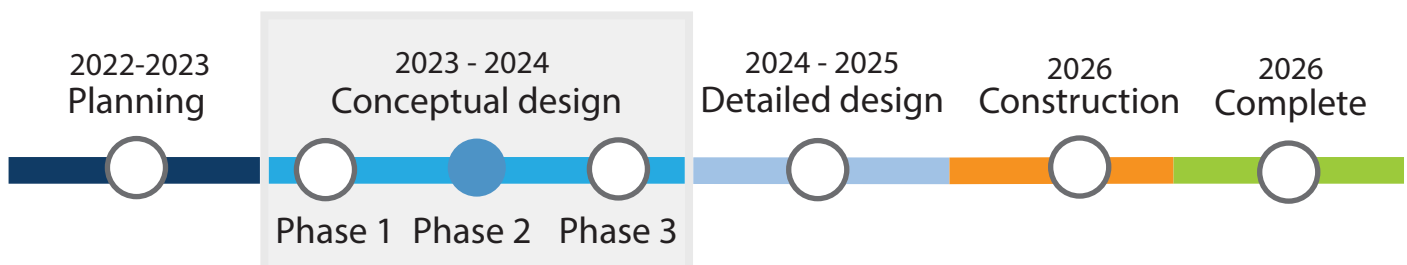
Photos from engagement events and engagement materials from Summer 2023

Themes and goals

Throughout preliminary and phase 1 engagement, feedback from the community was organized into general themes. The top three themes include street safety, community wellness and cultural character. We will be updating our project goals to align better with these community themes as we move into later phases of engagement. Information in this engagement summary includes a report back of phase 1 feedback collected from surveys, popups and the community workshop on July 20.

Project schedule

Timeline is subject to change



Pop up and online feedback

SURVEY

48

survey responses

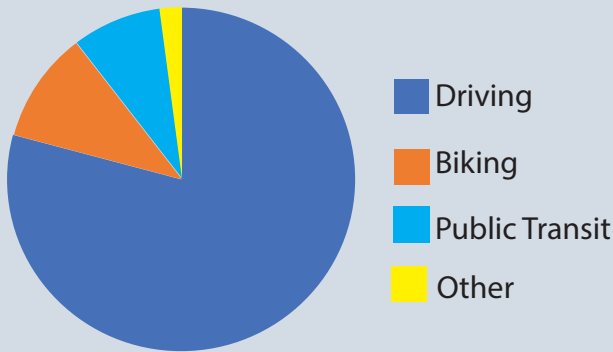
68%

of respondents live within the Cedar Avenue corridor

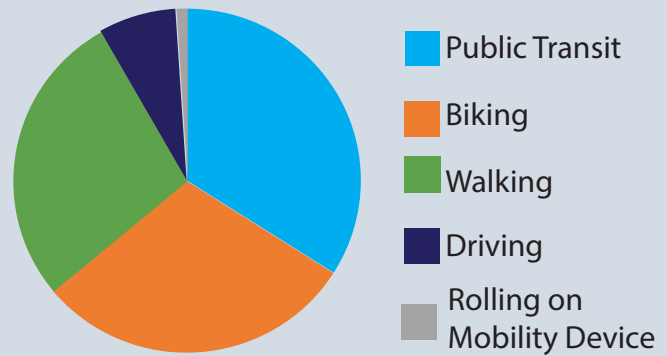
89%

of survey respondents identify as White or Caucasian

How you currently travel



How you want to travel



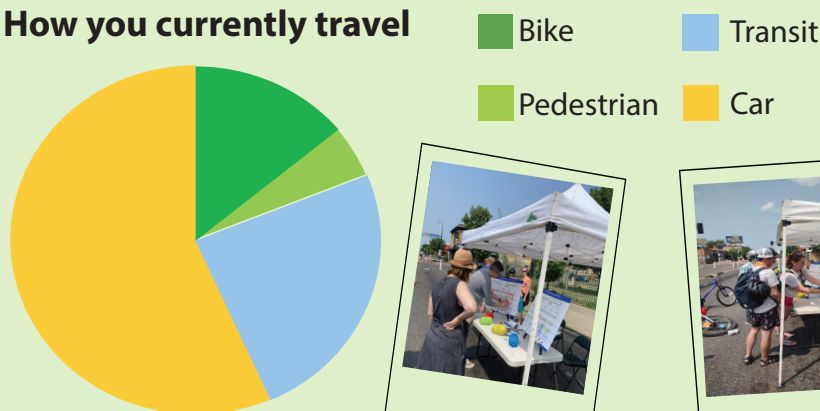
OPEN STREETS

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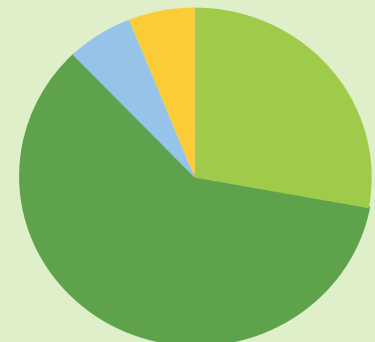
responses at Open Streets

Open Streets East Lake is an annual event on various streets across the city. Tabling activities at the intersection of Lake Street and Cedar Avenue included asking attendees about their connection to the area, how they travel on Cedar Avenue, and how they'd like to travel in the future.

