

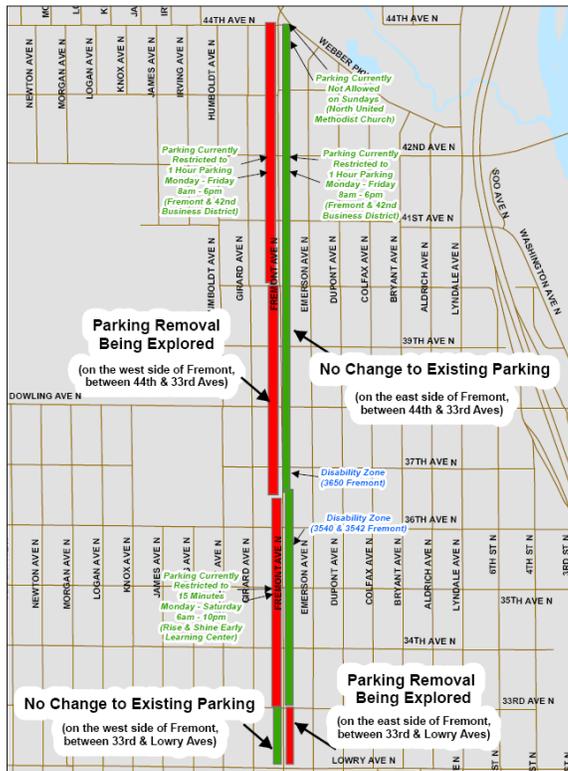
Emerson/Fremont Avenue N Public Feedback Summary

Minneapolis Public Works has proposed a design for the addition of bike lanes on Emerson & Fremont Avenues N. This proposal has been shared in the following ways:

- The layouts were posted on the City's website: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/EmersonFremontLayout.pdf>
- An email was sent out to the City's bicycle list serve
- Short presentations were made to the Old Highland, Jordan, Folwell, and Webber-Camden neighborhood groups in April & May of 2010
- Flyers for a public meeting were distributed to properties along Fremont Avenue between Plymouth Avenue and Webber Parkway, one [north of Lowry](#) and the other [south of Lowry](#).
- A public meeting was held on May 27, 2010, with the following presentation given: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/EmersonFremontPresentation.pdf

In addition the following map was shared at the public meeting. This map details potential parking changes on Fremont Avenue north of Lowry.

Parking Changes Being Explored on Fremont Avenue



Parking Removal Being Explored **No Change to Existing Parking**

Comments were received in several ways:

- 20-25 people attended the public meeting (resulting in 19 verbal comments and 1 written feedback form)
- 4 neighborhood meetings (resulting in 33 verbal comments)
- Flyering Fremont Avenue for the public meeting (resulting in 9 verbal comments)
- 16 e-mails
- 5 phone calls

Sometimes comments included more than one topic, thus the total numbers above do not match the number of comments below. The first 3 paragraphs summarize the overall issues of this project (adding bike lanes, removing parking, reducing number of travel lanes), while the chart on the following page reflects specific comments under subject categories.

Overall Issues:

Comments were split on the support for bike lanes on Emerson & Fremont Avenues. *14 comments expressed outright support for the bike lanes, 3 comments were supportive but with special caveats. 10 comments implied some support for bicycling, by indicating an alternative bicycle route should be used. 14 comments expressed some overall concern about traffic safety on these streets, mostly related to auto crashes and the presence of buses. 13 comments weren't supportive for general reasons, mostly because it was believed that not enough bicyclists are currently riding to justify the addition of bike lanes.*

Comments were divided on the prospect of removing parking on one side of Fremont Avenue, between Lowry Avenue and Webber Parkway. *14 comments supported the idea of removing parking, while 18 did not. An additional 3 comments expressed support for parking removal if it were to be on the east side on Fremont Avenue (west side parking removal was proposed between 33rd Avenue and Webber Parkway).*

Comments were also divided on the prospect of going down to one lane on Fremont Avenue, between Plymouth and Lowry Avenues. *8 comments supported the idea, and 10 comments were opposed.*

