

**Comments Received from Residents Living on the Temporary Northside Greenway Demonstration Blocks
(3000 – 3500 Irving Ave N)
(Updated 2/24/16)**

This document includes all of the comments received by the City of Minneapolis about the demonstration project on the 3000-3500 blocks of Irving Ave N. The comments come from a variety of sources:

- Events held to gather feedback about the demonstration in July and August 2015
- Phone calls and emails to City staff about the demonstration project (including emails sending photos of completed feedback postcards)
- Comments received via door knocking in September and October 2015 (specific to the demonstration)
- Comments received about the greenway project in general via surveys collected in summer 2014

3000-3100 Irving Ave N – feedback received about the demonstration project (in summer/fall 2015) and about the greenway in general (summer 2014)

Demonstration feedback postcards and emails (received summer 2015)			
#	Q1: What would you like to see?	Q2: What concerns do you have?	Q3: Block Info?
25	I am opposed to this. It will increase traffic and create nuisance. Quite honestly there is enough drug activity. This gives that element something else to help blend in with. I WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY OF THIS.	My neighbors are concerned with not being about to park in front of their houses. The loss of sidewalk spaces and the like. Yesterday I wrote a note stating that I didn't feel safe parking in the back driveway of my home <i>[Information removed in order to protect respondent's identity.]</i> I have bad knees and need to part in front of my home to get help up to my door. There is a long way from the driveway to my back door so the front is the best. As I said I have the posts stating that I can park there with my handicap sticker. So what happens for people with the posts? I will fight to keep them as they are needed for me. Eventually I will need to be in a scooter or wheel chair due to the difficulty I have walking, and a ramp would be needed in the front for me to get from my vehicle. I am very upset about this project. Please get back to me on this if possible. I have lived in my house on Irving since 03/03/73. I have lived here on the North side for 42 yrs. and in those years there was a murder in my alley and right now dealing with a group of teenagers doing damage to my car (which was parked in my driveway) and broken garage windows. I refuse to park back there due to this. There is a street light across the street from me and it is light in front of my house where I park. I refuse to go along with this idea of the greenway in not allowing me to park in safety in front of my house. My husband was pelted with rocks one night two weeks ago getting out of our vehicle parked in back. NO! I am not going to be forced to park where it is not safe... for me or my vehicle. Try this on another block... PLEASE!!!!	31XX Irving

27		<p>Hi, why are you still pursuing this? One of the benefits I read on the site says "studies show that people who are closer to parks are healthier". Well, we live quite close to the parks so how is the greenway going to change that? If anything is done a partial one would be ok but streets still need to be accessible to autos. When will the Humboldt Greenway far north Mpls be done? Nothing has happened there since the recession. Hi, you received a response from 30XX Irving Ave N that said "nothing" and "the displacement of my people". Ignore that. It's from my niece who with her family is living with me temporarily & will not be affected by the greenway should it happen. She is white with a dad who is mixed so she decided a few years ago that what concerns blacks concerns her, making their issues hers. She thinks that this "greenway" project is about the upper class whites coming in & displacing the poor. She's not buying into this health thing. I am not available Sat. so that's why I e-mailed you. If you do a one-way you need to take into consideration a neighbor on the 31st end who has a handicap parking space. I think it would be wiser to spend time finding ways to help low-income & seniors make improvements to their properties including alleys and the safety of neighborhoods so people can enjoy their homes without worry of crime. Sat afternoon while out working in my yard, a car went speeding through the ally. I thought I might see a squad after it but didn't. a neighbor said he has complained about it as there are children who are often in the ally. He was told either speed limit signs could be posted or speed bumps well, we have had the speed limit signs up for about 2 yrs & still there are some cars going too fast. I'd rather see more done to ensure safe allies & streets then greenways that are really not necessary. This would be a better use of funds. Thanks</p>	30XX Irving Ave N
33	Positive activities for children friendly for families/ feel safe connect parks (Include this winter and N. Mississippi)	If this turns into a real thing it will be good. No concerns. Summertime not really considered a friendly time in North but greenway could change that.	31XX Irving Ave N
34	Traffic calming elements. Speed bumps (every 30ft). Safe routes for students "kids are being hit by reckless drivers"	Accesses home through various ways sometime alleyway not having access at all entry ways taxpayer should be entitled to this.	31XX Irving Ave N
35	Slow down traffic. Water Fountain. Safe for children. Public Art. Speed bumps. Place to ride	"Could be positive for neighborhood"	30XX Irving

	bikes.		Ave N
37	Planters, Large Park Space, Playground equipment	Cost of permanent greenway	30XX Irving Ave N
38	neighborhood street decorated vibrant/lively		31XX Irving Ave N
39	Build the Greenway! Separate pedestrians from vehicles. Proper signage for crossing the streets (look both ways). Swimming pools. People stop shooting people/fireworks. Safety no fighting or abuse/domestic violence. Trash receptacles. Playground- Big and Small park space.	Worried about people breaking windows. Shootings/Safe!. Proper signage to let people know of Greenway.	31XX Irving Ave N

Door knocking comments (September and October 2015):

- Concerned about full greenway (see postcard for more comments); two people with disabilities live in the house
- Not in favor – see postcard (concerns about elderly visitors accessing home, doesn't see need for it).

