



1ST AVE N RECONSTRUCTION

Revitalizing Minneapolis' entertainment corridor for multimodal connectivity and economic opportunity



Project overview

The City of Minneapolis is reconstructing half a mile of 1st Avenue N, between Washington Avenue and 8th Street N. The project will improve safety, comfort, and access for both residents and visitors using the corridor.

Goals

- Active public spaces that attract and retain residents, businesses, and visitors
- Improved traffic signals, wayfinding and signage, and utilities
- Widened, ADA-compliant sidewalks and safer street crossings
- New green stormwater infrastructure and sustainable landscaping
- Enhanced streetscape elements, including improved lighting and public art

Project schedule

2023	2025	2028
Planning & Engagement	Design	Construction

Partners



LEGEND

- 1st Avenue N Project Boundaries
- METRO Light Rail Transit and Station
- METRO Bus Rapid Transit (existing/planned)
- All Ages and Abilities Bicycle Network
- Minneapolis Skyway Network
- Prince Rogers Nelson Way (commemorative)
- Historic Warehouse District Boundaries
- Parking Locations



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- 1st Ave N is in the **Warehouse Historic District** – an iconic neighborhood with a rich cultural heritage. It is also adjacent to downtown Minneapolis' **central business district** and the city's renowned **Theater District**.
- The street is a popular **nightlife and entertainment corridor** that attracts both residents and visitors to the many professional sporting events, live music events, and hospitality venues.
- Last reconstructed in 1994, the **infrastructure and public realm** on the corridor is currently **outdated**. Existing facilities cannot safely or effectively support the **crowds and multimodal demands** traveling to and through the corridor.
- 1st Ave N intersects many **local, express, and Bus Rapid Transit routes** and is next to the METRO Warehouse District/Hennepin Avenue **light rail stop**. The Northstar **commuter rail station** is also located nearby.
- The area along the project corridor is the site of major downtown events, including **Warehouse District Live**, where one block is turned into an enhanced pedestrian zone featuring food trucks, seating, and activities throughout the summer and fall.
- The City's Vision Zero Action Plan identifies 1st Ave N as a **High Injury Street**, where safety improvements are needed to eliminate crashes that result in severe injuries or death.
- The City's Transportation Action Plan identifies 1st Ave N as a **Pedestrian Priority Corridor** that represents where people frequently walk, and prioritizes investments to improve the ease, comfort, and safety of people walking and rolling.

Improving traffic safety

The project will work to improve safety along the project corridor for all modes, including walking, rolling, bicycling, taking transit, driving, as well as freight and delivery.

Advancing safety allows people living, working, and visiting 1st Ave N better connect to jobs and other opportunities.

Daily users

Source: MioVision, City of Minneapolis, 2022



Pedestrians
1,903-6,375



Bicyclists
277-629



Motor vehicles
6,214-29,240

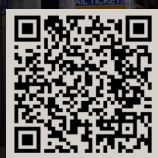
Reported crashes

Source: MnCMAT2, Minnesota Department of Transportation (2014-2024)

	Pedestrian:	23 reported crashes	96% crashes with injuries
	Bicycle:	12 reported crashes	83% crashes with injuries
	Motor Vehicle:	243 reported crashes	21% crashes with injuries
Total Crashes:		279 reported crashes	30% crashes with injuries

Community engagement and partnerships

The 1st Ave N reconstruction project has implemented robust community engagement strategies for meaningfully integrating community feedback throughout the planning, design, and construction process. The project has also built successful public-private partnerships to support this work.



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