



# Park and Portland safety improvements

County roads 33 and 35 in Minneapolis | February 2025

# Agenda



Project purpose and goals



Public engagement



Corridor usage and crash summary



Draft design concept

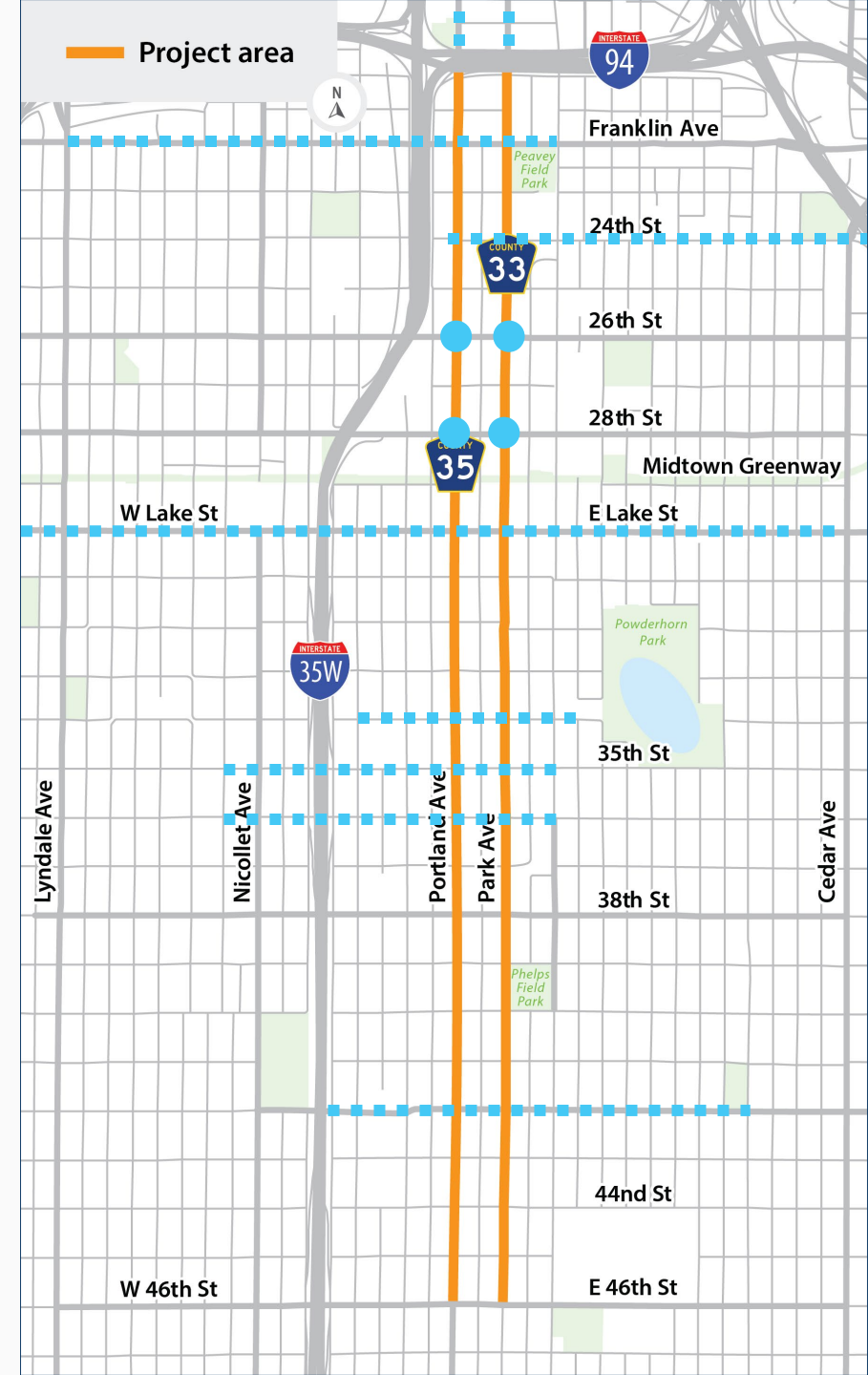
# Project area

- Park and Portland avenues from I-94 to 46<sup>th</sup> Street
- Multiple overlapping coordinated county and city projects

## Coordinated projects

Streets: 

Intersections: 