Q1: What activities would you like to do on the demonstration greenway?	Q2: What concerns do you have?	Q3: Block Info?
Stops through traffic. Extra illumination good (lights)	1) parking loss and issue. He works on vehicles and needs a place to park them. Needs access for disabled residents of house (two). 2) property taxes/values/assessments. 3) Drug trafficking. 4) Auto vandalism.	31XX Irving
Likes half and half	Parking not available on Lowry/30th Ave. Needs parking for disabled family and friends. Concerns about food delivery.	31XX Irving
Calm traffic; speeding vehicles. Safe routes to schools programming. Speed bumps. Really likes the idea		30XX Irving

2014 Survey Data (about the greenway concept in general; collected summer 2014)*

Support in general	Support on block	Changes	Safe space recommendations	Comments	Amenities
Oppose	Strongly Oppose	none don't need this	nothing	I live on 30th & Irving where the buses take kids to & from schools & there is a park at both ends of this stretch of road & people have no problem getting to them. We do see a lot of emergency vehicles go by. My concern is for those emergency vehicles to get where they're needed. Would this reduce crime? No mention of this. Might increase some crime. I think this is utopia thinking not real world. I don't want to pay a special assessment. I'd like to see our sidewalks fixed.	no input
Strongly Support	strongly support	missing	none	missing	missing
neutral	neutral	two way parking	yes	missing	trees, walking path
neutral	neutral	not on all the street and how far it is going 44 - Plymouth	shorter in length	missing	park for the kids
Support	Support	Less road closings	Police on bike or foot	Missing	n/a
Strongly Support	Strongly Support	No changes -- I like the full-greenway option the best.	police patrols	missing	water play place for kids, other kids play spaces, flower gardens, vegetable garden space for residents
Strongly Support	strongly support	big enough from youth	missing	missing	missing

Strongly Support	strongly support	missing	yes	missing	missing
neutral	neutral	no info	missing	more outreach	missing
Strongly Support	Support	missing	missing	missing	Plenty of garbage cans and seeing mounted police patrols.
Strongly Support	Strongly Support	None - excellent proposals as-is.	Good (and redundant) lighting. Clear delimitation between bike and walking areas.	A greenway would be a big step away from the economic and facility marginalization of North Minneapolis.	Full greenway option.

*"missing" means that the respondent chose to skip this question.

3200 Irving Ave N feedback received about the demonstration project (in summer/fall 2015) and about the greenway in general (summer 2014)

Demonstration feedback postcards and emails (received summer 2015)			
#	Q1: What would you like to see?	Q2: What concerns do you have?	Q3: Block Info?
17	"this greenway could not come soon enough" "should have been built 20 years ago"	Maintenance-winter plow sidewalks for residents-both sides alleyway access- ice ruts	32XX Irving Ave N.
30	Recreation space important for kids playing on block * Plant Flowers Front and Alleyways	Litter needs volunteer support to keep block cleaner (grass)	32XX Irving Ave N
31	BBQ Pits, Play areas for children, Recreation/Transportation		32XX Irving Ave N
46	Live on the drive- music; movies	Safe for people/kids - lights, officers or volunteer community monitors	32XX Irving Ave N
48	Basketball court; Soccer Area; Music; food; Kids activities		32XX Irving Ave N
49	Active amenities; Health equity/activities; Open Space for public		32XX Irving Ave N
57	Favorable; Contributing to public art. Garden community		32XX Irving

Demonstration feedback – quadrant worksheet (received at events in summer 2015)					
#	I like...	I wish...	Questions/Concerns...	Ideas/Connections	Block #
2	Like the Matthew H option (calm street). Want some street parking. Murals in street. That there would be parking on the street. Planters are nice! Benches! Libraries! Like a lot of the ideas. Not so sure about the message boards.		Parking in alleyway spacing shared; driveways - sharing this. Garages & safety in alleys.		32XX Irving Ave
31			Alley-ways! They must be kept maintained! I have a front driveway and no alley access		32XX Irving Ave

Door knocking comments (September and October 2015):

- May be block club leader, OK with greenway demo
- Neighbor says that they are opposed
- Totally opposed. Said that he “will come after your ass” if it’s put in. Later ran after us down the street and yelled at us for door knocking on another street. Would not believe that there would still be parking available on his street.
- Like the idea
- OK. Wants spaces for kids.
- Overall fine with demo
- OK with it. Wants kid play spaces.
- Overall fine with demo.

Q1: What activities would you like to do on the demonstration greenway?	Q2: What concerns do you have?	Q3: Block Info?
	Will all the activity move from the front of the street to the alleyway?	32XX Irving
Likes space for students/children to play away from vehicles. Friendly.		32XX Irving
Sounds good	May move soon.	32XX Irving
	Strongly opposed to losing parking.	32XX Irving

