

Cedar Avenue reconstruction

Phase 4 engagement summary

Background

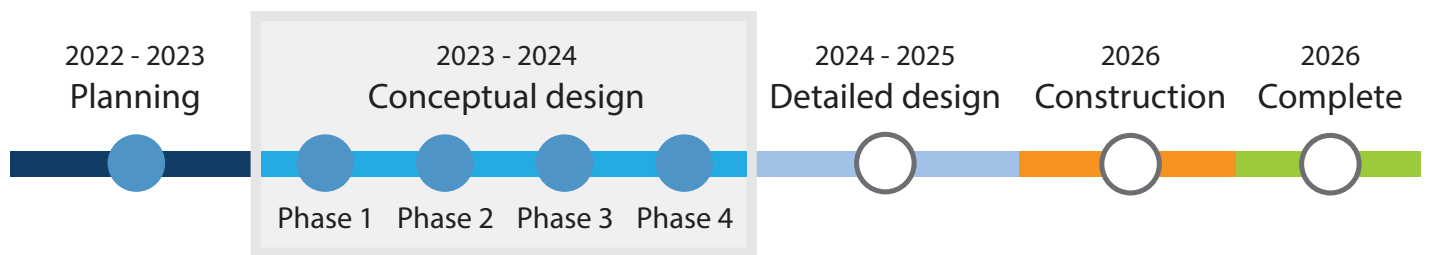
Hennepin County, in partnership with the City of Minneapolis, plans to reconstruct Cedar Avenue (County Road 152) between Lake Street (County Road 3) and 24th Street East. Engagement began in the spring of 2023 and phase 4 concluded in summer of 2024.

The fourth phase of engagement involved reporting back to the community about how their input shaped the preferred design and providing opportunities for people to ask questions and provide feedback via office hours.

Engagement events

Phase 4 events consisted of office hours at Little Earth. This document also contains a summary of comments received via email throughout the project. About 15 people attended office hours and about 20 email comments were submitted.

Project schedule



Office hours feedback

At each office hour, attendees went over the preferred design with project staff. Project staff explained the design elements, how they incorporated what was heard in previous engagement and answered questions.

Parking



- Questions about loss of parking, especially at 27th Street and 28th Street

Road design



- Discussion about traffic flow, for both cars and bicycles
- Concern about loitering in added greenspace
- Questions about the net change in tree coverage
- Desire for flashing beacons, specifically at Stately Street

Biking



- Concern for bicyclist safety at 28th due to unpredictable car traffic and potential U-turns around medians
- Desire for better signage to get to the Midtown Greenway

Community wellness



- Questions about responsibility for snow and trash clearance, as well as the adequacy of pedestrian walkways
- Issues raised about the impact of truck vibrations and noise, especially near bridges and buildings

Email feedback

Community members were invited to reach out to the project team via email throughout engagement phases. Most emails received were in response to the preferred design in phase 4 of engagement.

Road design



- Support for elements like medians, improved crossings, and overall aesthetics
- Support for slower speeds via narrower lane widths, roundabouts or bump-outs

Community wellness



- Concern for maintaining trees and green spaces amid new construction

Parking



- Questions about loss of parking, particularly between 27th and 28th Streets

Biking



- Concerns about bicyclist safety where the bike lane ends at 28th Street



Participants share feedback at Little Earth office hours

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