Franklin Avenue reconstruction

County Road 5 in Minneapolis

Hennepin County, in coordination with the City of Minneapolis, is evaluating ways to improve safety, accessibility and comfort for all road users along Franklin Avenue (County Road 5) between Lyndale (County Road 22) and Chicago avenues.

As one of the first steps, we are completing an alternatives analysis where we review possible layouts, share for public input and select a preferred alternative for design.



Project goals

In its current form, this segment of Franklin Avenue includes a four-lane, undivided roadway (meaning there is no median in most areas) with off-peak parking at certain locations and no facilities for people biking.

There are opportunities to improve transportation for all users of Franklin Avenue:

- Provide designated space for different travel modes
- Provide safer pedestrian crossings at intersections
- Allow for better community connections along the corridor
- Support local businesses and institutions with improved access
- Enhance the visual character with lighting, trees, green space and furnishings
- Minimize traffic delay for people using transit and driving

Share your thoughts

We've been working hard gathering feedback and turning it into proposed designs and have some to share on the website. You can check out those designs and voice your thoughts by visiting the web address or scanning the QR code on the right. More feedback helps the project keep moving forward toward the goal of finishing work in 2026.

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