

Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department
Location and Design Review
7th Street Transit Advantage

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Capital Projects: 7th Street Transit Advantage

Departments Submitting the Projects: Public Works

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Proposal Description: The Metropolitan Council is leading a project commonly referred to as the '7th Street Transit Advantage' or 'Downtown Minneapolis Transit Advantage'. The project includes the realignment of sidewalks and the installation of transit shelters at two general locations; 7th Street North and Hennepin Avenue, and 7th Street South and Nicollet Mall.

The City will design and construct new curb & gutter and wider sidewalk at both locations. The City's design and construction at 7th Street South and Nicollet Mall will also include modifications to the street pavement and street lighting system. The purpose of the project is to accommodate transit and pedestrian improvements.

The cost for the 7th Street South and Nicollet Mall work is estimated to be \$330,000 and shall be the City of Minneapolis's costs. Any design work that falls within the area for reconstruction of Nicollet Mall will be designed and built to be consistent with that project.

The cost for the 7th Street North and Hennepin Ave work is estimated to be \$140,000. The Metropolitan Council shall reimburse the City for the actual cost.

In coordination with the work the City will perform, Metropolitan Council will design, construct and install the transit shelters and associated appurtenances at the two locations, including foundations, pylons, ticket vending machines and conduit. The funding for this coordinated Metropolitan Council work will not pass through the City budget.

Conformance with Comprehensive Plan: Enhancement of pedestrian facilities is supported by policies in the City's comprehensive plan related to creating sustainable, livable, and healthy communities, as well as creating vibrant places that attract residents, workers, and economic investment to the City. The following are key policies from the Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth that are supportive of this project:

Policy 5.4: Enhance the safety, appearance, and effectiveness of the city's infrastructure.

5.4.1 Maintain and improve the quality and condition of public streets, sidewalks, bridges, water systems, and other public infrastructure.

Policy 2.3: Encourage walking throughout the city by ensuring that routes are safe, comfortable, pleasant, and accessible.

2.3.1 Ensure that there are safe and accessible pedestrian routes to major destinations, including transit corridors, from nearby residential areas.

2.3.2 Identify and encourage the development of pedestrian routes within Activity Centers, Growth Centers, and other commercial areas that have superior pedestrian facilities.

Policy 1.13: Support high density development near transit stations in ways that encourage transit use and contribute to interesting and vibrant places.

1.13.6 Encourage investment and place making around transit stations through infrastructure changes and the planning and installation of streetscape, public art, and other public amenities.

Policy 10.9: Support urban design standards that emphasize traditional urban form with pedestrian scale design features at the street level in mixed-use and transit-oriented development.

10.9.3 Provide safe, accessible, convenient, and lighted access and way finding to transit stops and transit stations along the Primary Transit Network bus and rail corridors.

10.9.4 Coordinate site designs and public right-of-way improvements to provide adequate sidewalk space for pedestrian movement, street trees, landscaping, street furniture, sidewalk cafes and other elements of active pedestrian areas.

Policy 10.16: Design streets and sidewalks to ensure safety, pedestrian comfort and aesthetic appeal.

10.16.1 Encourage wider sidewalks in commercial nodes, activity centers, along community and commercial corridors and in growth centers such as Downtown and the University of Minnesota.

10.16.2 Provide streetscape amenities, including street furniture, trees, and landscaping, that buffer pedestrians from auto traffic, parking areas, and winter elements.

10.16.3 Integrate placement of street furniture and fixtures, including landscaping and lighting, to serve a function and not obstruct pedestrian pathways and pedestrian flows.

10.16.4 Employ pedestrian-friendly features along streets, including street trees and landscaped boulevards that add interest and beauty while also managing storm water, appropriate lane widths, raised intersections, and high-visibility crosswalks.

Attachments:

- Location Map

7th Street North & South Transit Advantage Project

Grading, Curb & Gutter, Resurfacing, Sidewalks, Seal Coat & Striping



Project

