

# 38<sup>th</sup> 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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.

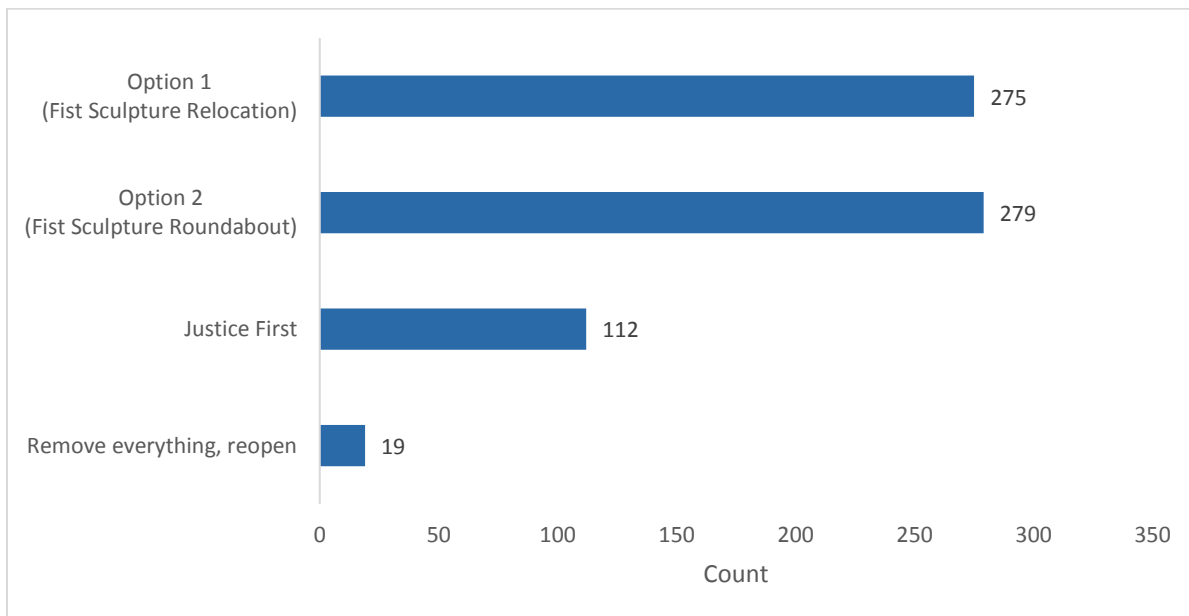


Figure 1: Survey response results

## 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:
  - Concerns of over-policing occurring in the area for the foreseeable future.
  - Desire to see an increased police presence in the intersection.
  - 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 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago.
  - Integrate memorial planning efforts into the *38<sup>th</sup> Street Thrive, Cultural District Plan*.
- Engagement
  - Keep community leaders involved in the decisions making process.
  - 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