2014 Survey Data (about the greenway concept in general; collected summer 2014)*

Support in general	Support on block	Changes	Safe space recommendations	Comments	Amenities
Neutral	Neutral	missing	Good lighting. Police bike patrols. Cameras.	missing	I feel very strongly that a half & half design or bike lane are the only designs that are feasible for residents to have access to their homes. I am strongly opposed to a full greenway. The alleys, driveways and garages in North Minneapolis were not designed for large SUVs or multiple cars. This would create a parking nightmare for people on the greenway. Can you imagine having to park down the street from the home that you own after a trip to the grocery store, especially with small children in tow?
Neutral	Neutral	Room for emergency vehicles	Half & Half Greenway so emergency vehicles can get to our houses.	missing	Half & Half Greenway - Had too much trouble in past with gangs and don't want to take chances with more coming and only bikes to chase them if needed. We need space for emergency vehicles
support	support	none	patrolling	missing	half
Strongly Support	strongly support	full	cutting off traffic, trash cans	about Lowry? Impact on whole block not just blvd	full greenway, more color
support	support	see more final	limited traffic	missing	half and half
neutral	Neutral	none	police patrol, lighting, sight line?	missing	full linear, seating, walkways
Strongly Support	strongly support	none	cameras, patrols	missing	half and half
Strongly Support	strongly support	none	good signage at cross streets	missing	half and half/one way
Strongly Support	neutral	none	lights	missing	bike blvd

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15	Calm traffic; Slow down cars	Snow plowing; should not block cars/people into back lot- dump snow at nearby location.	33XX Irving Ave
24	I don't even want the greenway on my street	It will bring too many people milling around my house- more people- more crime potential	33xx Irving Ave
40	Play areas; Businesses; Better Safety elements- real community outreach; home ownership and better renters; School district problematic and moving	What the plan is for parking and access for disabled people safety/property values & tax	33XX Irving Ave N
41	"Busy"	Increased pedestrian traffic	33XX Irving Ave N
42	Child Family Activities	Why aren't we doing it now?	33XX Irving Ave N
43	Green space	Parking - HALF/HALF	33XX Irving Ave N
44	Address disparities: Grocery stores; jobs; access; Env. Justice here/ health	Increased traffic	33XX Irving Ave N
45	Encourage use by families students/Community building		33XX Irving Ave N
56	Cut down on traffic- children young supervision issues " if cars can't go through this good for street" Be nice to be on bikes without cars less crime; idling vehicles; less car traffic	Likes full greenway option	33XX Irving Ave N

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3	Community spaces! We don't need street parking. Like it.			Work through block club leaders to get input. 3300 block has a great block club.	33XX Irving
23	Bike pump station; bike lanes; box planters; mini libraries	Lighting	Don't like the greenway idea @ all. Parking-safety, convenience, trash cans wouldn't get used		33XX Irving
26	Benches; Trash cans; Open to 1/2 and 1/2 or Full. Water fountain; I like natural planters. Bollards; Don't mind a play area. Just not in front of my house. Limestone blocks boulders. Make it look like it's meant to be there.	Will look better for longer periods of time; I like things that will withstand a lot over the [project] but still look good.	Understand peoples' concerns about parking; I park in garage, so I don't care as much. Visitor parking is a concern. If it was me, I would like to see my car. Picnic tables invite trash. No Grills; don't like community idea wall	Mesh lights would be destroyed. String lights are neat but maybe not practical. Hammock would get ruined or stolen.	33XX Irving
28	Ice rinks good for kids; no bike racks don't want people to stay too long might be ok for summer; Community message board & walk [your city] signs; Places for kids benches good for elderly; plastic b/c metal ones are hot in summer; Mini libraries; String lights; safety stations; Calls in emergency or to make a loud noise); Safety stations; Prefer full greenway; bike pump; plants- more interested in flowers; Garbage can landscape boulders traffic signs		Kids- lots of little kids on the blocks; Neighbor was beat up; I don't think it's a good idea to mix kids and cars.		33XX Irving

32		To see some public art	It's a lot to take in and process all at once		33XX Irving
33	I bike in summer on other trails and we are a part of a community garden. It would be nice to have those close.	We like the full linear greenway because it's nice to have more gardening and gathering spaces for community	No Frankenstein street; Has to be continuity block to block	Block clubs would be natural groups of people to take part	33XX Irving
34	Anything that can make people come out and move. Childhood	For the greenway to be as green as possible with as many edible plants as possible	How would police handle patrolling the demo/greenway. A lot of my neighbors are concerned about loitering teenagers and others	Things kids can do "Adopt a greenway" When each block takes responsibility for their portion of the greenway	33XX Irving
48	Planters (Box, bin) benches		Access for disabled people on the west side of street; alley: Problems w/ plowing and not getting out of the alleyway.		33XX Irving
53	Half and half will see after greenway test	We want trash cans No benches- bbq- no partying in front of my house; Lighting	Plowing alley-w/ full greenway; Parking 2 vehicles; Guest parking; safety for parked vehicles- lights; Property values- Buying property on agreenway? Or not know it was on a greenway. No sidewalk in back- no access from block; Dumpster parking for construction		33XX Irving Ave

Door knocking comments (September and October 2015):

- Resident was sick and asked me to leave information in the mailbox.
- Sounds good.
- Concerned about parking, design, purpose. OK with it as long as there is parking on the street.
- Isn't sure if chicanes will help slow traffic; wonders about effectiveness; if people will drive into planters?
- Great people, active in the community
- Love it. No problems. Likes the full closure.
- Totally disagrees with it.
- Likes it, but moving soon
- OK with it

