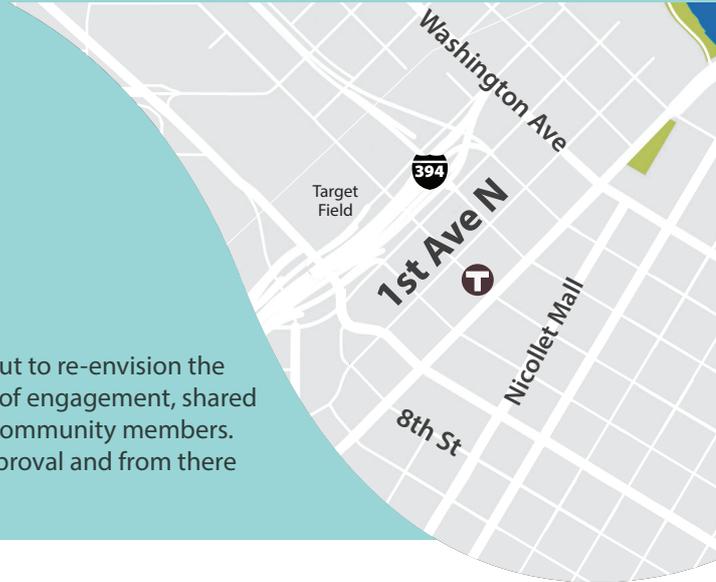


Phase 4 Engagement Summary

November 2025 - December 2025

The City of Minneapolis is redesigning 1st Ave N with community input to re-envision the iconic corridor before reconstruction in 2028. Phase 4, our last phase of engagement, shared a preferred layout for the design of 1st Ave N with stakeholders and community members. The layout will be presented to City Council in February for layout approval and from there will progress into final design.



What We Heard

Five key messages from engagement:

- **Online Open House** attendees shared various questions related to corridor operations, final design decisions, and special assessments, which will be important to coordinate as the project advances.
- **Online feedback form comments** received centered around a desire to retain bicycle infrastructure and above-standard public realm features on the corridor to support the project goals.
- **Neighborhood, Business & Property Owners, and Downtown Stakeholders** meetings highlighted the importance of coordination on detailed building access and curbside needs, outdoor dining potential and support for the preferred layout.
- **Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee** resolutions highlighted opportunities to further enhance the pedestrian-friendly design and emphasize features that will result in a people-centered street.
- **Overall support for project layout and desire to see the street achieve a high-quality experience for all users.**

By the Numbers

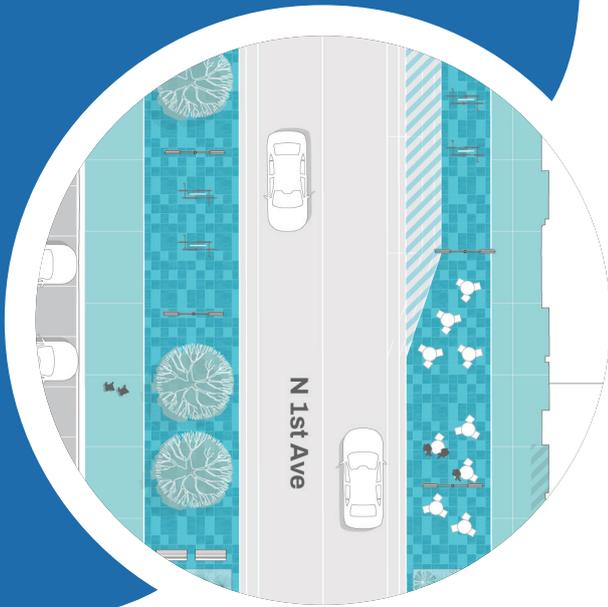
- 8** Online feedback form comments
- 27** Online Open House Attendees
- 997** Newsletter subscribers
- 5** Property & business owner meetings
- 4** Presentations to neighborhood and business organizations

Project Goals

- Pedestrian Focus**
- Neighborhood Amenities**
- Exciting Destination**
- Access**
- Nightlife & Events**
- Greening**



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Engagement Strategies

Online Open House

The project team hosted an online open house to present the preferred layout to stakeholders and community members. The session was promoted through postcards sent to residents within the project area, the City's social media platforms, as well as through the project GovDelivery newsletter with over 900 subscribers. Presenters shared an overview of the process that led to the key design decisions, as well as graphic representations of how the design would look in three-dimensional renderings.

