

Project Background

The murder of George Perry Floyd Jr. on May 25, 2020 forever changed the way people see and interact with the intersection and area where his murder occurred – 38th & Chicago. Shortly after Floyd’s murder, the area transitioned into George Floyd Square (GFS), an active space for art, community gathering and reflection. The evolution of GFS has changed the ways in which people use the area and challenges its original roadway design.

The City of Minneapolis Public Works Department (Public Works) has a responsibility to maintain public infrastructure and understands that the circumstances at GFS require a comprehensive community engagement process to re-envision, redesign and reconstruct the area in a manner that reflects community needs. This is an extremely significant opportunity for us all to define the future of 38th & Chicago.



Intersection of 38th St E & Chicago Ave S (orientation: northeast)

Project Area



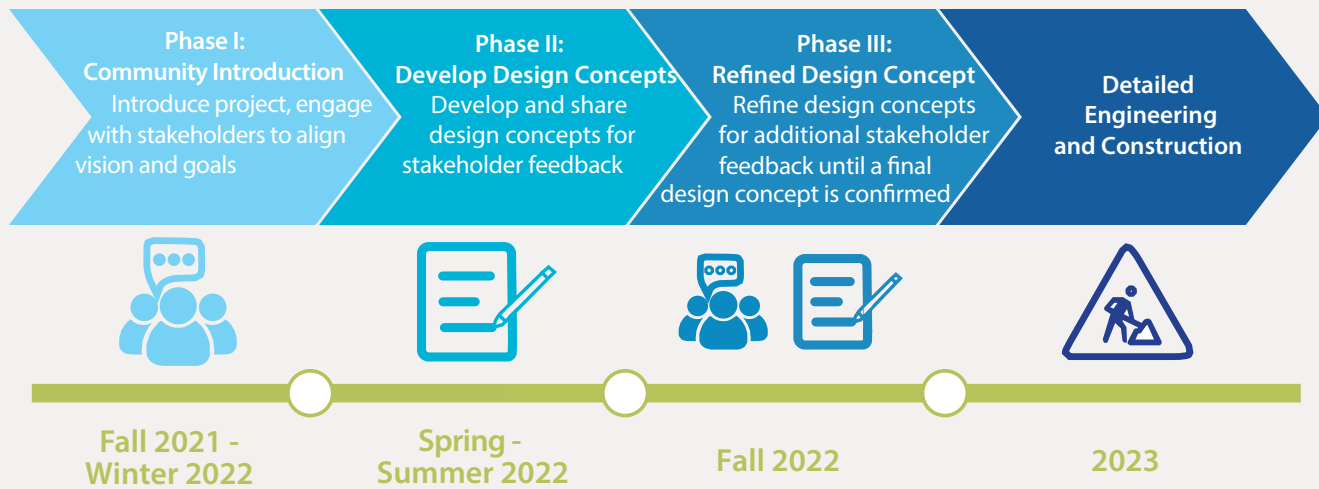
Engagement Goals

- Allow for racial healing
- Honor the voices of the Black Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) community
- Develop community relationships
- Work together with the community to make decisions about the project
- Lead an engagement process to work and learn together with the community

Design Goals

- Redesign the street to reflect community needs
- Include space within the public right-of-way (ROW) for community use
- Explore transit and pedestrian design options
- Maintain access for residents and businesses
- Include trees and native plants

Project Schedule & Process



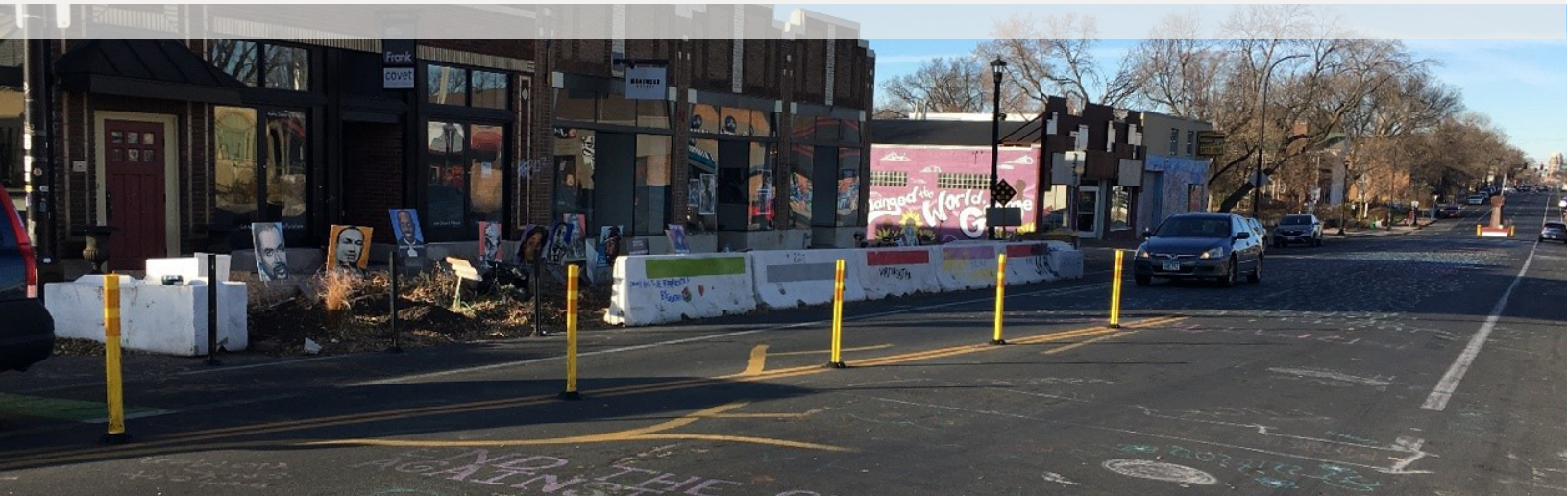
Phase I: Community Introduction (Fall 2021 – Winter 2022)

- **Listening Sessions:** Interviews with community stakeholders to confirm the project goals, vision, and future community engagement efforts.
- **Focus Groups:** Small group discussions with community stakeholders and the project team to discuss the past, present and future needs of the intersection and to understand what a re-envisioned intersection could entail.
- **Community Meeting (Open House):** Project introduction with community stakeholders and the project team to discuss the past, present and future needs of the intersection and to understand what a re-envisioned intersection could look like.