2014 Survey Data (about the greenway concept in general; collected summer 2014)*

Support in general	Support on block	Changes	Safe space recommendations	Comments	Amenities
Strongly Support	Strongly Support	No traffic on the streets makes it safer for children. Less chance of obnoxious people disregarding traffic rules.	No car traffic, regular patrols by law enforcement on bikes	Love love love love this project. Thank you for all your hard work, this will be a huge boost for north Minneapolis!	I'd like the full greenway with no car traffic. An adjustment for residents, but I think the best long-term solution. I'd love community gardens, and modern children's play areas that foster creative play.
Strongly Support	Strongly Support	I like the proposed greenway route as it is today.	Well thought out "street" lighting and making sure all homes can be properly accessed by all EMS, Police and Fire crews safely and effectively. All alleys for those loosing on-street parking would need to be a FIRST priority for all snowplowing and it would need to be done in a pristine manner. Some alleys may even need removal of the snow if it is to be our only passable area for traffic.	This could be a really great project if the City addresses ALL concerns and it is well thought out. Do not make this another quick fix on the north side. And by quick fix, I mean, poorly thought out and last on the list of city concerns.	I would personally like to see a walking and biking path. I'd prefer a full (or partial) greenway. I just want to see proper "street" lighting of the area. Amenities: the path alone would be an amenity for me.
missing	missing	I support the half and half	I am aware that	missing	Half and half or bike boulevard. Not a

		greenway or the bike boulevard. I do not support the full linear greenway. I live on the proposed route and for a number of reasons, having access my home only from the rear would be extremely inconvenient on a daily basis, and even more so carrying groceries, luggage, furniture, or having elderly guests. I've lived in my home 33 years, and am nearing retirement age. Not being able to park in front of my home would reduce the quality of my life in my home and reduce the years I will be able to stay here.	emergency vehicles would have access to the bike boulevard, but I doubt a bike path would be adequate for the number of large vehicles that respond to a fire emergency.		full linear park.
Strongly Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Wouldn't have it, it is a waste of money and not enough people use them to make it viable. Also there is already not enough parking un Minneapolis	missing	Typical socialist government project. Waste taxpayers money on a project that a very small minority of the public will actually use. Also when the house values in the neighborhood drop, and they will who is going to reimburse the homeowners	I would move!!!
Strongly Support	Strongly Support	missing	missing	missing	Community gardens. Opposed to picnic type facilities due to amount of

					garbage generated.
Strongly Support	Strongly Support	none	extra police patrols?	missing	missing
Strongly Oppose	Strongly Oppose	don't want the greenway!!!	don't want the greenway!!	DONT WANT THE GREENWAY!!	DONT WANT THE GREENWAY!!!
Strongly Support	Strongly Support	missing	Good lighting at night. Regular police patrol.	missing	Full greenway. Lots of plants, flowers etc.
missing	missing	missing	missing	I live on the proposed greenway and filled out this survey before with concerns about not being able to access my home from the front. But only recently, I've considered what the alley would be like. It's one lane. Just one lane. Traffic would double or maybe triple in the alley. There's no place for vehicles to pass going opposite directions. Right now one might pull into a drive let a car by, but with no street parking, most drives would be filled with parked cars. Garbage and recycling trucks, and utility trucks (electrical, cable, phone) all block the alley from time to time. Now add the street traffic. Besides residential vehicles, add UPS and	Half and half.

				<p>Fedex, home repair trucks (plumbers, electricians, etc.) furniture deliveries, moving vans, deliveries such as roofing, decking, and any type of construction, all would block the alley. Not to mention snow. Garages, fences and retaining walls prevent fully clearing snow from driveways. If you park on the street and get plowed in by a snowplow, it's an ordeal to dig your car out. We would get plowed in with every snowfall. Or we'd come home to find ourselves plowed out of our one place to park. In addition, a section of our alley floods during wet springs or heavy rainfalls. These alleys were built in an era of one-car families. They were never meant to accommodate street traffic.</p>	
Neutral	Neutral	leave parking on the street for the residents	not to have it go through north Mpls	missing	leave parking on the street for residents
Strongly Support	Strongly Support	Don't live on or near the proposed routes so no opinion on closing, etc. but	Some lighting at night - low watt, downward facing -	Missing	Green space, plantings in the ground - native grasses/plants, fruit trees

		love as much green space added as possible I bike in the area	Garbage/ recycle receptacles, police biking patrol occasionally		
Strongly Support	Strongly Support	None	Missing	Missing	No comments
neutral	neutral	missing	signs	missing	half and half
neutral	support	busses and cars should slow down	police patrols/bike cops not vehicle cops	missing	just green space, flowers
support	support	none	lighting	missing	full linear, benches, plants and shrubs
support	support	none	upkeep in alleys: especially winter, "kids at play" signage where there is traffic	emergency vehicle access, accommodation of people with special need	lighting, community garden, play structure
support	support	none	cameras, emergency alert stations	missing	full linear, play structures, pet friendly
support	support	no linear, half and half	police bike patrol	where does snow go? How would space in alley be redesigned for snow removal? Why is open streets (5/31) on non-proposed blocks?	half and half
Oppose	Oppose	I would invest more money in our parks and recreation. When I was young I was in soccer, baseball and took community education classes at the Folwell park. We also had the ice skating rink for the winter and kids	More police, less rental units, bring more businesses to the community, offer more afterschool programs at the parks, .	I would rather see the money going to other programs and parks to increase a healthy lifestyle. I don't think putting in a greenway will do the job. If people aren't using the parks that	I want to be able to drive and park in front of my house. Every time I park in my alley my car gets broken in to. I also do not want any of my property to be taken, this includes from the sidewalk to the street. I want my property value to go up not down. I want crime to decrease so this means I