The team took questions from participants, covering topics such as project funding, truck access, street parking, event traffic, special assessments, valet parking, and pedestrian access.

The draft recommended concept layout and a recording of the online open house are available on the project website: <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/1st-ave-washington-ave-8th-st/>

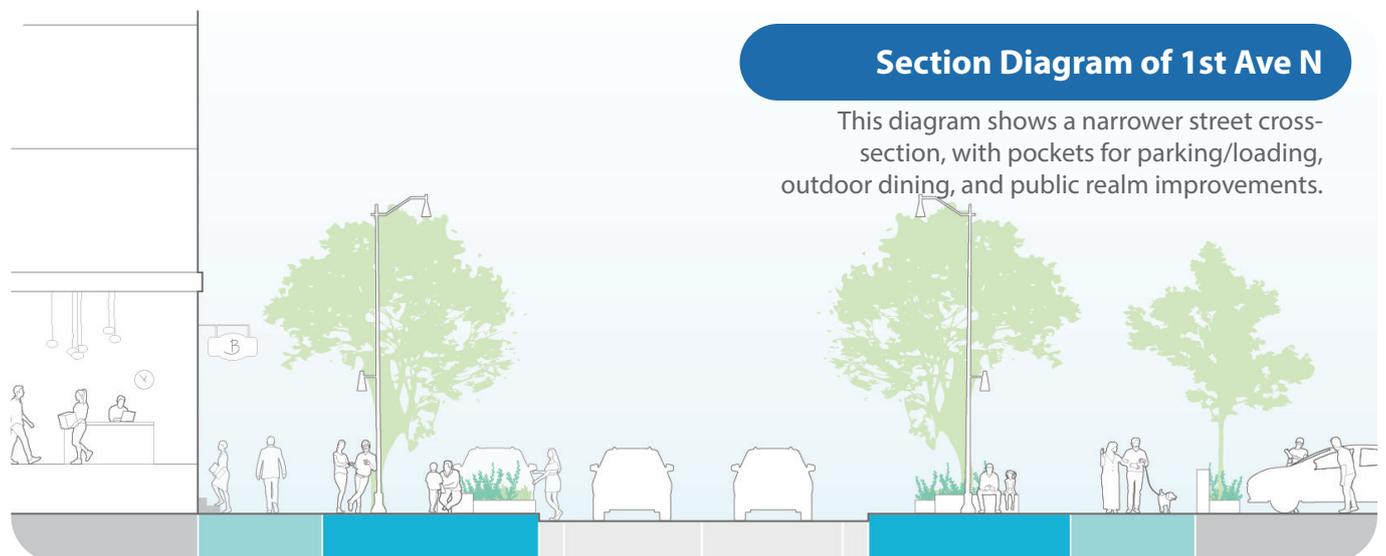
Online Feedback Form:

The online comment form provided a way for the public to weigh in on the preferred layout and share feedback with the project team. The online survey was open from November 18th, 2025, through January 21st, 2026, and received 8 responses.



Highlights

- Support for a bidirectional bikeway as shown in previous concepts with physical separation between bicycle and pedestrian space.
- Support for treatments that improve pedestrian experience, such as no right-on-red, wayfinding, benches, art, and curb bump-outs
- Interest in street-level protected bikeways with curb protection
- Concern about access to Target Center, Target Field and First Ave for people on bicycles



Section Diagram of 1st Ave N

This diagram shows a narrower street cross-section, with pockets for parking/loading, outdoor dining, and public realm improvements.

