

W 36th St Protected Bike Lane and Pedestrian Path Project

From E Calhoun Pkwy to Bryant Ave S

East Calhoun Pkwy and Bryant Ave S are some of the busiest locations for bicyclists and pedestrians in Minneapolis. The City of Minneapolis is planning a project along W 36th St that would establish a connection between these two popular routes.

Project Background

There is currently no sidewalk on the south side of W 36th St between E Calhoun Pkwy and Dupont Ave S. This corridor is also lacking a bicycle facility. Due to the low number of cross streets, the south curb line of W 36th St provides a unique opportunity to create a comfortable trail-like facility for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Proposed Changes (E Calhoun Pkwy to Dupont Ave S)

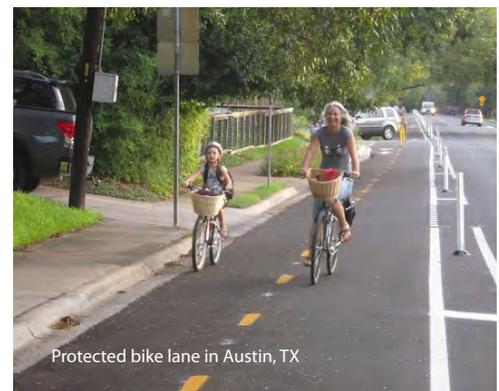
- Remove one eastbound travel lane
- Create a 2-way protected bike lane and pedestrian path along the south curb
- Improve bus stop waiting areas along south curb
- Create a new bicycle and pedestrian crossing at the intersection of W 36th St and E Calhoun Pkwy

Bicycle connection to Bryant Ave S (2 options)

- Standard bike lanes (requires westbound bicyclists to shift from north to south side of street at Dupont)
- Continuation of 2-way protected bike lane (requires parking removal on south side of street from Bryant to Dupont)



Protected bike lane in Washington, D.C.



Protected bike lane in Austin, TX

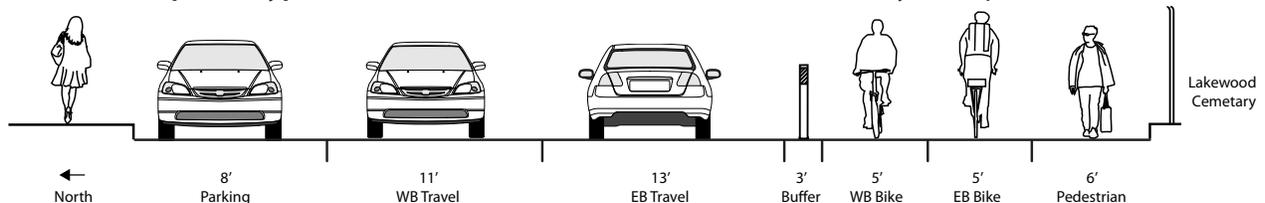
Credit: People for Bikes



What is a *protected bike lane*?

- A protected bike lane is a bicycle facility within a street corridor that is physically separated from motor vehicle traffic - this project would use a painted buffer and white delineators.
- They look and function similar to the 50+ miles of parkway trails in Minneapolis.
- The City has a goal to install 30 more miles of protected bikeways by the year 2020; the W 36th St project would help achieve this goal.

Proposed Typical Cross Section: W 36th St from E Calhoun Pkwy to Dupont Ave S



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