

35th and 36th Streets Reconstruction Project

Phase 2 Engagement Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Schedule and Process

What is the scope of the project?

The City will reconstruct 35th Street and 36th Street between Blaisdell Avenue and Chicago Avenue. The project is a full reconstruction project, involving the entire right-of-way. The project area includes both single-family housing and apartment buildings, as well as businesses, Green Central Elementary School, and Hosmer Library. The project will improve safety and mobility for all corridor users, replace aging utilities, and add green stormwater infrastructure.

What is the timeline for this project?

Conceptual design for the reconstruction project began in 2024, and will continue through Fall 2025. Final design is expected to begin in late 2025. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027 and be completed in 2028.

Design

Will this project consider converting 35th & 36th Streets into two-way streets?

During Phase One engagement, residents expressed interest in the potential for converting one or both project corridors into two-way streets. In response to this feedback, the project team developed a two-block concept for a two-way conversion of both streets, that was shared at the Phase 2 open house. After seeing the layouts, community members were less supportive of a two-way conversion if it meant less space for pedestrian intersection treatments, walking, biking, greenery, and parking (see Phase 2 Engagement Summary). As the City develops a preferred concept, a two-way conversion option, along with the other alternative concepts shared, will be evaluated against community feedback, project goals, cost and technical feasibility.

Will a bikeway be included in the project?

35th Street between 1st Avenue and 3rd Avenue is identified as part of the AAA network in the City's Transportation Action Plan. During Phase 1 and 2 of engagement, community members expressed a strong interest in having the AAA connection extend to Blaisdell Avenue, rather than stop at 1st Avenue. Building out a bikeway on this section of the corridor will help to connect community members to the surrounding existing and future AAA network, including:

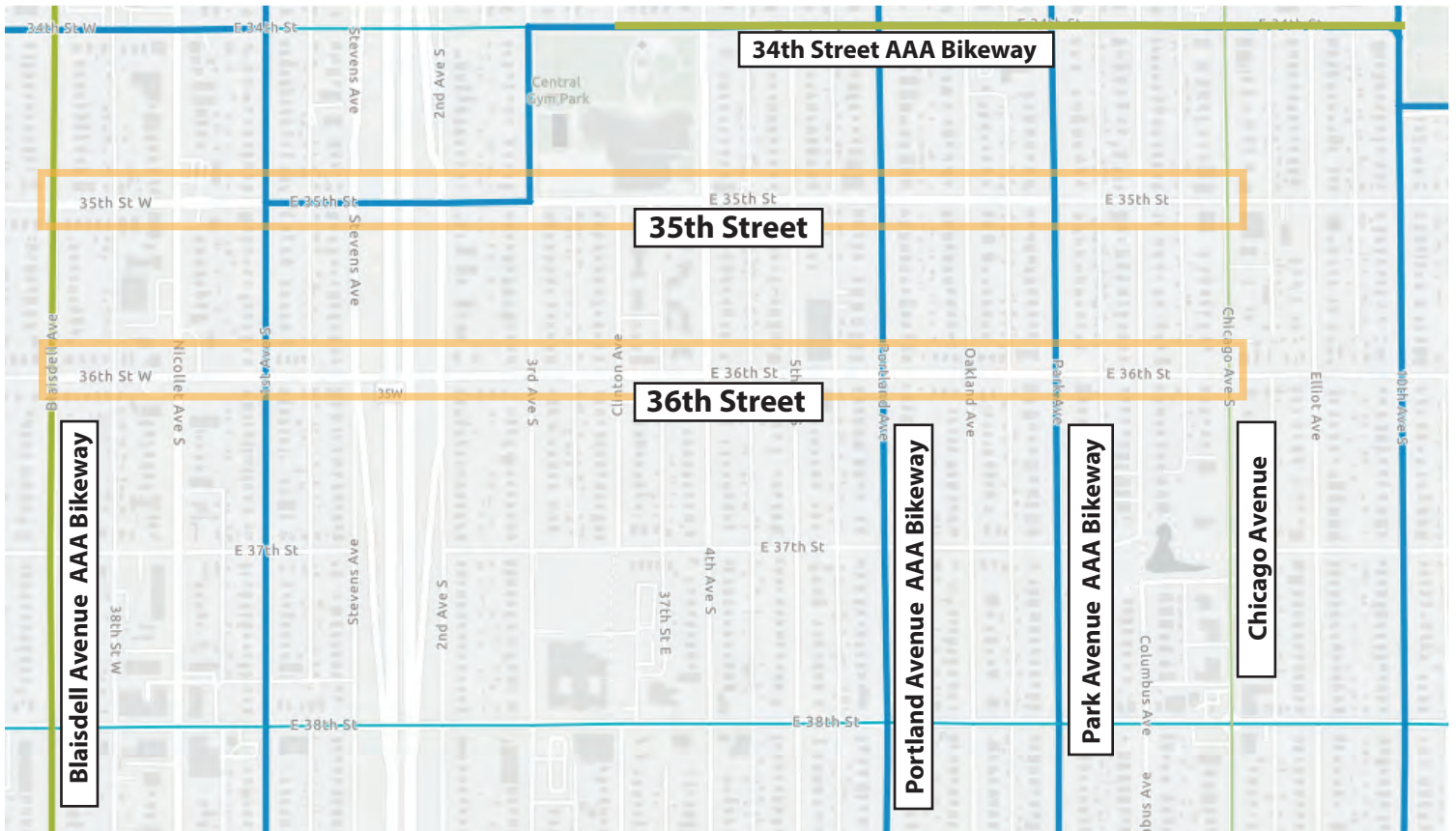
- Blaisdell Avenue Bikeway completed in 2022 (<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/whit-tier-lyndale-bikeway/>)
- 34th Street Safe Routes to School Project completed in 2024 (<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/green-central/>)
- Upcoming Hennepin County Park and Portland Safety Improvement Project (<https://www.hennepin.us/en/residents/transportation/park-portland>).