		pool for the summer. Why can't we invest money in the parks and get these programs back instead of making a greenway? The baseball fields are overrun with weeds and there are no longer any football fields.		are already provided to them they why would they want to bike or walk to one.	want to see more police all times of the day every day on foot, in their cars and out walking their dogs! I would like the city to be more involved in vacant properties and troublesome units (we have a few on our block) Could the city provide those empty spaces where the houses have been torn down for community / neighborhood block gardens?
Strongly Oppose	strongly oppose	they didn't think about	missing	missing	work on the parks we already have, activities in parks, libraries
Strongly Support	Strongly Support	There are a number of empty lots along the proposed greenway route that are owned by the City of Minneapolis. I think it would be nice to include options to utilize these spaces into the plan, including additional public parking, public garden spaces, etc.	I would recommend installing "emergency phones" along the greenway, with video surveillance along the route, much like they have at the University of Minnesota. This would help people feel safe.	I hope this is implemented! I'm very excited!	I would like to see full-greenway space, with kids playground, and community garden.
Strongly Support	strongly support	half	missing	missing	half and half

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Demonstration feedback postcards and emails (received summer 2015)			
#	Q1: What would you like to see?	Q2: What concerns do you have?	Q3: Block Info?
19	SUPER EXCITED!!! 1) Parking options at the ends of blocks 2) Mpls police bike patrols	increased crime due to open space and loitering and concern that cars not in front of house - which is why I'd like to see police presence.	34XX Irving Ave N
20	Ample trash cans- lighting...Bicycle & walking trails. Park benches, outdoor sculptures/public art, plants.	Where can guests park if the front of the house is no longer available?	34XX Irving. Most neighbors are enthusiastic about the project
23	I am absolutely and positively in favor of the Greenway.... for so many reasons... all of which have already been detailed. Listening to some neighbors over the time frame from when Greenway for our block was first considered I've heard only one (I'm sure there are people who are opposed to it for other reasons as well but don't want to say why) reason why they don't want it 'on their block'..... parking.	I don't know how it could be done but if this demonstration could show how their concern is handled, that they won't have to park blocks away, carry groceries in the freezing temps, etc. If they could see how the benefits outweigh the 'negative' they might be more inclined to change their opinion.	34XX Block of Irving Ave

28	Police Officers	<p>Safety; We live on the 34xx block of Irving Avenue North and apparently will be directly affected by the Greenway initiative. I don't believe crime rates will go down (and who's interested in keeping them the same?). I don't believe there will be a positive effect on physical or mental health. I'm concerned about parking for my friends and relatives (they hesitate coming into the neighborhood already; if I tell them to park on an adjacent street, they won't come at all). If property values go up, so do taxes. Who is going to maintain the area (keep it clean)? We are currently responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalk and boulevard; and have recently been assessed for street resurfacing (and our street was not resurfaced). Will homeowners have added responsibility? Financially or otherwise? \$15 million could possibly be spent wiser, safety first (maybe a stronger police presence). Who's funding this? NO MORE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS.</p>	34xx Block of Irving Ave N
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Demonstration feedback – quadrant worksheet (received at events in summer 2015)					
#	I like...	I wish...	Questions/Concerns...	Ideas/Connections	Block #
18			Don't want people in yard; Concerned about parking; want to keep it esp in winter.	Places for pet waste	34XX Irving
19	trash cans; No message board; No storage sheds; box planters; bike pump station; metal benches; water fountains; garden space; mini library; string lights; natural barriers (limestone vs. plastic); landscape boulders; seating	Lighting-street or sidewalk natural feel not industrial; fit in with the neighborhood; no parking in front of house; no liability or maintenance on part of homeowners	Who is responsible		34XX Irving

29	Message board; Prefer a full greenway; public art; trash cans; mini libraries; benches; planters-vegetables would be nice. Community gardens			Make sure there is good snow and ice clearance in alley. Got stuck in the past.	34XX Irving
30	If cleans up neighborhoods and slows down traffic. Rock, street lighting. More safely.	Benches, Garbage cans, public message board		It would help make our community	34XX Irving
36	Lights on trees or a canopy is a really good idea; Play space for kids. Like Matthews Idea of mixing biking and cars. Trash cans; Planters; Nice Ride!; Information Boards; Planters-combo of flowers and veggies. Traffic control- slow, children.	People speed on street want to see traffic calming	Safety-shootings, doesn't want to park on alley b/c of safety concerns. Crime in alleys; Lots of places to hide in alleyways. 34th and Irving is a big place for drug transfer. NO picnic tables/ gathering spots	Want to see more community ownership; Parking on one side of street; want to see a partnership w/ police and more security of area. This would deter crime b/c ppl would expect police.	34XX Irving
38	More natural it is; the better it is; Ceramic and rock more than tin; This whole idea, but people don't maintain	That we don't get fined; Can't maintain own lot; more is hard! People will treat the side streets as parking lots and become party area	Lots of foreclosures. What happens if someone hits their head on my retaining wall? What happens if my dog bites someone? What happens if parking happens here?	We care about our neighborhood; We want to contribute to the neighborhood, but we don't want to be taken over by the neighborhood; Our neighbors rent, they don't care.	34XX Irving
40	Love the concept	; A parking lot in the center of block (remove a house)	Parking for residents; parking for guests	Lighting to should be park like	34XX Irving
51	Cut off (all) traffic. Prefers dead end streets; less cars "less traffic, the better"	The project could happen quickly	Parking w/steep hills maintenance alleyway access	The one way from 35th -32nd Lowry; Pedestrian lights for greenway. Help w/crime.	34XX Irving Ave

Door knocking comments and observations:

- Concerned about any future assessments, interested in seeing demo
- Older person is concerned about parking. Interested to see demo in progress.
- Want to see dog park on the greenway or at Folwell Park
- supportive, ride to meetings
- Opposed to greenway. Likes that the demonstration is a trial. Concerns about crime and safety. See postcard.
- Worries about safety while walking. Worried about maintenance.