# Project purpose & goals



Improve safety on Park and Portland avenues

- I-94 to 46th Street



Enhance crossings for people walking, rolling and biking



Create protected space for biking



Reduce vehicle speeds



# Public engagement

# Engagement to date

- Engagement events
  - 11 neighborhood meetings
  - 7 pop-up events
  - Two public meetings
- Collected feedback on current conditions
  - Via survey and conversations at neighborhood meetings and pop-up events
- Shared corridor needs and opportunities



# What we've heard for current safety project

- Improve safety
  - Reduce speeding/calm traffic
  - Visibility of people crossing at intersections
  - Separation for people biking
  - Intersection improvements
  - Narrow roadway width
- Maintain street parking
- Additional lighting
- More greening



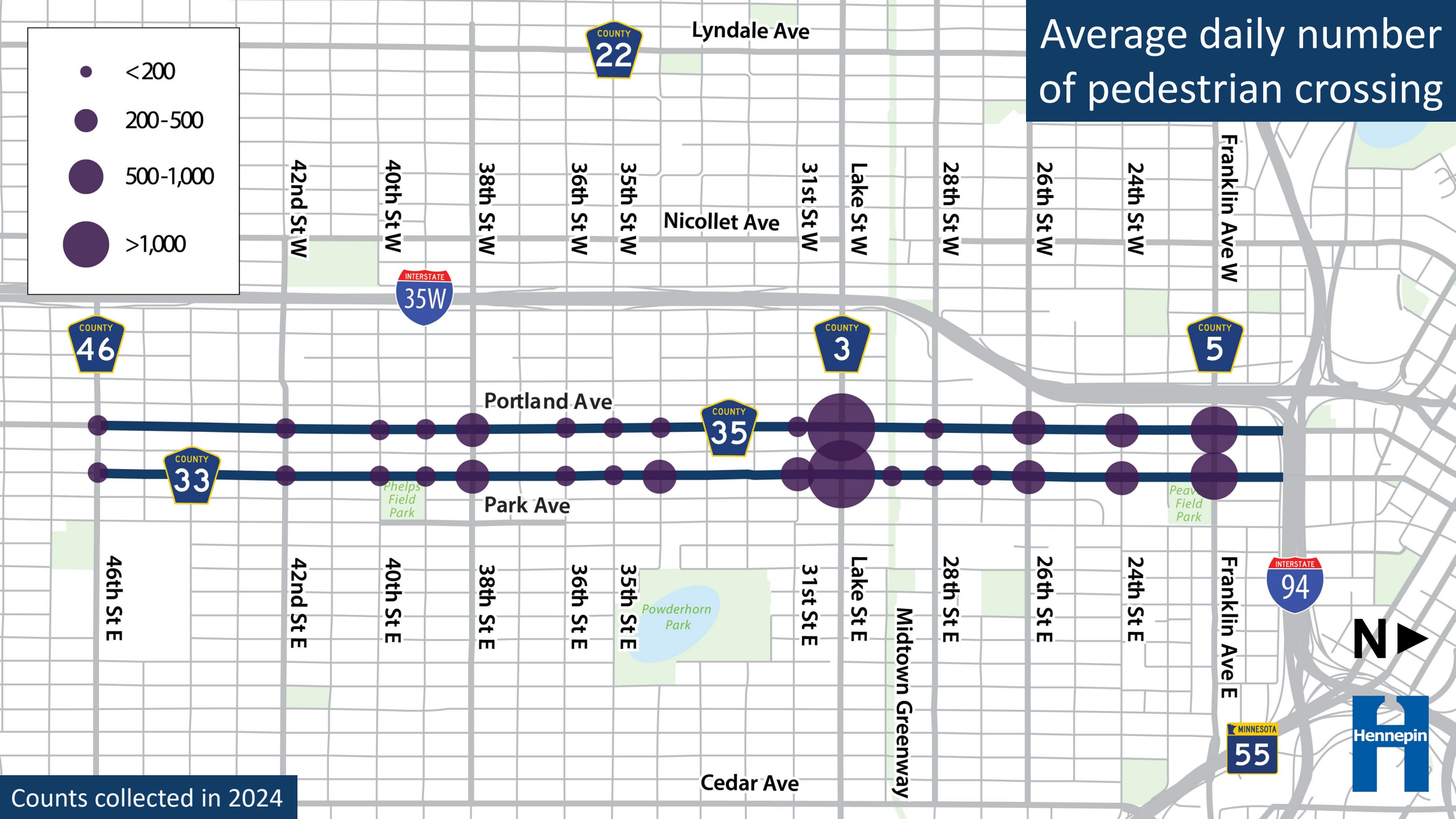
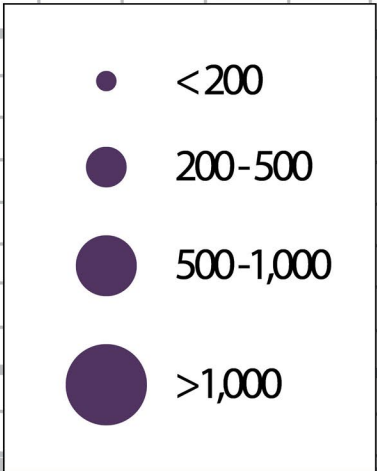
# Preliminary design timeline





