

Proposed design for Franklin Avenue selected

Share your thoughts to help refine the design

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. After a year of engagement, the project team has selected a preferred alternative for design. Over the next year, we will refine this design with your help. Construction is anticipated to occur from 2025-26.

Center turn lane design

Concept rendering looking east near Portland Avenue



Features

- ✓ Three-lane design with center turn lane with possible medians
- ✓ Removal of parking
- ✓ Sidewalk and bike or shared use path on both sides
- ✓ Boulevards with green space

How does this design support community priorities?

Over the last year, you shared what you would like to see on Franklin Avenue. Through this engagement, we identified the following community priorities:

- Improve safety for all, with priority on people walking and rolling
- Add room for medians at crossings and other accessibility improvements
- Offer space for separated bicycle paths, consistent with plans and policies
- Include landscaping and trees
- Accommodate bus stop improvements to support ongoing bus service

Removal of parking proposed on Franklin Avenue

After conversations with the community about priorities, studies of parking use and initial design work, we will need to remove parking between Lyndale (County Road 22) and Chicago avenues.



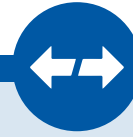
Safer experience for all

The recommended concept, which requires the removal of parking, increases safety by reducing points of conflict between vehicles and people walking, biking, and rolling.



Few people use parking

A parking study conducted in 2022 showed that less than 20% of parking was used along Franklin Avenue on a regular basis.



Prioritizing community needs

Franklin Avenue only has so much space to fit design features. There is not enough space to address all community priorities and include parking.

Engagement timeline



Fall 2022-Spring 2023: Learn more about Franklin Avenue today and share ideas



Spring 2023-Fall 2023: Review design concepts and share feedback



Fall 2023- early Spring 2024: Review proposed design and refine details (listed below)

Intersection design

View designs for intersections that focus on safe and accessible crossings for people walking, rolling and biking.

Trees and landscaping

Share your thoughts on options for trees and greening, including mitigating loss of trees that will need to be removed.

Transit upgrades

Learn about upgrades to some existing bus stops to improve safety and comfort



Spring 2024-Spring 2025: View the final design and learn about construction impacts

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