Q1: What activities would you like to do on the demonstration greenway?	Q2: What concerns do you have?	Q3: Block Info?
Glad it's temporary. She's a gardener.	Want police presence. Alleyway is bad. The block is clean now, but concerned about dope dealers. Also concerned about parking and tax increases. Want cops to ride down alleyways during the demonstration	34XX Irving

2014 Survey Data (about the greenway concept in general; collected summer 2014)*

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Strongly Support	Strongly Support	I am very enthusiastic about the Full Linear Park Greenway, though I realize there may be more support for residential parking in front of one's house as well as behind. But, from information regarding the alternatives to FULL Linear Park they would fall way short of meeting the PRIMARY GOAL (see #3)	Prime Goal - to offer additional safe green space for walking, gathering and other physical activities which cannot be fully available if there is still traffic on the proposed route. As noted, other plans would benefit bicyclists but I believe if you were to take a poll of Northsiders you would find more walkers than bike riders	Thank you for all you are doing to realize this dream. Even if I have to move before it's completed I will be so glad for this neighborhood.	Full Linear Park Greenway with as much foliage and grassy-park areas as possible
Strongly Oppose	Strongly Oppose	We need parking on the street we live on (Irving). Many (most) people I associate with (family, friends, co-workers) hesitate coming into my neighborhood (legitimate safety concerns). If I don't have available parking outside my front door (or in VERY close proximity), they won't come at all. It is very discriminating to the homes without adequate alley parking (alleys aren't safe either).	How do you make the parks safe? They aren't, and until the common space existing becomes safe, I don't suggest implementing the greenway project.	missing	Amenities? Maybe 50% of the people who answer this survey (that live in North Minneapolis) know the definition. Some may even associate the word with "free stuff."
Oppose	Oppose	I hope people can park & drive on the street	Speed bumps for speed control	Missing	Be able to drive on the street
support	strongly support	missing	half and half, 35th to Colfax - more stop signs	missing	half and half
neutral	neutral	none	more lights	missing	basketball court, not so

					many hills
oppose	strongly oppose	no greenway, don't think it's necessary, not a good use of money	keep it clean and maintained	how would emergency vehicles access homes	bike boulevard
support	support	half and half	police bike patrol	missing	parking, lights, pocket park
Strongly Support	support	none	ground rails between pedestrians and traffic	missing	half and half, garbage cans
Strongly Support	strongly support	none	the proposal makes things safety	missing	half and half
support	support	none	curfews for youth	missing	full linear, trees, garbage cans
Strongly Support	Support	Missing	Funding for maintenance	Love the community involvement! Positive changes!	Missing
support	missing	parking	ice is maintained	missing	missing
neutral	neutral	none	lighting, not a lot of bushes (where people can hide), keep it clean	missing	full linear (2nd) (1st) bike boulevard, not wider street, benches, decorative trash cans
oppose	oppose	missing	missing	missing	missing
Strongly Support	Strongly Support	missing	missing	I live this idea	Bike path and walking path with no street traffic
Strongly Support	Strongly Support	missing	Bike police patrolling on a regular basis throughout the summer, street lights to keep path well-lit at all times.	I would love for this to start ASAP! We have been very excited about this from the start.	A bike path, street lights, grass and gardens.
Strongly Support	strongly support	none	lighting	missing	full linear, community gardens
Strongly Support	Strongly Support	I support the full conversion to a greenway.	missing	missing	Full greenway

Strongly Support	strongly support	more full linear as possible	more amenities	missing	full linear, play spaces, gathering spaces, benches/table, covered spaces
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* "missing" means that the respondent chose to skip the question.

Northside Greenway
Demonstration Project Community Meeting for Residents of 3400 Irving Ave N
Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 7:00-8:00
Folwell Park Recreation Center

- **Project Background:**
 - See separate PowerPoint presentation with summary of greenway concept and input gathered from community members.
 - On the 3400 block of Irving Ave, 19 residents responded to the 2014 survey; 12 supported or strongly supported a greenway on their block; 7 wanted a full greenway; 4 like half and half; people were neutral about having a greenway on their block (of these, one preferred a bike boulevard); 4 people opposed or strongly opposed the greenway on their block; one person did not respond to the question about how much they supported the greenway on their block (but strongly supported the greenway overall).
- **Resident concerns and comments:**
 - Concerned about resident engagement because not many people came to this meeting (the City has moved away from holding evening meetings because of low attendance and has relied on strategies like door knocking and events instead)
 - Scared to park in alleyway; “potential for robberies due to parking a block away”
 - Garage and parking space available in back of resident’s homes limited
 - Is it possible to eliminate parking from entire block without inconveniencing residents?
 - Shoveling after snowfall not happening and becomes dangerous for pedestrians. (Residents should call 311 to report poorly cleared sidewalks.)
 - Alleyways will be plowed and maintained as currently done; snow will be plowed but not removed and potentially could cause a problem with regard to having a car stuck in the alleyway
 - Fear of crime and specifically sexual assaults in alleyways (higher # of sex offenders in North Minneapolis)
 - Additional lighting seen as heavily desired in the alleyways
 - Investment distinction made in neighborhood with regard to renters and homeowners (homeowners have a different kind of investment)

