

## First Avenue Reconstruction

GRANT STREET TO EAST LAKE STREET

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### Project Overview

The Minneapolis Public Works Department plans to reconstruct approximately 1.5 miles of First Avenue South, from Grant Street to East Lake Street, including replacing the bridge over Midtown Greenway and railroad corridor. The project will evaluate improvements for all users, replace the aging pavement, and upgrade the temporary bikeway installed on First Ave in 2021 as part of the Whittier-Lyndale Bikeway Project. Project construction from Lake to Franklin will begin in 2024 and Franklin to Grant will begin in 2025. Minneapolis is currently determining the amount of replacement to sanitary pipes underneath First Ave S. The schedule is subject to change as we learn more.

### Project Goals

- Improve safety and mobility for all people and modes of travel
- Install a bikeway facility for all ages and abilities
- Evaluate opportunity for green stormwater improvements, plantings, and trees
- Accommodate property access for residents, businesses, and visitors

### Learn More

To learn more about the project and to complete a survey to tell us your goals for First Ave, visit the project website at:  
[minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/1st-ave-lake-st](https://minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/1st-ave-lake-st)

### PROJECT TIMELINE



## Community

The community within half-mile of project corridor has:

- Higher portion of Hispanic/Latinx (16.9%) members than Minneapolis (9.6%) as a whole
- Higher portion of low income (50.5%) members than Minneapolis (36.2%) as a whole
- Higher portion of public transportation (18.1%) users than Minneapolis (13.2%) as a whole

## Existing Street Design

The public right-of-way is generally 60 feet, with the street making up 35 - 40 feet of the available space.



- Sidewalk on both sides
- Two-way buffered bikeway, west side
- Two northbound traffic lanes
- Parking on the west side



- Sidewalk and parking on both sides
- Two-way buffered bikeway, west side
- Single northbound traffic lane



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- Sidewalk on both sides
- On-street northbound bike lane, east side
- Two northbound traffic lanes
- Parking on west side (N. of Cecil Newman Ln)

## Biking

Throughout most of the project area (15th St. to 28th St), First Ave is part of the recently implemented Whittier-Lyndale Bikeway, which seeks to make biking a safe and convenient choice for all users.

## Vehicle Parking

First Ave generally includes on-street parking on one side of the street. Observation shows that more than 80% of the on-street parking spaces on First Ave are generally occupied.

## Vehicle Speeds

Approx. 40% of vehicles travel faster than the posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

## 1ST AVE EXISTING USERS

Pedestrians and bicyclists make up 12% of the activity on 1st Ave.

### ESTIMATED DAILY USERS (2017)

	Pedestrians: 370
	Bicyclists: 426
	Motor vehicles: 5,791

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why does First Ave need an upgraded bicycle facility?

The City's Transportation Action Plan establishes an All Ages and Abilities (AAA) Bicycle Network to make bicycling an attractive option for more people. This network will include protected lanes and trails that are physically separated from moving cars, trucks, and buses, will feature improved intersection crossings, and be accessible year-round. First Ave is identified as part of the AAA bicycle network and protected bikeways are recommended for implementation as a part of street reconstruction projects for routes on the AAA network.

### How will this project affect users of the street?

The First Ave Reconstruction Project will prioritize people who walk and bicycle while maintaining safe and effective vehicle traffic operations. These priorities are set by the City's Complete Streets Policy, Transportation Action Plan, and Street Design Guide.

### Will there be assessments for this project?

Yes, adjacent property owners will be assessed for this street reconstruction project. More information about assessments can be found on the City's website at [www.minneapolismn.gov/assessor](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/assessor).

### Will pedestrian street lighting be included?

Yes, there will be pedestrian street lighting included in the project. The project corridor is part of the City's Pedestrian Priority Network and, per City policy, pedestrian level street lighting will be added with this project and is included within the current budgets.

## More Questions?

For more information on this project, visit the project website:

<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/1st-ave-lake-st/>

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