

Sunset Drive reconstruction

County Road 51 in Spring Park

Project overview

Hennepin County and the City of Spring Park are working together to reconstruct Sunset Drive between Spring Street and Shadywood Road (County Road 19). The project team is currently working with the community to develop a design for the corridor that will best serve current and future users. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2023.

In 2021, the project team went out into the community, hosted a virtual open house, installed signage along key areas of the corridor, handed out flyers, and offered an online commenting map to hear from as many stakeholders as possible. This report summarizes all the feedback we received during this phase of engagement.



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2021 engagement summary



**2 pop up
events**



**1 virtual open house
November 15, 2021**



**Installed
signage**



**Interactive
comment map**



**60 open house
comments**



**Passed out over
130 flyers**

Next steps

The project team will use the input gathered from the public and create different improvement options for the corridor. These improvements will be shared on the project website. The team will also continue to engage with the community safely in-person at local events throughout the year. To find ways to stay involved during this next phase of engagement, visit the project website at hennepin.us/sunset-drive.



Comment summaries

Virtual open house comment summary



Speeding is a concern. Desire for reducing speed or other traffic calming measures.

30+
attendees

60
comments



Some blind spots on the corridor need to be addressed.



Desire to add a roundabout at the Shadywood Road intersection.

Desire for additional lighting along the trail, road, and sidewalk.



Desire to add a sidewalk along the length of Sunset Drive.

Online comment map summary

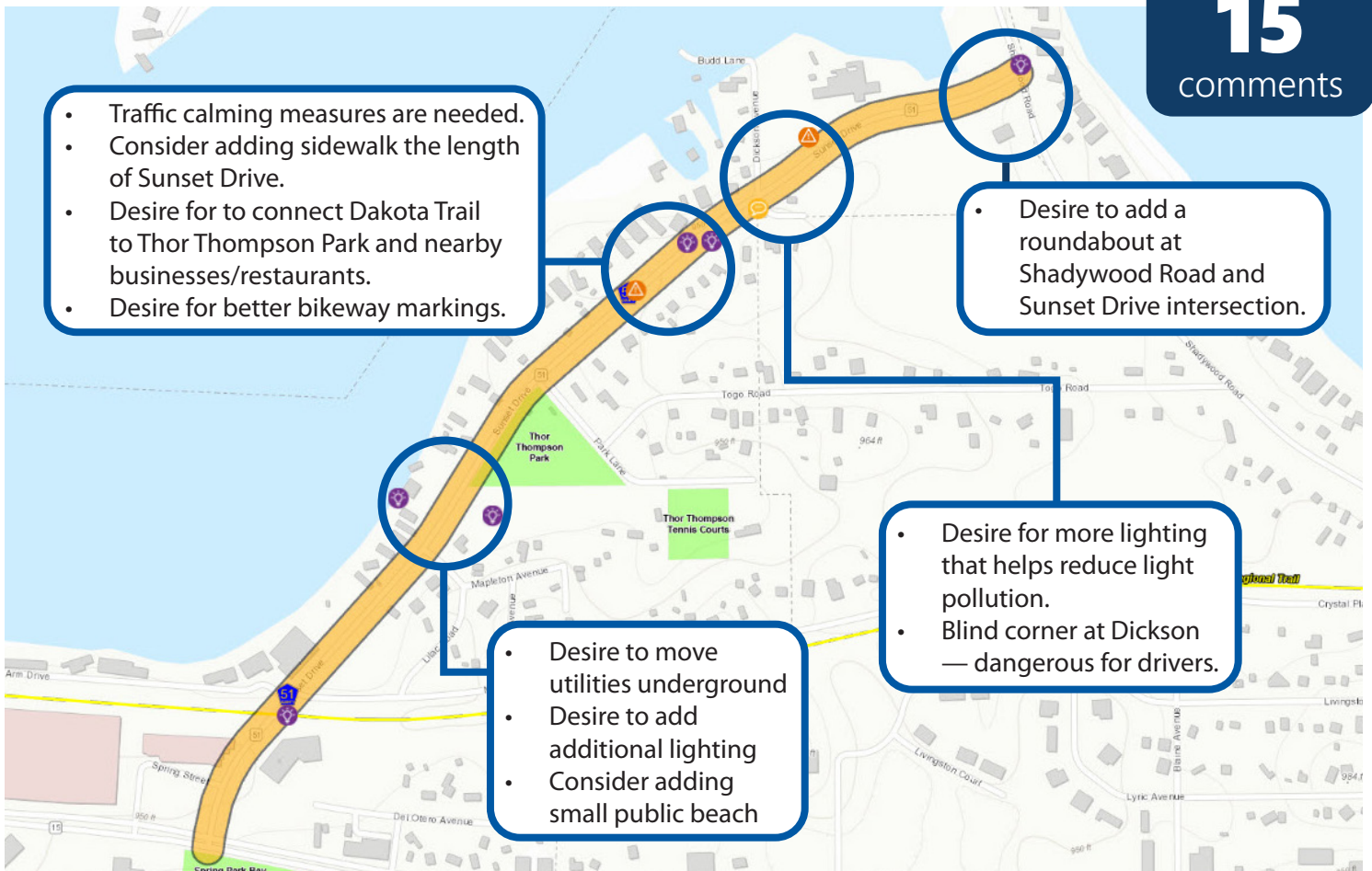
15
comments

- Traffic calming measures are needed.
- Consider adding sidewalk the length of Sunset Drive.
- Desire for to connect Dakota Trail to Thor Thompson Park and nearby businesses/restaurants.
- Desire for better bikeway markings.

- Desire to add a roundabout at Shadywood Road and Sunset Drive intersection.

- Desire for more lighting that helps reduce light pollution.
- Blind corner at Dickson — dangerous for drivers.

- Desire to move utilities underground
- Desire to add additional lighting
- Consider adding small public beach



Pop-ups and signage

Pop-up events

Two pop-up events were held on October 21st at Lord Fletchers and on October 28th at Lunds and Byerlys. The goal of these pop-up events was to connect with a wide range of people to inform them of the project and provide them with ways to stay involved. Over 50 flyers were handed out at these two pop-up events.



Signage installation

Outdoor signs, which included a QR code and a link to the website, were placed at key locations in the project area. The signs provided an innovative way to engage with people and cast a wide net to ensure we'd reach as many people as possible.

