

Sunset series



Complete streets

What are Complete Streets?

Complete Streets help create livable communities by balancing the needs of all roadway users.

A Complete Streets approach integrates people and place in the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of a transportation network. This approach helps reduce transportation costs, while also improving safety, public health and equity.

One of the ways it addresses these issues is by including considerations for children, people living with disabilities, older adults, and people who cannot rely on a motor vehicle.

What does a Complete Street look like?

At Hennepin County, Complete Streets means designing roads that prioritize safety, mobility, accessibility and convenience for people of all ages and abilities — whether they are walking, rolling, biking, driving or using transit.

Hennepin County is a diverse area with different communities, environments, road types and other factors. Because of this, there is no singular design approach and streets will look different as a result, even when using a Complete Streets approach.

But to simplify things, a county road may include a combination of these elements:

- Sidewalks or trails
- Bike facilities
- Motor vehicle travel lanes
- Improved pedestrian crossings
- Parking near businesses and local destinations
- Landscaping, such as trees and streetlights



Blake Road (County Road 20) in Hopkins



Wayzata Boulevard (County Road 112) in Long Lake

Share your thoughts using the online comment map at www.hennepin.us/sunset-drive

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Determining a design for Sunset Drive

We will use a Complete Streets design in a way that considers the character of Sunset Drive, the values of the community and the needs of all users.

To ensure the design meets the needs of the community, we will assess and consider the following:

- How the road functions today
- Current and future needs of all corridor users, like people walking, rolling, biking and driving
- The character of the project area, such as natural features and land uses
- Input from the local community and stakeholders



Douglas Drive (County Road 102) in Golden Valley

Sharing your vision for a better Sunset Drive

You still have time to share your thoughts for a better Sunset Drive. We want to know what elements could make this road better and safer for you and others.

To provide your thoughts, go to our [interactive comment map](#)

We are taking your feedback and using our project goals to develop an initial design to share with you this spring.

Like last year, project staff will continue to engage with the public in 2022 for additional feedback that will help shape the best design for Sunset Drive.

Stay tuned to the project website for future engagement opportunities so we can better understand issues and opportunities along Sunset Drive.