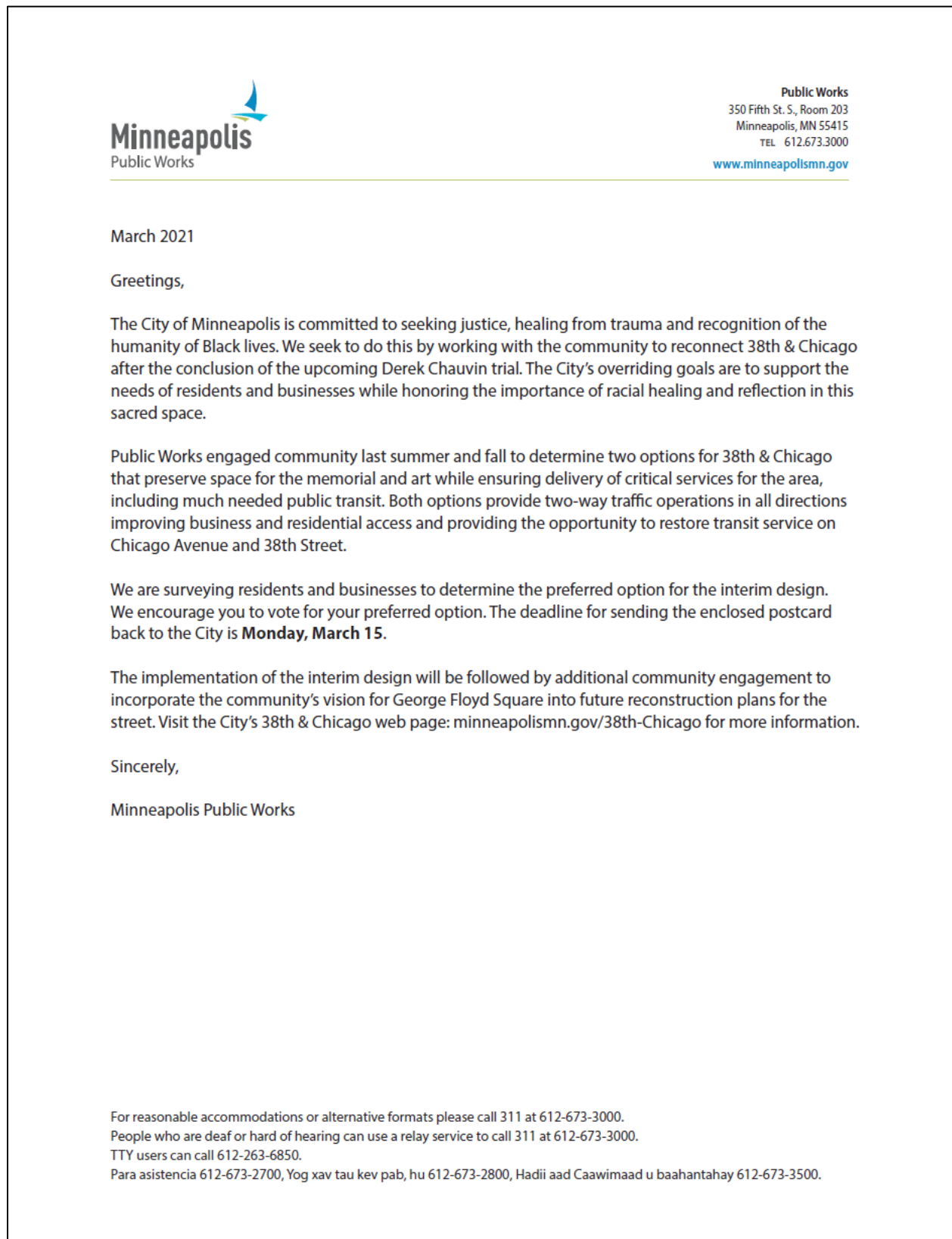
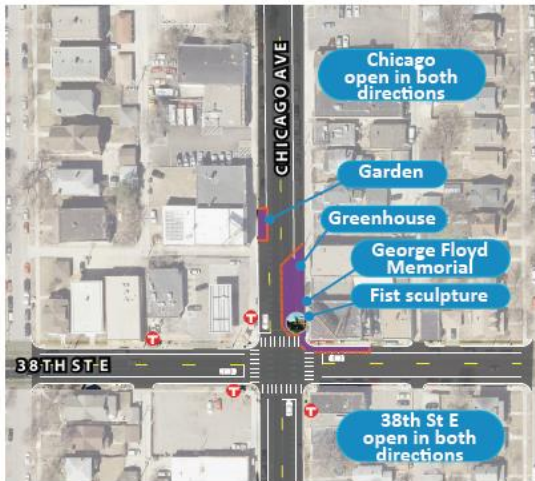


Figure 2: Survey letter mailing, page 1/2

## Interim Design Option 1

### Fist Sculpture Relocation

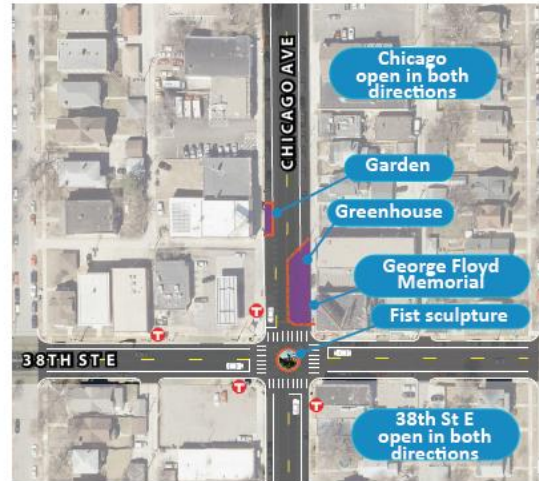
In option 1, the fist sculpture is relocated north of the intersection. Chicago Avenue and 38th Street will accommodate two-way vehicle traffic.



## Interim Design Option 2

### Fist Sculpture Roundabout

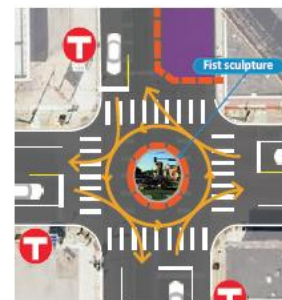
In option 2, the fist sculpture remains in the center of the intersection, creating a round-about for vehicle traffic. Chicago Avenue and 38th Street will accommodate two-way vehicle traffic.



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



Close up view of option 1 intersection



Close up view of option 2 intersection

— Traffic barricade  
— Preserved public space

#### Pros

- 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)

This page intentionally left blank.