

Engagement Summary

Elliot Park Traffic Safety Project

Project background

The Elliot Park Traffic Safety project will add safety improvements along 11th Ave S from 17th St E to 4th St S, with a focus on the 15th St and 17th St intersections. These safety improvements connecting Elliot Park, U.S. Bank Stadium, local businesses, and apartments will consider various treatments that make it safer to walk, roll, bike, and drive along the corridor.

Project goals

- Improve safety for walking and rolling
- Make it easier to cross at intersections
- Reduce car travel speeds and unsafe driving
- Provide a safe and comfortable bicycle route

Engagement overview

Phase 1 engagement (April to August 2025):

- Inform stakeholders about the project
- Launch project communications and engagement
- Solicit input on the existing conditions, needs, and priorities
- Inform community on design tools

Phase 2 engagement (August to October 2025):

- Present feedback to date
- Facilitate community input on concept layout options
- Incorporate input into concept(s)

Phase 3 engagement (November to March 2026):

- Inform stakeholders on any progress or changes
- Close the loop on feedback to date and how it was considered
- Publish engagement summary and concept layout

Engagement goals

- Use creative, diverse, and accessible ways of doing engagement to make sure people are informed and able to participate.
- Make engagement relevant and specific to residents in the project area. Focus efforts on people that are often less heard from.
- Consult with local residents throughout the project, set clear expectations about which outcomes and decisions the public can influence.

TABLE POP-UP EVENT SET-UP



Phase 1 engagement activities

The project team fostered dialogue with residents, businesses, and key stakeholders through targeted outreach efforts.

- Hosted an online survey
- Hosted four table pop-ups/office hours
- Sent postcards to residents living within one block of the project
- Engaged with businesses/organizations through informal drop-ins, emails, presentations, and phone calls near project area

Transportation Action Plan

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Common themes we heard + design tools

Below are common themes that we heard from community members in the first phase of engagement. Design tools in each box are potential ways to address these themes.



Vehicles speed along the corridor

Design tools: curb extensions, pedestrian medians, and protected bikeway to slow vehicle speeds along the corridor



Feels unsafe to walk/roll across 15th & 17th St

Design tools: curb extensions, pedestrian medians, and raised and not raised crosswalks to reduce crossing distance and increase visibility



Vehicles often do not stop or yield pedestrians

Design tools: evaluation of raised crosswalks and sight line improvements, as well as evaluation of signal at 17th St to encourage stopping



Bicycle lanes currently do not feel safe

Design tools: curb-protected bikeway to provide a safer and more comfortable experience for bicyclists



Other public safety concerns outside transportation

Design tools: evaluate lighting and wider sidewalks at the 15th St intersection



Some preference to maintain on-street parking

Design tools: maintain at least one-side parking along corridor and confirm feasibility with parking study

Phase 2 engagement activities

The project team shared the draft concept and continued conversations with community members by asking feedback on two different concept options for intersections at 15th St and 17th St.

- Hosted an online survey
- Open house at the Elliot Park Recreation Center
- Sent postcards to residents living within one block of the project
- Engaged with businesses/organizations through informal drop-ins, emails, presentations, and in-person and virtual meetings

Common themes we heard in phase 2

- Strong preference for pedestrian median option at 11th Ave & 15th St intersection
- Generally supportive of traffic signal at 17th St
- Questions about potential travel delay of two-lane to one-lane off-ramp option
- Questions on two-way to one-way bikeway transitions
- Continued conversations around other public safety concerns outside of transportation area

PHASE 3 ENGAGEMENT

The third phase of engagement is focused on informing community members on the preferred concept layout and project updates.

Engagement activities include:

- Presentations at Elliot Park Neighborhood Inc. and PAC/BAC committees
- Follow-up with organizations located along the 11th Ave S project corridor on layout updates
- Project website updates

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