How you currently travel



How you want to travel



Workshop feedback

WORKSHOP

102

participants at the workshop

74%

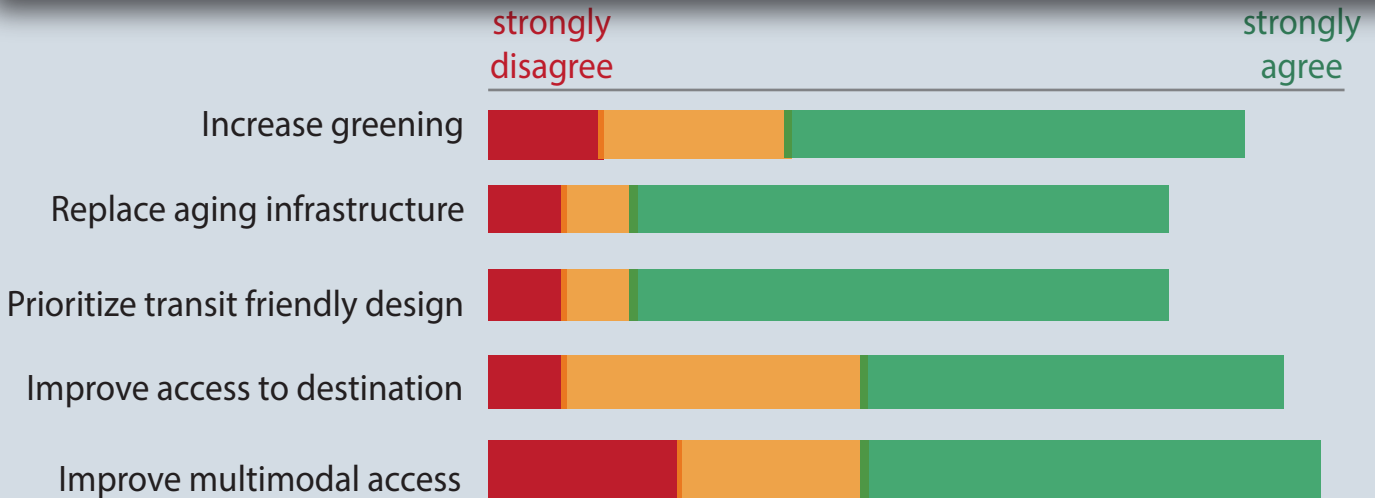
of participants live within the Cedar Avenue corridor

70%

of participants identify as American Indian or Native American

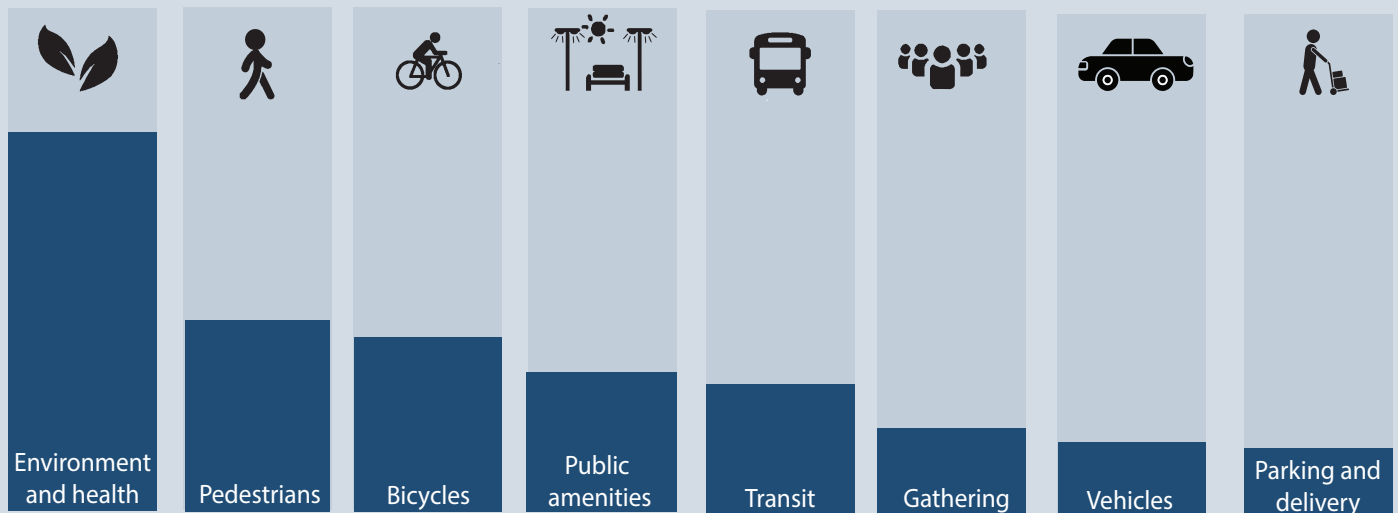
Goal alignment

Based on the feedback detailed below from phase 1, along with preliminary feedback, the project team will change project goals. The planning team is working to make sure the project aligns with the goals supported by the community as we move forward through process