The City aims to integrate bikeways that meet All Ages and Abilities (AAA) Bikeway Network standards into portions of the 35th and 36th Street project where appropriate. This means the project team is considering a variety of options, including shared use paths and protected bike lanes, to improve safety and comfort for people biking.

While the community has expressed a strong desire for safe and comfortable bikeway connections, there are currently no existing planned bikeways for these specific sections of the project:



- **35th Street** between Blaisdell Avenue and Nicollet Avenue
- **35th Street** between 3rd Avenue and Chicago Avenue
- **36th Street** between Blaisdell Avenue and Chicago Avenue

As the project progresses, the City will evaluate a combination of existing policies, current conditions, and community feedback to determine the best approach for delivering improved bike facilities throughout the entire project area for all roadway users.





AAA Network Legend

Planned Bikeways

-  Near term Low Stress Bikeway
-  Connector or Long-term Low Stress Bikeway

Existing Bikeways

-  Low Stress Bikeway
-  Connector Bikeway



Blaisdell Avenue AAA Bikeway



34th Street AAA Bikeway

Existing Conditions

Will green space be added to the corridor and can trees be preserved?

Two of the project goals guiding decision-making about green space and tree preservation are: "Use green infrastructure to collect and treat stormwater" and "Include more green space and support healthy trees." Using these goals, information on current environmental conditions, and the community's expressed desires for a more green and comfortable corridor, the project team will evaluate how to maximize green space and preserve healthy trees along the corridor as it develops a preferred concept.

When and how were parking counts collected?

Parking observations were conducted on both weekdays and weekends from December 2023 to February 2024, at varying times throughout the day. Currently, there are 184 parking spaces on 35th Street between Blaisdell Avenue and Chicago Avenue, and 180 parking spaces on 36th Street between Blaisdell Avenue and Chicago Avenue. Parking demand varies across different portions of the corridors at different times of the day. Parking was at its highest during the weekday afternoons. Additional information about the parking study can be found with the Phase 1 Open House materials.

Engagement

What business engagement was completed?

The project team conducted numerous business-focused engagement events, with a focus on gathering input from multilingual businesses. In Phase One, outreach was focused on understanding what business owners and operators envisioned for the corridors. The project team began by visiting businesses along the corridor to share information about the project, upcoming engagement opportunities, and a business-focused survey. These visits were made during the morning/early afternoon on weekdays in September 2024. Following this initial outreach, the project team hosted a Business Listening Session on October 24th at 9 AM.

As a part of Phase Two, business outreach was aimed at notifying owners and operators of the upcoming open house and project survey and gathering input on the draft alternative concepts. The project team once again visited businesses along the corridor, information about the alternative concepts, proposed improvements, and collecting feedback. These visits were made in the afternoon on a weekday in March 2025. In Phase Three, business engagement will involve approaches similar to those used in Phase Two.

Next Steps

Feedback received during Phase 2 engagement, along with adopted City plans and policies, and technical feasibility will be used to inform the preferred design concept for 35th and 36th streets. Results will be shared with the public during Phase 3 later this year. During the third phase, there will be in-person and online opportunities to view the preferred concept and provide final comments. If you would like to receive information about future engagement opportunities, please sign up for email updates on the project website by scanning the QR code or visiting [Minneapolis.gov/government/projects/36th-st-blaisdell-ave-chicago-ave/](https://minneapolis.gov/government/projects/36th-st-blaisdell-ave-chicago-ave/).



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