38th and Chicago Interim Design Survey Engagement Summary



Interim Design Survey

In March 2021, Public Works launched a survey to gather public feedback on two interim design options for reopening the intersection of 38th and Chicago. In total just under 4,000 surveys were administered in three languages (English, Spanish, Somali) to all residents and businesses within a half mile radius of the intersection of 38th and Chicago.

Survey Responses

- In total, 685 responses were received, which accounts for a response rate of 18%.
- 40% (275) of the responses supported option 1 (Fist Sculpture Relocation).
- 41% (279) of the responses supported option 2 (Fist Sculpture Roundabout).
- 16% (112) of the responses did not support either option, instead indicating a desire for justice before any design changes be implemented to the intersection.
- 3% (19) of the responses requested that all existing barricades, art and other community installments be removed and that the intersection be reopened to vehicle traffic and in a manner similar to how the area was before the death of George Floyd.

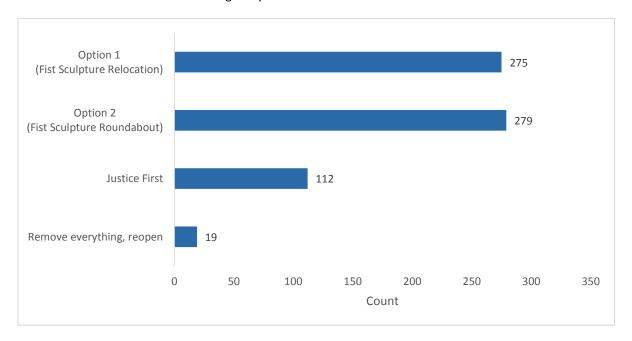


Figure 1: Survey response results

Additional Feedback

The survey also included an optional comment section in which respondents were able to provide additional feedback. The following themes are summarized below and are not sorted in order of comment frequency.

Option 1 (Fist Sculpture Relocation)

- Provides the ability to safely interact with the fist.
- Simplifies vehicle movements.
- Not enough public space.

Option 2 (Fist Sculpture Roundabout)

- Fist Sculpture roundabout keeps the issue visible.
- Fist Sculpture roundabout calms vehicle traffic.
- Concerns about safety of pedestrians and motorists with this design.
- Concerns about the ability of buses and other large vehicles navigating the roundabout.
- Concerns that individuals will try to interact with the fist and not be safe from motor vehicles.

General Comments:

- Restore vehicle access, especially for public transit and emergency response vehicles.
- Do not implement any design changes until after the conclusion of the Chauvin Trial.
- Do not implement any design changes until the 24 demands for justice are met.
- Public Safety:
 - o Concerns of over-policing occurring in the area for the foreseeable future.
 - o Desire to see an increased police presence in the intersection.
 - o Belief that the existing intersection closure is increasing/decreasing crime in the immediate area.
- Land Use:
 - Acquire the Speedway Gas Station and Cup Foods properties and transform them into memorial spaces.
 - Keep the intersection closed indefinitely and transform it into a public plaza/park.
 - Utilize Phelps Park and/or Say Their Names Cemetery for the memorial instead of the intersection of 38th and Chicago.
 - o Integrate memorial planning efforts into the 38th Street Thrive, Cultural District Plan.
- Engagement
 - Keep community leaders involved in the decisions making process.
 - o Include the George Floyd family in conversations regarding a memorial.
 - Center the African American community in the engagement process.

Next Steps

Public Works will utilize the feedback received to further the interim design. Relevant updates are available at the project website.

- https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/38th-chicago/
- Additional comments and questions can be emailed to: 38thandChicago@minneapolismn.gov

Appendix A: Survey Letter Mailing



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March 2021

Greetings,

The City of Minneapolis is committed to seeking justice, healing from trauma and recognition of the humanity of Black lives. We seek to do this by working with the community to reconnect 38th & Chicago after the conclusion of the upcoming Derek Chauvin trial. The City's overriding goals are to support the needs of residents and businesses while honoring the importance of racial healing and reflection in this sacred space.

Public Works engaged community last summer and fall to determine two options for 38th & Chicago that preserve space for the memorial and art while ensuring delivery of critical services for the area, including much needed public transit. Both options provide two-way traffic operations in all directions improving business and residential access and providing the opportunity to restore transit service on Chicago Avenue and 38th Street.

We are surveying residents and businesses to determine the preferred option for the interim design. We encourage you to vote for your preferred option. The deadline for sending the enclosed postcard back to the City is **Monday, March 15**.

The implementation of the interim design will be followed by additional community engagement to incorporate the community's vision for George Floyd Square into future reconstruction plans for the street. Visit the City's 38th & Chicago web page: minneapolismn.gov/38th-Chicago for more information.

Sincerely,

Minneapolis Public Works

For reasonable accommodations or alternative formats please call 311 at 612-673-3000. People who are deaf or hard of hearing can use a relay service to call 311 at 612-673-3000. TTY users can call 612-263-6850.

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Figure 2: Survey letter mailing, page 1/2

Interim Design Option 1

Fist Sculpture Relocation

In option 1, the fist sculpture is relocated north of the intersection. Chicago Avenue and 38th Street will accommodate two-way vehicle traffic.

Chicago open in both directions Garden Greenhouse George Floyd Memorial Fist sculpture

Interim Design Option 2

Fist Sculpture Roundabout

In option 2, the fist sculpture remains in the center of the intersection, creating a round-about for vehicle traffic. Chicago Avenue and 38th Street will accommodate two-way vehicle traffic.



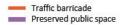
*Note: Proposed Metro Transit stop locations pending further review.



Close up view of option 1 intersection



Close up view of option 2 intersection



Pros

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- Simplified intersection movements
- Fist protected from vehicles
- Public can interact with fist
- Metro Transit routes 5 & 23 return to intersection

Cons

- Requires relocating the fist sculpture
- · Less room for flexible public space

Pros

- Calms traffic
- Fist sculpture remains in current location
- More room for flexible public space
- Metro Transit routes 5 & 23 return to intersection

Cons

- Exposes fists to vehicles
- Challenging navigation for buses & large vehicles
- Public cannot interact with fist

Figure 3: Survey letter mailing, page 2/2

Appendix B: Survey Letter, Mailing Map



Figure 4: Radius of survey mailings (3,888 total mailings)

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