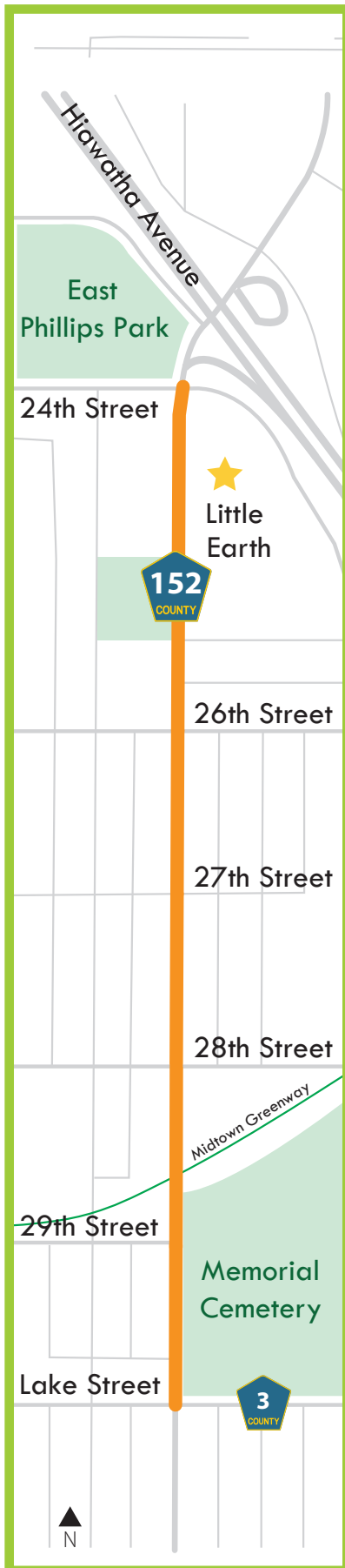


Marble prioritization

The marble prioritization activity was used to determine which design elements the community would like to see prioritized. The eight categories and their level of prioritization from the workshop are detailed below.



Workshop comments grouped by location



The following map shows the most reoccurring community feedback received during the community workshop on the July 20, that relates to a specific location on the corridor:

North of 24th Street

- Dangerous driver behaviors such as, speeding, ignoring signals, and running red lights

Little Earth Crosswalk

- Little Earth crosswalk should be enhanced (street lights, wider markings, flashers, signal timing) and need to reduce the noise of loud traffic on the street
- Need for benches and bus shelters at Little Earth

East 25th Street to 26th Street

- Dangerous driver behaviors such as speeding. Lower speed limits, increased signage, and speed bumps suggested
- Limited field of vision for drivers turning into Omega Place

26th Street and Cedar Avenue

- Confusion due to 1-way to 2-way change at Cedar
- Dangerous behaviors from drivers such as speeding, ignoring signals, and running red lights

26th Street to 27th Street

- Difficult for pedestrians to cross. Drivers frequently run red lights
- Confusion due to the one-way and frequent back ups due to mistimed signal

27th Street and Cedar Avenue

- Parking takes up a lot of the street, difficult to drive with so many parked cars
- Bus shelters and separated bike lanes desired

27th Street to 28th Street

- Difficulty in accessing parking along busy street
- Need for bus shelters and separated bike lanes specifically mentioned

28th Street and Cedar Avenue

- Difficult for pedestrians to cross 28th
- Need thorough snow and ice clearing at bus stops in winter

28th Street to East 29th Street

- Desire for bike path or connection to Midtown Greenway
- Need for additional pedestrian lights, and more public street lighting

29th St. to Lake Street

- Desire for slower speeds make pedestrians with children comfortable

Street and Cedar Avenue

- Concerns with dangerous driving behaviors

Engagement goals

The public engagement vision is to connect with community and stakeholders to generate project interest, build rapport, and facilitate a high level of participation in understanding and shaping the project. We plan to realize this by using the following goals-based approach to public engagement.

1

Inclusive engagement

2

Multicultural engagement

3

Prioritize community relationships

Throughout conceptual design the county is partnering with community based organizations in the Phillips neighborhood with the interest, capacity and expertise in conducting engagement. Little Earth Resident Association, Banyan Community, and the Midtown Greenway Collation will assist the county with engagement to help deliver on our engagement goals.

Upcoming engagement



Pop-up engagement events

The team will take engagement to the streets through pop-up events. Many people walk, bike, and use transit on and around Cedar Avenue. Pop-ups provide opportunities to meet community members where they are and engage with them personally.



Focus groups

The engagement team has and will host several focus groups to engage with specific audiences and solicit feedback from communities that are traditionally underrepresented at engagement events.



Public workshops

There has been and will be one more public workshop on the project. These workshops provide the largest forum for members of the community to collaboratively provide input on the project.

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