

Park and Portland avenues safety improvements project

Phase 2 open house summary

The project team held an open house on February 13, 2025 at the Park Ave United Methodist Church in Minneapolis. More than 65 people attended the meeting. The purpose of the open house was to share the proposed draft design concept and collect feedback from the public.



The Hennepin County project manager presents design considerations for the proposed draft design concept to open house attendees.

How we got the word out

To let people know about the project and the open house, we used focused outreach methods that included:

 Mailings

 Comment forms

 Phone calls

 Engagement portal interactions

 Webpage updates

 Emails

 Community pop-up events

How we collected feedback

Attendees had the opportunity to give their feedback on the project and the proposed draft design concept in the following ways:

 Comment cards

 Layout comments

 Verbal comments to project staff

What we heard

A total of **94 project layout comments** and **22 comment cards** were collected.

Primary themes



Safety and vehicle speed concerns

"Biggest concern is speed. For all. Bikers, parking, peds, kids."



Cut through traffic concerns

"Closed medians mean irresponsible driving will end up in the neighborhoods and alleyways."



Support for separated bike lanes and pedestrian crossings

"I live at 37th and Portland and I love this plan! Avid biker and walker and I am over the moon. This will make a big difference for my young family."

"Please keep the design of the bicycles not being visually blocked by parked cars."

Other themes



Traffic calming measures

Suggestions included adding medians, roundabouts, and speed bumps, especially near schools, parks, and high-crash areas.



Lighting and visibility

Several comments mention the need for better street lighting and visibility at crosswalks, bus stops, and intersections to improve safety.



Traffic flow and lane adjustments

Comments questioned lane configurations, signal timings, and whether roads should be restriped to manage traffic more effectively.



Community engagement

There was a call for greater outreach to non-English speaking residents and communities north of Lake Street to ensure inclusivity in planning.

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