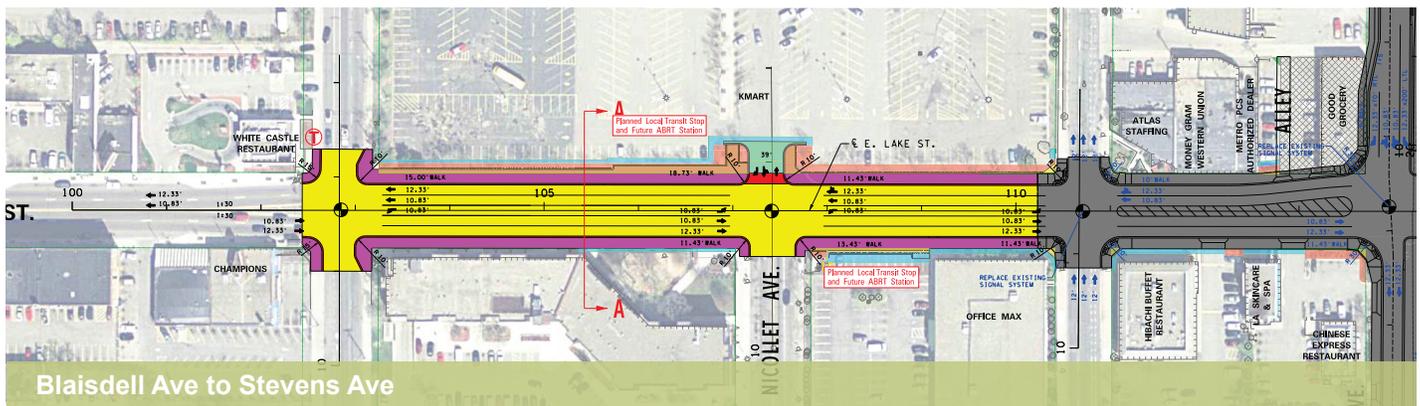
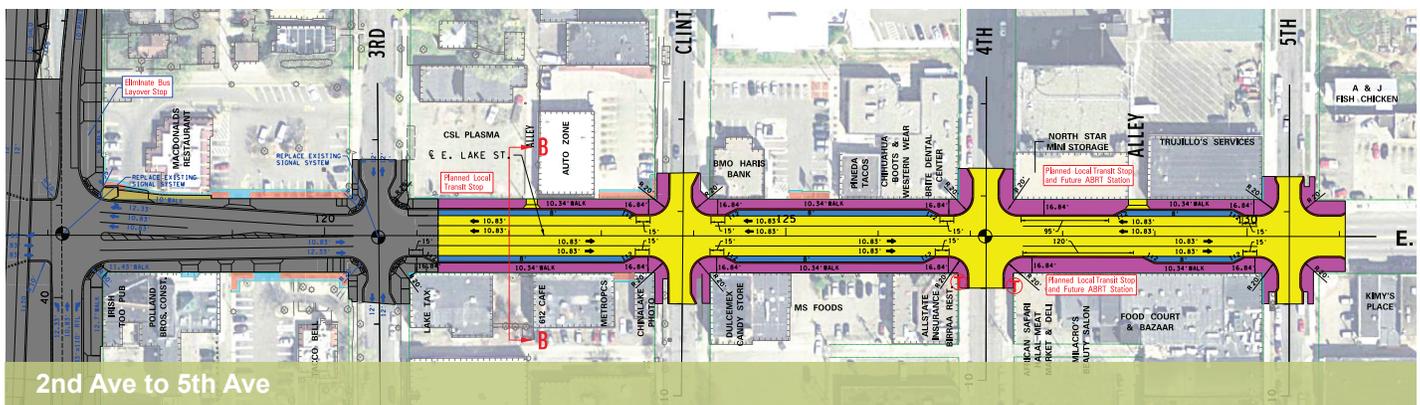


The remaining section of Lake Street between Blaisdell Avenue and 5th Avenue will be reconstructed at the same time that the I-35W/Lake Street Transit Station is built. The “Lake Street Connections” project will include full street and sidewalk reconstruction, utility replacements, and new streetscaping and landscaping. Final design will be completed by the end of December 2016. While construction on I-35W is expected to start in late 2017, Lake Street reconstruction will not occur until 2020.



Blaisdell Ave to Stevens Ave



2nd Ave to 5th Ave

## KEY ELEMENTS OF THE PROJECT

The project encompasses the entire existing right-of-way and consists of the following activities:

- ▶ Roadway reconstruction – two lanes in each direction plus turn lanes at key intersections (lanes will be narrower than they are today)
- ▶ Sidewalk reconstruction – all sidewalks will meet American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, will be wider than they are today and will have bump-outs at intersections
- ▶ Transit stations for future Arterial Bus Rapid Transit stops and shelters for local bus stops
- ▶ Landscaping and streetscaping as approved by property owners

## ENHANCED STREETScape ELEMENTS

The enhanced streetscape elements shown in the graphic have been recommended by the Project Advisory Committee. These elements are being discussed with individual affected property owners because they will require a special assessment for implementation. In addition, a Special Service District will be required for maintenance of these elements. The proposed Special Service Districts are also being discussed with the affected property owners. The City of Minneapolis will be conducting a petition process with property owners to make these decisions.



## UTILITY CONNECTIONS, AREAWAYS AND EASEMENTS

There are three other activities that may affect property owners – each of these conditions is being discussed with individual affected property owners:

- ▶ Both public (water and sewer) and private (gas, electricity, telephone, fiberoptics) will be replaced, relocated and/or updated in the public right-of-way. This creates a lower cost opportunity for property owners to upgrade connections to their buildings if the connections are done at the same time that the road is reconstructed.
- ▶ Some properties may have existing areaways that will need to be removed or upgraded. The property owner is responsible for this work, and it is best for the work to be done prior to or during roadway reconstruction.
- ▶ Temporary or permanent easements will be required for some properties to complete the roadway and sidewalk reconstruction. Hennepin County representatives are working with individual affected property owners to complete easement agreements.

Please contact Jim Grube at Hennepin County if you have any questions about any of the above activities.

## NEXT STEPS

Key next steps for the Lake Street Connections project are:

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|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Ongoing</b>            | Outreach to property owners   |
| <b>Winter 2017</b>        | Completion of streetscape final design plans  |
| <b>1st Quarter 2017</b>   | Property owner petition process<br>Public hearing for capital assessments<br>Public hearing for special service districts |
| <b>2017</b>               | Start of I-35W construction   |
| <b>2020</b>               | Construction of Lake Street   |
| <b>After Construction</b> | Special services begin  |

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