

Park and Portland safety improvements project

Project overview

Hennepin County is planning to make safety improvements on Park Avenue (County Road 33) and Portland Avenue (County Road 35) between I-94 and 46th Street (County Road 46). Park and Portland avenues are a pair of one-way roads with buffered bike lanes that run from downtown through south Minneapolis.

Project goals



Improve safety on Park and Portland avenues



Provide enhanced crossing opportunities for people walking, rolling and biking



Create safe, comfortable and convenient places for people to bike



Implement design elements that calm vehicle speeds

What we heard

The project team engaged community members between March and November 2024 to introduce the project and understand how community members use the corridor. Comments and responses from 11 neighborhood meetings, two public meetings and seven pop-up events were analyzed and categorized into the following themes:

- Improve safety by reducing vehicle speeds, enhancing visibility of people crossing at intersections, separating bicyclists from vehicle traffic and narrowing the roadway width
- Maintain street parking
- Provide additional lighting and more greening



Project final design concept



Improving the overall safety of these corridors is the main purpose of this project which we plan to achieve through the use of various safety improvement measures such as curb extensions, raised medians, flashing beacons, etc. These improvements will enhance the safety for people walking, biking, rolling, driving and using transit.



The current bike lane will be improved with the addition of curb protection to provide physical separation from vehicle travel lanes. The location of the bike lane and parking lane will be swapped to visually narrow the roadways and to provide additional protection for bicyclists.



The majority of parking along the corridors is preserved. Some parking is impacted where safety improvements are proposed.

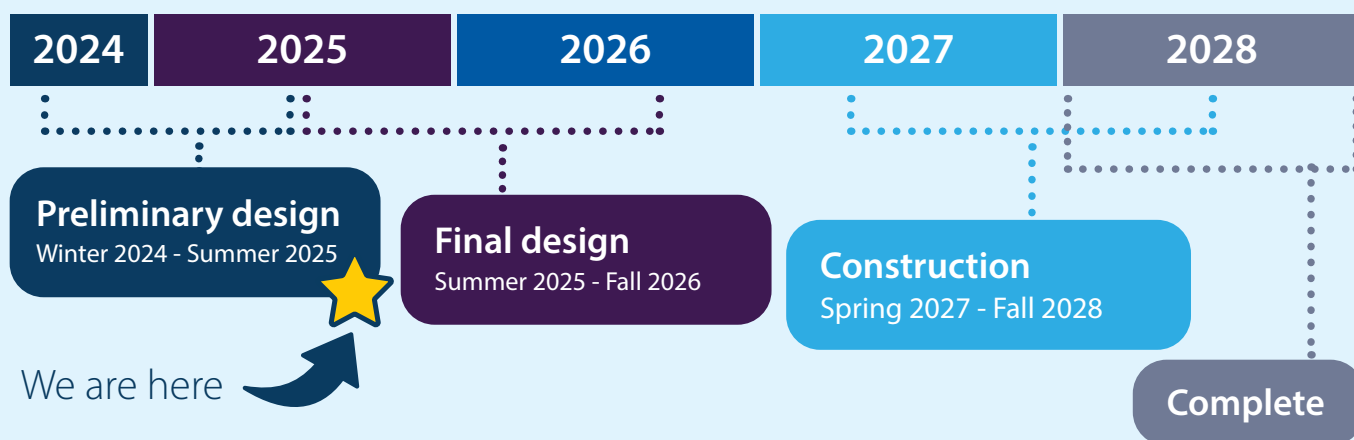
Existing design



Project final design concept



Project schedule



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