

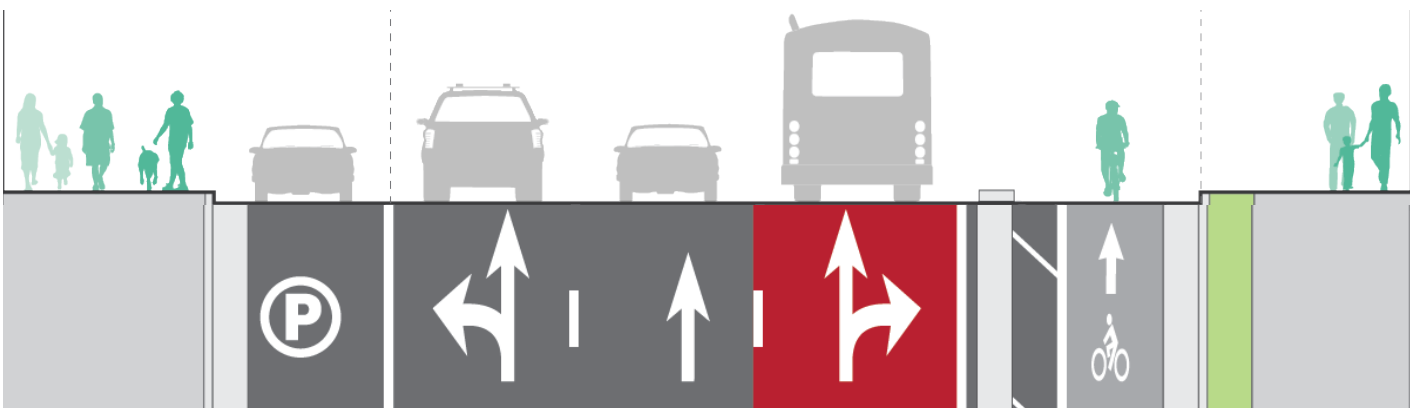
Hennepin and First NE improvements

Fall 2020 - Summer 2022 engagement summary



Preferred alternative

- 2 general purpose travel lanes
- Transit priority lane
- Protected bike lane
- Parking lane on left side, parking removed from right side of street (17% loss of on-street stalls in area)



Preferred alternative feedback

What we've heard



Public transportation

- Support for the public transportation improvements.
- Desire to have the transit lane.
- Concern that the E Line BRT station location aligns with the neighborhood.
- Concern for how right-turning vehicles will affect transit lane operations.



Lane configuration and connectivity

- General support for the recommended concept.
- Support for channelized right turn lane removals.
- Some neighborhood support to investigate changing to two-way configuration.
- Support for improvements at the triangle intersection (Hennepin/Central/5th).
- Support for the Main Street trail connection.



Parking concerns

- Concern about taking away parking for businesses since this is a local destination.
- Desire to ensure there is public parking in the area.
- Concern about the cost of private parking.



Speeding and traffic concerns

- Support for the traffic calming this concept will provide.
- Concern about taking away a lane of traffic since congestion is already an issue.
- Ensuring that the area's growth and density were reflected in the study.



Greening

- Desire to be selective in greening so that tree locations are attractive and sustainable.
- Desire for a wide sidewalk and boulevards with trees, boulevards, and planters.
- Some desire to include rain gardens, if possible.



Bike/pedestrian improvements

- General support for bump outs and bike improvements.
- Appreciate that the preferred alternative makes the corridor more walkable and bikeable.

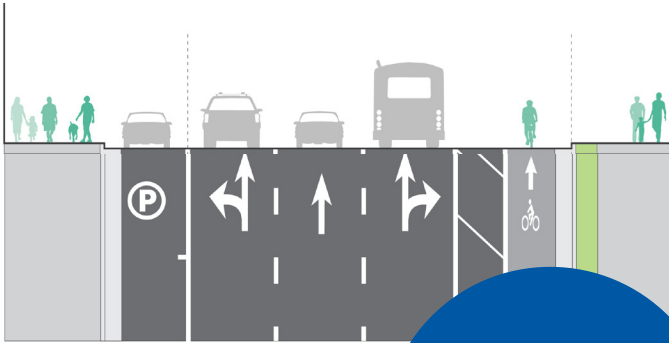


Lighting and signage

- Desire for additional signage to inform travelers that they are on a one-way street.
- There are gaps and dark spots with current streetlights in the area.
- Ensure any future lighting avoids adding light pollution.

Concept survey feedback

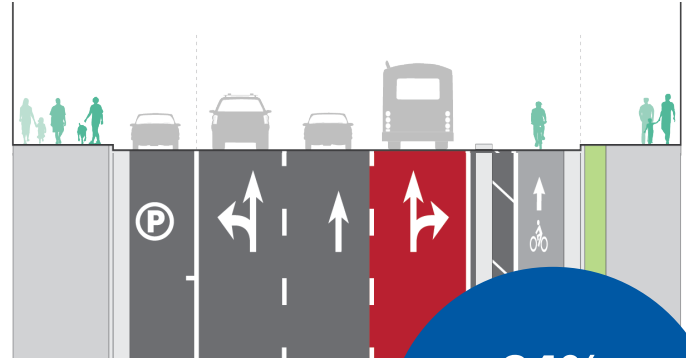
Concept 1



16%
supported
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Concept 2



84%
supported
concept 2



Main comment themes



Support for
bicycle buffers



Support for
multimodal options



Strong desire to support
local businesses



Support for dedicated
transit lanes



Speeding and traffic
concerns



Desire for
additional greening



Concern for loss
of parking



Desire for wider
sidewalks

Previous listening sessions feedback



Supporting the business district is a priority



Desire for trees and greenspace



A one-way to two-way conversion or traffic lane reduction should be considered



Need to plan with E Line BRT in mind



Safer pedestrian infrastructure is needed



Interest in addressing the crash and accident statistics of the project area



Some desire to maintain current parking



Walkers, rollers, and bikers do not feel safe travelling along the corridor



Traffic calming measures are needed



Desire for protected bike lanes



Postal trucks and semi-trucks frequently travel through the corridor



Crossing visibility needs to be improved



Stormwater runoff management needs to be improved



Problematic Intersections:

- 1st and 5th
- Central/5th/Hennepin
- Main and 1st
- 7th and Hennepin
- Central and 1st



Desire for better signage and wayfinding

Primary takeaways

Safety and accessibility

- Significant concern about **bike and pedestrian** safety, accessibility, and comfort
- Support for improved facilities along the corridor for **people walking and biking**, especially at complex intersection of **Central/Hennepin/5th**

Multimodal access and connectivity

- Concerns related to management of **commuter traffic**, including **speeds and crossings**
- Interest in potential for **transit enhancements**

Equity, active living, and environmental health

- Support for **attractive, well-maintained** corridors that encourage **walking and biking**
- Need for **equitable approach** that benefits entire community

Community and business district visibility

- Improvements should provide support for **business district**, including accommodating **parking, drop offs, walkability, and aesthetics**