# Corridor usage and crash summary

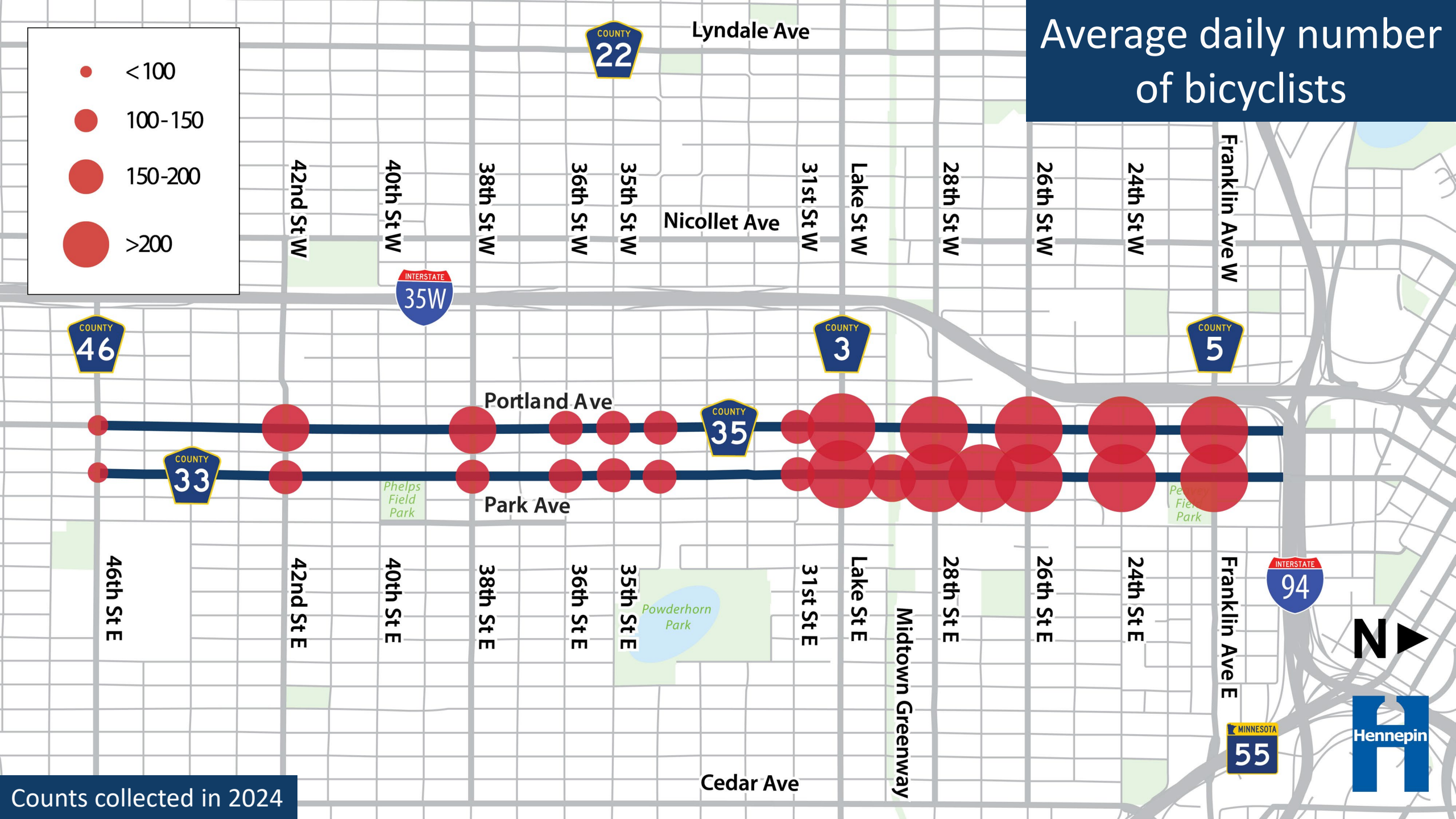
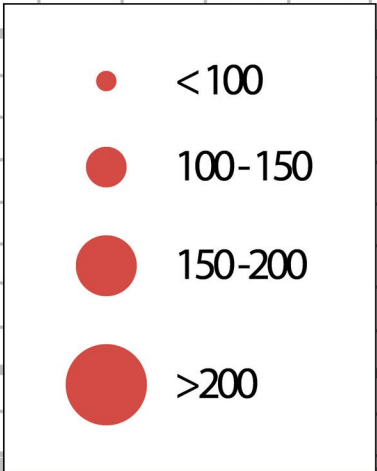
# Average daily number of pedestrian crossing