Comments were mostly supportive of a bike lane specifically on Emerson Avenue, between Plymouth and 33rd Avenues. *7 comments generally supported the idea, and 3 comments were generally opposed.*

Few comments were made on the sharrow alternative north of Lowry Avenue. *5 comments were made.*

All Comments under Overall Issues:

<i>Overall Issue</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i># of Comments</i>	<i>Specific Comments</i>
Addition of bike lanes	Supports adding bike lanes	17 Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports bike lanes for various reasons (14 comments) - Supports north-south bike lanes but they should go on Penn Avenue until North is safer (1 comment) - Bike lanes next to curb should be wide because of gutter seam (1 comment) - Aren't many bicyclists but low cost of project makes it okay (1 comment)
	Other locations are better for bike lanes	10 Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use alternate routes (9 Comments) - Too many fumes on busy streets for bicyclists (1 Comment)
	Safety is a problem	14 Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traffic safety is bad on Fremont (7 Comments) - Too many buses (3 Comments) - Speeding needs to be reduced (1 Comment) - Concerned about motorists going the wrong way (1 Comment) - Concerned about bicyclists going the wrong way (1 Comment) - Doesn't want to hit a bicyclist (1 Comment)
	Doesn't support adding bike lanes	13 Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aren't enough bicyclists to justify lanes (8 Comments) - Money should be spent on other things (3 Comments) - Bicyclists don't follow laws (2 Comments)

Addition of bike lanes	Supports reducing Fremont Avenue to 1 auto lane	8 Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports reduction as a way to address speeding on Fremont (3 Comments) - Is okay with it since buses can pull out of auto lane to board passengers (2 Comments) - Supports reduction as a way to lower traffic volumes on Fremont (1 Comment) - Likes idea but wants additional measures to reduce speeding (1 Comment) - Thinks it will work because it's less busy than Emerson (1 Comment)
	Opposes reducing Fremont Avenue to 1 auto lane	10 Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not fair to auto drivers (2 Comments) - Buses would conflict with bike lane (2 Comments) - Bicyclists would be hurt by speeders (2 Comments) - Would hurt emergency vehicles (2 Comments) - Departing buses would conflict with auto lane (1 Comment) - Wouldn't work (1 Comment)
Parking Removal	Supports potential parking reduction on Fremont Avenue, as proposed	14 Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More room is needed for auto traffic, especially in the winter (5 Comments) - There are many garages currently not used for car storage that could be used for parking (3 Comments) - Generally supports parking changes (3 Comments) - Is okay with parking changes (3 Comments)

<p style="text-align: center;">Parking Removal (continued)</p>	<p>Opposes potential parking reduction on Fremont Avenue, as proposed</p>	<p>18 Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Businesses need the parking (5 Comments) - Bremer Condominiums needs the parking (2 Comments) - Doesn't want to lose parking in front of place of residence (2 Comments) - It wouldn't be safe to cross the street (2 Comments) - United Methodist Church parking is needed for day care and funerals (1 Comment) - Muslim worship center may need parking (1 Comment) - Parking loss would hurt property value (1 Comment)
	<p>Would support parking reduction if it instead took place on the east side of Fremont</p>	<p>3 Comments</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Emerson Avenue Changes</p>	<p>Generally supportive of changes</p>	<p>7 Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should get a bike lane (2 Comments) - Would be better if it was 1 lane like Fremont (2 Comments) - Uphill, so speeds of autos should be slower than Fremont (1 Comment) - Curve at 26th Avenue would be improved with a bike lane (1 Comment) - Emerson seems to have less traffic than Fremont (1 Comment)
	<p>Generally opposed to changes</p>	<p>3 Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Double parking is a hazard (2 Comments) - Curve at 26th Avenue would be more dangerous with a bike lane (1 Comment)

Use of Sharrows on Fremont north of Lowry	Miscellaneous	5 Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An okay alternative to bike lanes (2 Comments) - Put them in until we get more people biking, so that bike lanes can be justified (1 Comment) - Mark parking lane stripe at 7' (instead of 8') to provide a wider shared lane (1 Comment) - Not a good alternative (1 Comment)