Cedar Avenue reconstruction

Hennepin County, in partnership with the City of Minneapolis, plans to reconstruct Cedar Avenue (County Road 152) between Lake Street (County Road 3) and 24th Street East in 2026.

In preparation for the project, the county has launched an engagement process with the communities in Little Earth and East Phillips to better understand concerns and needs to inform a community-focused design.

Project schedule 2022-2023 Planning Conceptual design Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 3 Project schedule Timeline is subject to change 2024 - 2025 Detailed design Construction Complete

Design goals

Cedar Avenue was last reconstructed nearly 60 years ago and is nearing the end of its useful life. We need to reconstruct the roadway because routine maintenance activities such as overlays and crackseals are no longer cost effective in preserving the road.

Hennepin County is working with community to redesign Cedar Avenue to be a safer and more accessible roadway that accommodates a range of modes and reflects city and county design guidance and the community who use it every day.

- Make it more comfortable for people walking, biking, rolling and using transit along the corridor
- Build a road for today and tomorrow that reflects the community's values
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Design a livable, calmer, safer street

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











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.



Inclusive engagement

Multicultural engagement

Prioritize community relationships

Throughout the proejct the county has partnered 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.

What engagement is upcoming?



Focus groups The engagement team will host its third and final round of four focus groups to engage with businesses and specific audiences to solicit feedback from communities that are traditionally underrepresented at engagement events.



Public open house

There will be one public open house on the project. Open houses provide the largest form for members of the community to listen how their input was incorporated into design

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