- Opportunity to get to know our neighbors better; all of us looking out for one another, especially if we can make parking and alleyway access better to come to a consensus; if neighbors are interested in getting together to do something it can be added to our programming and engagement processes

- **Q & A**
 - Why are you proposing significant changes to 3400 block of Irving Ave N? This is one way to help address a budget shortfall; the full greenway cost less than the calm street.
 - What will the demonstration project cost? The budget for the project was approximately \$130,000; this includes programming, installation, maintenance, and evaluation. The City is currently reworking the plans, and the total cost is not yet determined.
 - Who will install the greenway and will Northside organizations be considered for this? The City will solicit bids to do the work and will share bid solicitation with Northside organizations.
 - Who approved this? The City Council members representing Wards 4 and 5 approved this.
 - Will alleyway maintenance change? Alleyway maintenance is currently planned to continue as it currently happens.

- **Documented comments (comments written by residents at the meeting;** meeting attendees included 4 households on the 3400 block of Irving Ave, 1 household on the 3200 block of Irving Ave, and one household not located on the greenway route)
 - **Full greenway option:**
 - I like...
 - Don't like!
 - No. Tax paying homeowner and I vote.
 - I wish...
 - *No comments submitted*
 - Questions/concerns:
 - Safety – rape, robberies, break-ins. Parking. Snow removal in alley (none planned). Mobility concerns for the elderly. Don't want people hanging out in front of my house.

- Ideas/connections
 - *No comments submitted*
- **Calm street/bike boulevard option**
 - I like...
 - I do not like this draft at all because I don't come in from the alley because it won't be enough parking and there will be more muggings
 - None of it. I like privacy, quiet, no trash lying around, dog poop free zone, parking in front of my house. Tax paying homeowner and I vote
 - A calm street with parking allowed on the 3400 block of Irving Ave
 - Slowed traffic maintains parking. Safe place for biking.
 - I wish...
 - The City would use this money to help somebody
 - Lights were installed in the alley. Security cameras. Speedy snowplows – priority.
 - Questions/concerns
 - The safety issues for older people like myself. Trying to walk sometimes 2 blocks to park
 - This will negatively affect all of our daily lives. Will someone clean out their? How will you c control noise? I'm scared of the alley.
 - Parking issues – many homes have several cars while nearly all have 2 cars.
 - Ideas/connections
 - We need our parking. I will meet you halfway.
 - Little free libraries
- **Written comment:** Opportunity for a more interactive neighborhood. Even single block awareness of who lives here is more likely with this plan. The City has been very proactive in our neighborhood: farm garden, Lowry upscaling, Theo Wirth tradition. We're safer when we know each other. More lighting good, needed in alleyway. Bicycle on Penn to use. Planting of trees. I appreciate the plans for upgrading the Northside and hope this project manages to be implemented, especially after the tornado.

3500 Irving Ave N feedback received about the demonstration project (in summer/fall 2015) and about the greenway in general (summer 2014)

Demonstration feedback postcards and emails (received summer 2015)			
#	Q1: What would you like to see?	Q2: What concerns do you have?	Q3: Block Info?
12	Likes idea of greenway. "Options as laid out are fine" Picnic tables, nice ride kiosk and infrastructure/free lot; trash cans, planters w/plants or vegetables		35XX Irving Ave
14	Seating area, benches with back rest, lighting, pedestrian (Full Greenway) excited for Demo Greenway	As long as vehicles (disabled) can still access homes- especially winter months	35XX Irving Ave
18	Planters with plants logs, wood, zebra stripes? Little free libraries, Lights! Signs- what's nearby	People loitering, police patrols bumped up on 5 block demo project Bike cops; maintenance	35XX Irving Ave N.

26		<p>I have some concerns as to the need for it and the possible risks. Living on Irving and 36th right across from Folwell Park - there already are acres of public space for residents to connect and recreate right there in Folwell Park - so I'm not sure a greenway starting just 12 feet from the park is really necessary or needed right in this area. Additionally, living right on Folwell Park, my kitchen sink window looking right into the park, I see firsthand how the park is also a site of much violence and disharmony. Just last night a police officer had to break up a group of over 20 combative, assaultive youths outside my front door. The park has its positives, as all parks do, but it also acts as a strong magnet for crime. Extending this sort of crime/violence magnet further down from Folwell Park, right along the street I live on, way down to Jordan Park - I'm not sure I'm comfortable with that risk. I'd rather that the positive benefits of the greenway you're aiming for were injected into Folwell and Jordan Parks instead - through increased law enforcement patrols, and/or more events and classes and staff offered to our community so as to elevate the park into something greater than it is now. I think a greenway in this community would just promote loitering and vagrancy. If people want to stroll and chat and ride their bikes peacefully - they already can - in the park and around it. The greenway just seems unnecessary.</p>	Irving and 36th
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Demonstration feedback – quadrant worksheet (received at events in summer 2015)					
#	I like...	I wish...	Questions/Concerns...	Ideas/Connections	Block #
1	35XX Block Lots of kids on the block; like this idea; No more traffic on street space for kids to play- but not kids	Mini libraries-solar lights-activity benches- bikeway barriers, planters (but seem expensive), paint the	mixed or netting. Concerned about parking		35XX Irving Ave

