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MEMORANDUM

TO: Meseret Wolana (City of Minneapolis), Don Elwood (City of Minneapolis)

FROM: Kristin Petersen, Mark Maves

RE: Summary of **Open House 3 – September 17, 2025**

This memo documents the details and comments received during the open house for the Nicollet Ave Bridge Rehabilitation Project that took place on Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

Meeting Information

- Audience: Adjacent property owners and residents surrounding the project area
- Date of event: Wednesday, September 17, 2025
- Format: The meeting was held in an open house style format, with informational boards around the room and project staff available to discuss the project. There was also a drone video showing existing conditions of the bridge and rehabilitation process from a similar bridge. There was also a comment station seeking feedback on the materials presented. Attendees were also asked to place a dot on the map where they live to document who was represented at the meeting.

Meeting Notifications

- 3,138 Postcards were mailed to properties in the 55417 zip code
- 4,994 Postcards were mailed to properties in the 44419 zip code
- Posted on project webpage
- Posted on Social Media
- .GOV email notification
- Emails to Stakeholder lists

Attendance

- At least **53 attendees** signed in at the open house. The following staff members were also present to facilitate the event and address questions and comments:
 - 1) Meseret Wolana – City of Minneapolis
 - 2) Don Elwood – City of Minneapolis
 - 3) Ahmed Omar – City of Minneapolis
 - 4) Ted Arbeiter – City of Minneapolis
 - 5) Meng Vang – City of Minneapolis
 - 6) Henneh Kota – City of Minneapolis
 - 7) Mark Maves – SEH
 - 8) Justin Gese – SEH
 - 9) Kristin Petersen – SEH
 - 10) Virginia Torzewski - SEH
 - 11) Steve Olson – ONE

Website Traffic

- Website analytics between 05/01/2025 and 10/1/2025 were as follows:
 - 619 Visits
 - 694 Pageviews
 - 514 Unique Visitors
 - 80 Returning Visitors

Page
Nicollet Ave. Bridge Over Minnehaha Creek - City of Minneapolis
<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/nicollet-ave-bridge/>
Period
5/1/2025 - 10/1/2025

Page overview

Historical overview and comparison



Traffic Sources

Initial traffic source	Visits % of total	Unique visitors	Bounce rate
Direct traffic	293 47.3%	255	76.45%
Search engines	214 34.6%	189	61.68%
External referrers	14 2.3%	13	64.29%
Social media	7 1.1%	7	85.71%

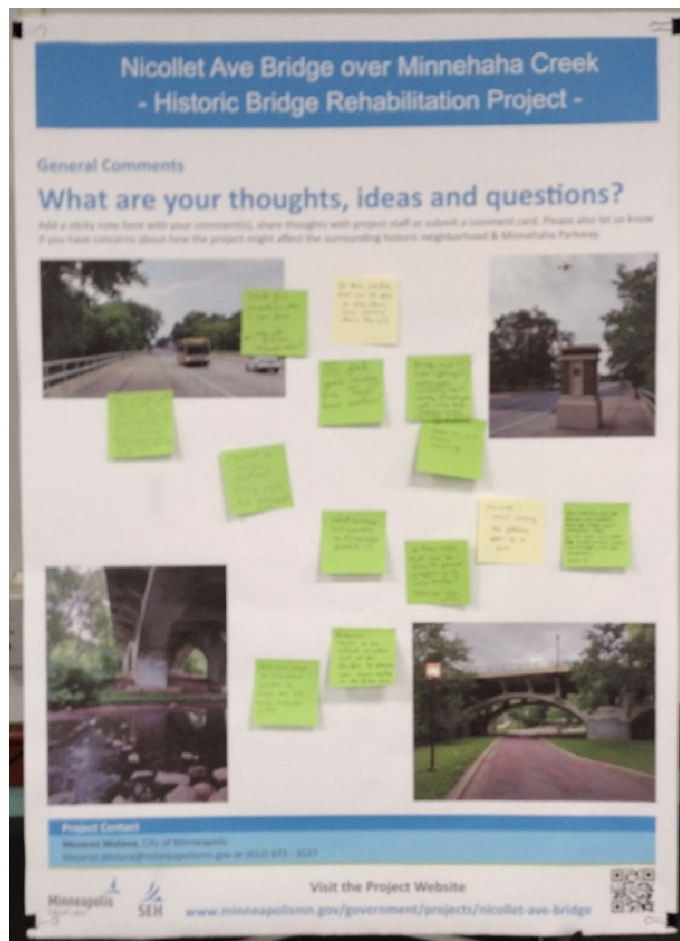
Comments

Comments were received via comment board stations. The public was also able to mail additional comments and questions to City staff after the event.

Comments on Posters – **What are your ideas?**

- Thanks for a comprehensive plan & open house. Where will #18 run (the Lyndale detour?)
- How will you ensure snow is cleaned in the bike/walk space if bridge snow is pushed into the bike/walk area? Will someone review the bike/walk area if the bridge is slowed 2nd & how fills (even potentially) the bike/walk space? Thanks!
- Excited to see the great 'old' railing style
- What surface will you use to discourage graffiti?
- Please find ways to slow down drivers so people feel safe to bike/walk paths
- Protection needs to be added at either end of the bridge to prevent cars from being in the bike lane
- Bridge must have lighting underneath. Currently the nearby streetlights cast very dark shadows under the bridge on paths
- Yes!^ consider this project above/on & below bridge.
- Is there anything that can be done to prevent graffiti in the new bridge? Thanks for your work.
- Concerned about narrowing the pedestrian paths by so much.
- All lighting (on the bridge and under) must be "dark sky" approved type. So as not to glare on surrounding homes, or drivers, or pedestrians. Okay?

Event Photos



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