

# **Community Workshop Summary | January 2022**

**Date of event:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 **Location:** Cedar Field Park, 2500 Cedar Avenue S

Public Works is conducting a Transportation Study for permanent changes to 18th Avenue S between 24th and 26th Streets, Ogema Pl and Stately St. The changes will be reflective of Little Earth, East Philips Neighborhood, businesses and agency needs and desires for the area. On November 18, 2021, Public Works with support from Little Earth Residents Association and the City's consultant hosted a Community Workshop as part of Round 1 engagement to gather feedback on community priorities. This engagement summary documents the details and comments received during the outdoor, inperson event held at Cedar Field Park.



#### **Location Map**



### About the community workshop

- Audience: Residents and adjacent property owners surrounding the study area (primarily from Little Earth and East Phillips neighborhoods)
- **Format:** To follow CDC guidelines and help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the project team held the event outdoors, encouraged social distancing, had disposable masks and sanitizer available and encouraged attendees to follow advertised precautions.
- Presentation Boards: Included background information on the study, results of initial outreach and demonstration project, and boards focused on previously identified themes: community representation, safety, and comfort.
- Activities: Included interactive feedback opportunities at each station, as well as a kid's crafting table, warming fires, hot cocoa and s'mores for attendees.
- **Incentives:** Target gift cards were given to the first 30 attendees/heads of households that provided feedback at each of the feedback stations.
- Language Interpretation: Spanish interpreters were present.







### Who we heard from

Approximately **43** members of the community members signed in. Some additional 10-15 attendees participated without signing in. Of those that registered, the participants identified as:



Little Earth Residents



East Phillips Residents



South Minneapolis, Powderhorn Residents

### What we heard

The following feedback was received during the Community Workshop on previously identified themes of:





Transportation Study







Where do you want to see these elements in your

# neighborhood ?

- Place the the corresponding color where you feel it belongs!
- URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD
  STREET ELEMENTS
- LANDSCAPE DESIGN
- FURNISHING AND LIGHTING
- ART









# **Event Photos**



#### Key themes heard

- 1. Add more **lighting**
- 2. Need for more art
- 3. Desire for art that is **representative** of the entire community along all corridors
- 4. Slow motorists down through the area with **speed humps** and other **street design** elements
- 5. Make it **difficult for motorists** to move through the area
- Most people supported the current demonstration project on 18th Avenue S adjacent to Cedar Field Park
- 7. Improve **public safety** at community spaces (Cedar Field Park, etc.)
- 8. Consider restricting access/slowing traffic or closing segment of 18th Avenue S, west of Cedar Field Park, and extending **public space** into existing public right-of-way (see concept)
- 9. Cul de Sac on Ogema Pl & Elm Stately Street
- 10. Provide a green/walking space as a **buffer** for the Little Earth side of Ogema Place



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# Next Steps & Timeline

Based on the feedback received and key themes heard, Public Works plans to present draft street design concepts during Round 2 of engagement in early 2022 back to the community.



#### **PROJECT WEBSITE**

https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/18th-ave-s-little-earth/

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