Engagement Strategies

Neighborhood, Business & Property Owner Meetings

The project had the opportunity to present updates and gather feedback from several neighborhood and business organizations on the corridor for this phase:

- Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), Minneapolis Downtown Council (MDC), Downtown Improvement District (DID)
- Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association (DMNA)
- Minneapolis Renaissance Coalition (MRC)
- Property owners and business owners



These discussions provided interest and support as follows:

Highlights

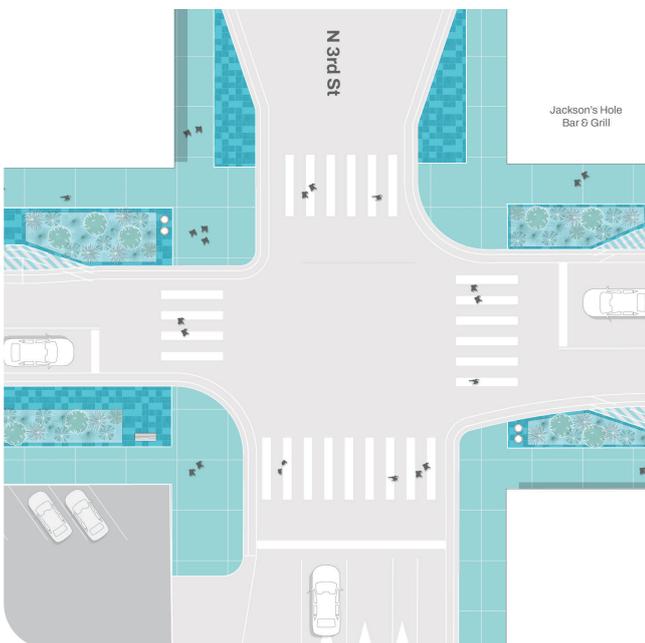
- Detailed plans for loading, parking, Uber/Lyft access, and deliveries
- Removal of bikeway
- Commercial loading zones
- Restaurant patios and outdoor dining
- Additional lighting
- Planters on light poles and other elevated greening
- Increased sidewalk width
- Tradeoffs of turn lanes versus street parking on specific blocks
- Traffic calming treatments
- Additional coordination and communication to be in place for construction

Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committees

The project team has provided regular updates to the Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) and Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) as part of the design development process. The PAC and BAC have published resolutions (linked [here](#) and [here](#)) acknowledging the layout and providing additional considerations for further development.

Recommendations from Committees

- 01** | Consider further improvements to bikeway connections to Hennepin Ave
- 02** | Additional detail on secure and ample bicycle parking access on 1st Ave N at major destinations
- 03** | Coordination with adjacent projects to ensure bicycling access from the south and north
- 04** | Integration of additional public realm features and support for enhanced maintenance and operations to make spaces beautiful and comfortable for all users. Includes specific recommendations for single-grade surface treatments and high-quality material selection
- 05** | Support for additional permanent infrastructure for temporary street closures and traffic calming at intersections with highway entrances/exits



Highlights from Engagement Communications

Video communications have been an important part of reaching new audiences as part of the 1st Ave N project engagement. For this final phase of engagement, the team prepared a video that captures and summarizes the ways that community input and involvement influenced the design outcomes.

Stay tuned to the project website for the video to be published soon!



These graphics were used to help illustrate how the design concepts would differ from the way the street looks today from a more relatable vantage point. Note that final design will continue to advance and may result in some minor changes to features shown in these graphics.

What's Next - Final Design & Email Updates

Engagement with project stakeholders and community members will continue in an ongoing fashion primarily through email updates, GovDelivery project newsletters, and in-person discussions. Phase 4 of the engagement process is complete, resulting in a preferred layout that will advance for Council approval and through final design. Construction timelines and additional coordination will be communicated as available at a future date.

For more on the project engagement approach see: [Link to Plan](#).

Phase 1:
Existing Conditions

completed

Phase 2:
Ideas, Visioning

completed

Phase 3:
Concept Design

completed

Phase 4:
Preferred Concept

completed

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