

# Blaisdell Ave S Protected Bikeway

29<sup>th</sup> St W to 40<sup>th</sup> St W

## Project Background

In 2016, Minneapolis Public Works is planning to install a protected bike lane on Blaisdell Ave S between 29<sup>th</sup> St W E and 40<sup>th</sup> St W. In conjunction with 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S, Blaisdell Ave S is an important north-south bicycle connection between south Minneapolis and downtown. This segment of Blaisdell Ave S is also identified on the Minneapolis Bicycle Master Plan to include a protected bikeway.

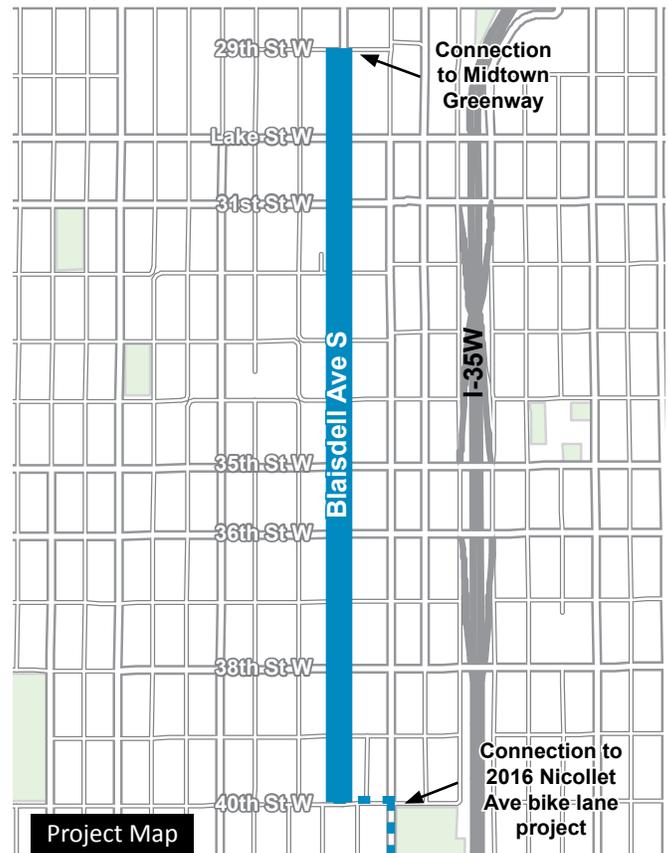
## What is a Protected Bikeway?

Not everyone feels comfortable and safe riding on a busy street, even with a regular bike lane. A protected bikeway creates a more comfortable space to ride that is physically separated from motor vehicle traffic. A separated facility can attract a wider demographic of riders and the City sees protected bikeways as an important tool to increase bicycling in Minneapolis.

## Proposed Concept

Blaisdell Ave S currently has a conventional southbound bike lane, two southbound travel lanes, and parking on the east side of the street.

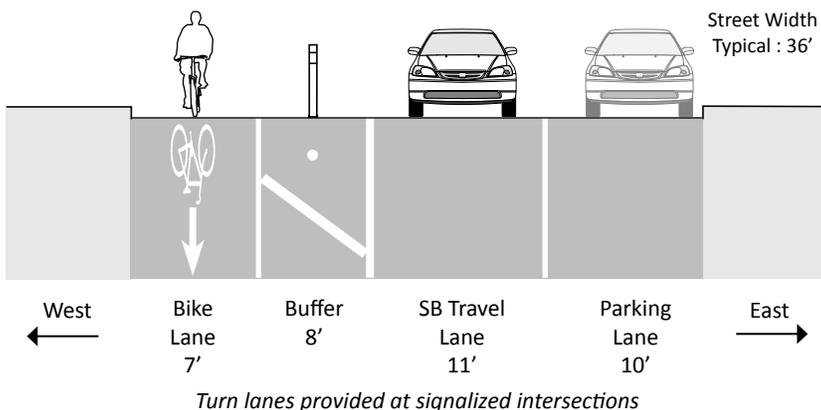
- In order to install a protected bike lane, the proposed concept would remove one existing travel lane. Public Works evaluated the proposed configuration and found it to operate at a similar level of service as the existing condition for motor vehicle traffic.
- Turn lanes will be provided approaching signalized intersections (35<sup>th</sup> St E, 36<sup>th</sup> St E, and 38<sup>th</sup> St E).



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### Proposed Typical (31<sup>st</sup> St W to 40<sup>th</sup> St W)



Example of an existing protected bikeway on 28<sup>th</sup> St E, similar to the proposed configuration on Blaisdell Ave S

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