Design concepts are used to spatially allocate the public ROW for people who may be travelling by foot, bike, vehicle, or transit and incorporate how people access homes, businesses, and public spaces such as parks. The community engagement and design process will produce multiple concepts which will convey how the roadways of 38th and Chicago can be designed. The design process will also incorporate existing City of Minneapolis policies:

- [Climate Action Plan](#)
- [Complete Streets Policy](#)
- [Street Design Guide](#)
- [Transportation Action Plan](#)
- [Vision Zero](#)

Garden at the mid-block of 3700 Chicago Ave S (orientation: north)



Existing Street Design

The intersection of 38th Street and Chicago Avenue connects two streets that carry pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and vehicles. The land use in the area is designated as commercial mixed-use and includes a mixture of single-family and multi-family housing and commercial businesses.

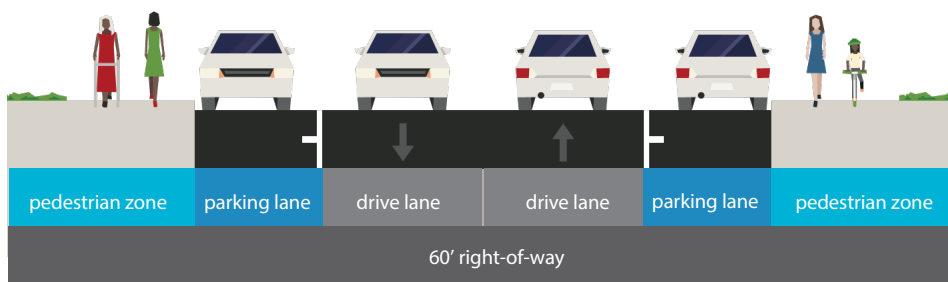
38th Street East

- 60 feet of ROW, with the roadway (curb to curb) approximately 40 feet of that space.
- Roadway contains two travel lanes, with sidewalks and parking on both sides.
- Identified in the [Street Design Guide](#) as a [mixed-use commercial connector](#).
- Identified in the Transportation Action Plan, [All Ages and Abilities Network](#) as a future low-stress bikeway.
- Identified in the Transportation Action Plan, as a [Pedestrian Priority Network](#).
- Identified in the [Vision Zero Action Plan](#) as a high-injury street.
- Metro Transit, [Route 23](#) is currently operating a detour route outside of the intersection.

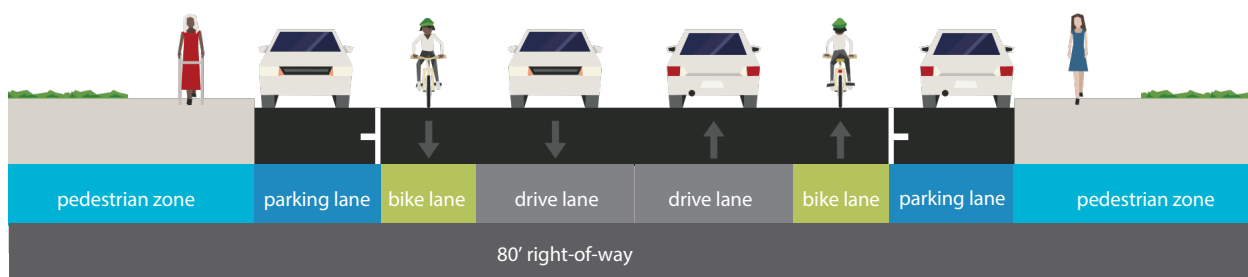
Chicago Avenue South

- 80 feet of ROW, with the actual roadway (curb to curb) composing approximately 50 feet.
- Roadway contains two travel lanes, two parking lanes, and two on-street bike lanes, with sidewalks and parking on both sides.
- Identified in the [Street Design Guide](#) as a [mixed-use commercial connector](#).
- Identified in the Transportation Action Plan, [All Ages and Abilities Network](#) as an existing connector bikeway.
- Identified in the Transportation Action Plan as a [Pedestrian Priority Network](#).
- Identified in the Metro Transit, [D Line Bus Rapid Transit \(BRT\) route alignment](#).
- Metro Transit, [Route 5](#) is currently operating a detour route outside of the intersection.

Existing street on 38th St.



Existing street on Chicago Ave.



Note: These cross sections depict the original ROW allocation and differ from how the area is currently spatially designated.

Will there be a memorial?

This project will not be designing a memorial but will reorganize the street and surrounding public space within the ROW to accommodate a future memorial(s). The forthcoming memorial process will be closely coordinated as a separate but parallel effort from this project.



Southern entrance, intersection of 39th St E & Chicago Ave S (orientation: north)



Western entrance, intersection of 38th St E & Columbus Ave S (orientation: east)

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