Counts collected in 2024



# Average daily number of bicyclists



Counts collected in 2024



# Average daily number of vehicles



Counts collected in 2024

# Five-year crash summary (2019-2023)



**809 total crashes**

**75%** at intersections

**25%** between intersections



**Crashes with vulnerable roadway users**

**29** involved people walking

**20** involved people biking



**Fatal and serious injury crashes**

**1** fatal crash

**23** life-changing crashes

# Draft design concept

# Enhanced on-street bikeway considerations

Parking protected bike lanes



Source: New York City DOT

Delineator separated bike lanes



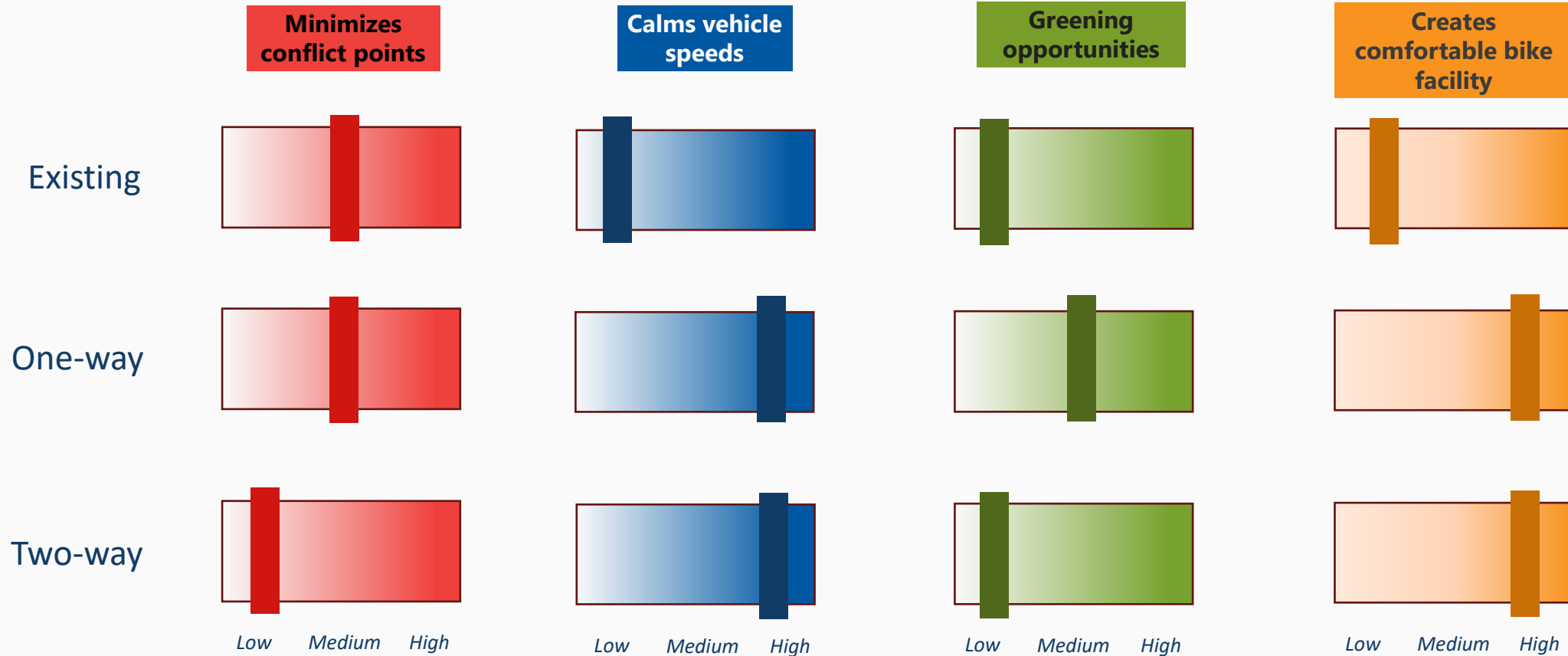
Source: City of Minneapolis

Concrete curb protected bike lanes



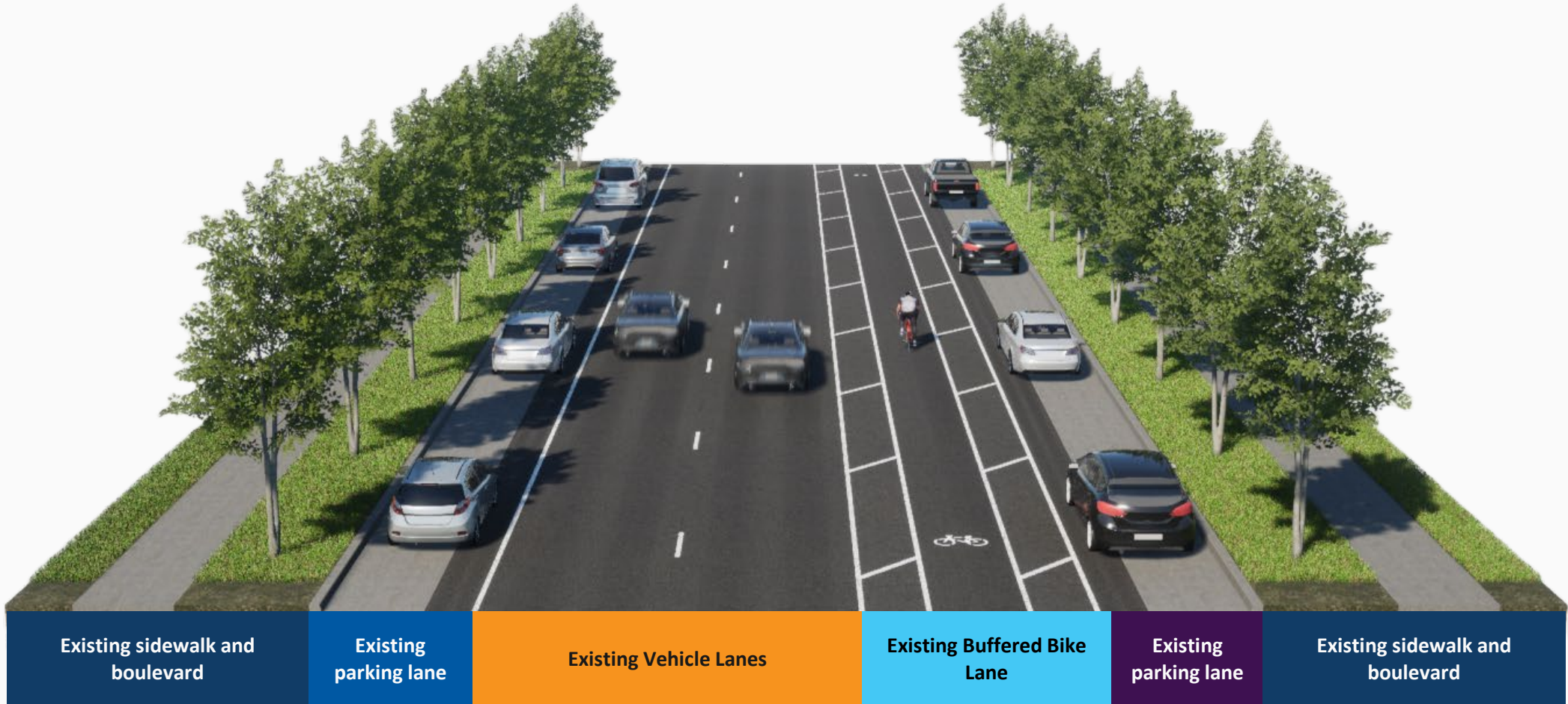
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# Protected on-street bikeway considerations