	congregating	pavement!			
15	3500 block resident; Play areas! Want bikes on east side of the street; BBQ	There were on street parking	Will it impact property values? Strangers on block sexual predators		35XX Irving
16	3500 block resident 39th and Irving Bike ways! Basketball	Places for Kids		Very	35XX Irving
24	35th Ave; Metal planters; Community idea wall; box planters or any beautifying treatments	Green, pretty- anything there well-maintained; Get more people to discover North Minneapolis (change the misperceptions)			35XX Irving
56	35th Ave; Nice ride kiosk; mini library; rubberized mulch; picnic tables; grills/bbq; traffic control signs; any type of park bench-maybe plastic planters/plants; trash cans; @ least 1 message board; ice rink in the winter; spray chalk stencils	Something for all age groups	Who will be responsible for trash pickup near BBQ/grills; Wouldn't want BBQ right in front of their house; Convertible benches/tables too easy to vandalize/break; How to handle neighbors who share driveways		35XX Irving Ave

Door knocking comments and observations

- Opposed. Concerned about safety and parking in the back. There’s not enough police presence
- OK with it
- Ok with it
- OK with it
- Ok with it
- Talked to someone who was not the homeowner; left info behind
- 10/15 – talked to mother of the homeowner. 10/24 – concerned about parking for elderly residents
- Language barrier – person who answered the door spoke Hmong
- Questions about decision-making criteria after this is implemented
- Talked with kid at house who will pass along information to adults
- OK. “go for it.”
- Moving in a few months. “Doesn’t matter to me.”
- Likes the idea. Excited to see how it works. Idea – take vacant lots and create parking?
- Likes it. “Let’s get it done!”
- OK with it

Q1: What activities would you like to do on the demonstration greenway?	Q2: What concerns do you have?	Q3: Block Info?
In favor of activities	Like the one way half and half. Cab driver and transportation provider concerned about picking up customers. My business and inconvenience to pick up and park. Safety concerns with letting children walk down the block.	35XX Irving
	Don't let children play outside - utilize after school program.	35XX Irving
Are cabs or medical cabs allowed on the greenway?	Wants a vote on greenway - voice opinion. Woman with walker - came to NNO events.	35XX Irving

Additional emails:

- Received February 2016: This is a bad thing we are planning on moving if this goes true we live at 35XX Irving

2014 Survey Data (about the greenway concept in general; collected summer 2014)*

Support in general	Support on block	Changes	Safe space recommendations	Comments	Amenities
Strongly Oppose	Strongly Oppose	buy out the homes on the proposed route	missing	missing	missing
Strongly Oppose	Strongly Oppose	None	None	None	Missing
Strongly Support	strongly support	missing	lighting, local business, security boxes, crosswalk signs	missing	half and half/full
neutral	neutral	none	none	missing	half and half
Strongly Support	strongly support	none	none	missing	full linear
neutral	support	less linear	lighting, good access	will Folwell get updates? What type of trees/greenery will there be?	half and half
Strongly Support	strongly support	none	more lights, more police patrol/bike patrol	none	benches
neutral	support	prefer bike boulevard on this block	none	missing	bike boulevard, stop sign @ Irving & 36
support	neutral	more half and half/less linear	lighting, patrolling, especially night	missing	half and half, trash receptacles, pet waste stations
support	support	none	the proposal creates a safer space	missing	half and half
support	oppose	not full linear	wider streets	should be on straight, turn arounds every 2-3 blocks	half and half
neutral	neutral	none	the proposal makes it safer = less/no traffic	really concerned about parking	half and half

Strongly Support	Strongly Support	missing	Lighting greenway at night, Separate cars from bikes/pedestrians.	Please connect north Minneapolis with the rest of the city in a way that is accessible to those without cars.	Garbage receptacles for trash, safe lighting and native plants.
Strongly Support	strongly support	none	well lite #1, bike self-service space (air pump, telephones, etc)	missing	full linear with parking considerations
support	support	none	consideration for the rerouting of traffic	how would snow emergency be impacted, parking and traffic? Signage at 36th for car traffic	full linear, community garden
Strongly Support	Strongly Support	nothing	cameras	Missing	Full greenway
Strongly Support	Strongly Support	I prefer the full greenway option.	Lighting and upkeep of landscaping.	I think this would be a wonderful amenity for our neighborhood!	I would prefer the full greenway. It would be nice to have some lighting and plantings other than grass installed.
Strongly Support	Strongly Support	none, like the idea of closing the whole street and putting a parking lot at both ends or within in walking distances.	Both bike and walking and street lights.	I know it would be a really good. Thank you	bike lanes and walking lanes
Strongly Support	Neutral	missing	clear lines	missing	designed with safety in mind
Strongly Oppose	strongly oppose	none	none	missing	don't want it

* "missing" means a respondent chose to skip the question.