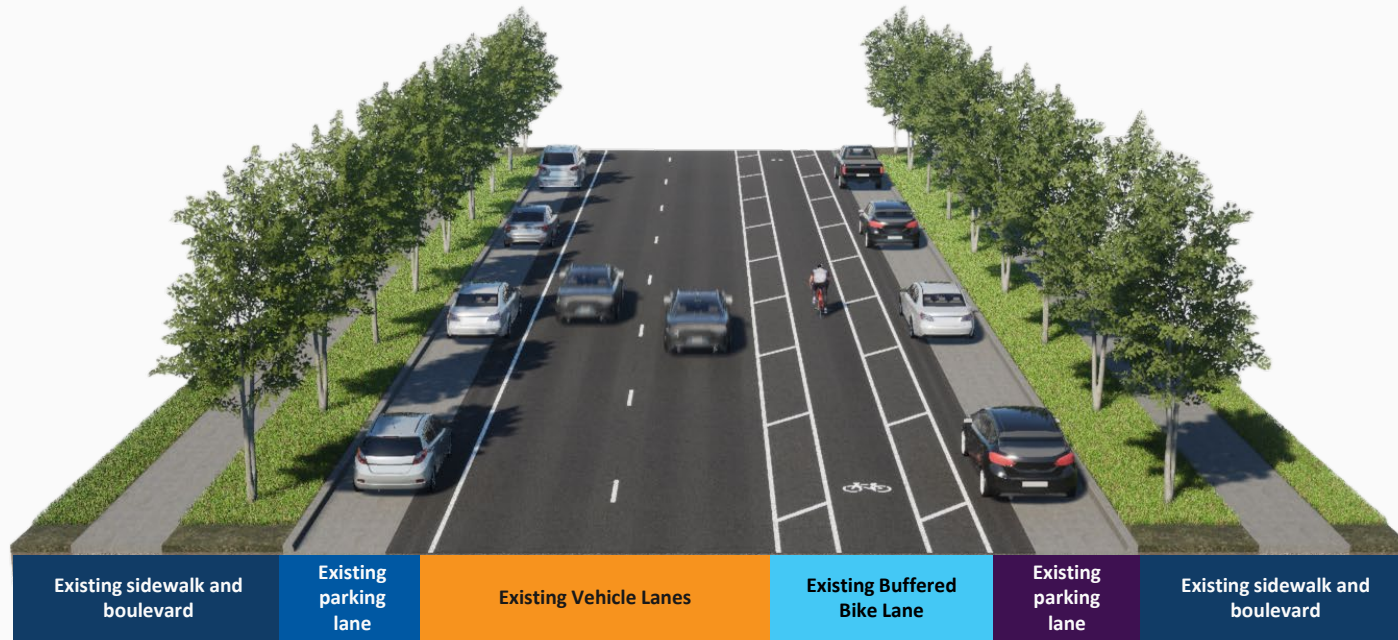
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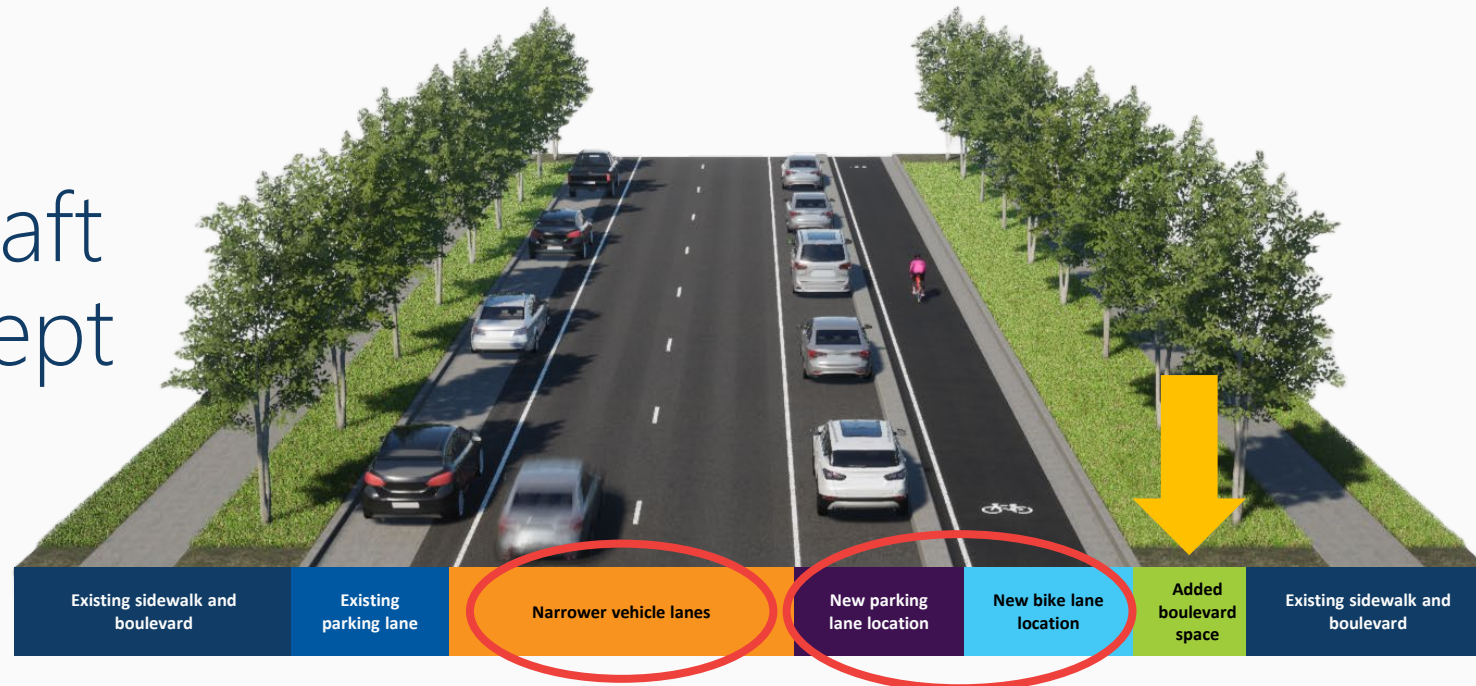
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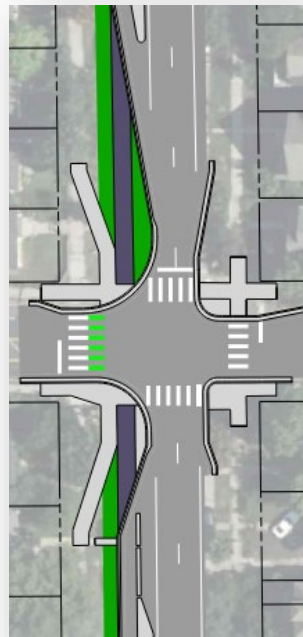
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# Intersection treatment options

	Reduce speeds	Enhanced visibility of people walking	Reduce crossing distance	Separation for people biking	Space for greening	Parking impacts
Curb extensions	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Parking lane medians	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Center median	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—

Curb extensions



Parking lane medians



Center median



# Curb extension

Existing



Existing view from the southeast corner of Park Avenue and 31<sup>st</sup> Street looking north

Proposed



DRAFT CONCEPT – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The draft design concept from the southeast corner of Park Avenue and 31<sup>st</sup> Street looking north

# Parking lane median

Existing



Existing view from the southeast corner of Park Avenue and 44<sup>th</sup> Street looking north

Proposed



The draft design concept from the southeast corner of Park Avenue and 44<sup>th</sup> Street looking north

# Closed center median

Existing



Existing view from the northwest corner of Portland Avenue and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street looking south

Proposed



The draft design concept from the northwest corner of Portland Avenue and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street looking south

# Intersection treatment selection

Each intersection was analyzed to determine the appropriate safety improvements based on the following criteria:



Number of drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians using the intersection



Connection to the existing bike network



Signalized or unsignalized intersection



Transportation disadvantage (Justice 40)



Proximity to activity centers



Community priority



Crash history



Engineering judgement



# Ongoing engagement



## Winter 2025

- Share draft design concept for public review and feedback
- Online survey



## Summer 2025

- Share proposed final design and next steps

# Questions/comments

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