

# Queen Avenue North Bicycle Boulevard

Osseo Road to Bassett's Creek

## Project Background

In 2021, the Minneapolis Public Works Department will build a bicycle boulevard along 4 miles of Queen Avenue North between Osseo Road and Bassett's Creek Trail.

The goal of the project is to create a low-stress bikeway on Queen Avenue North, make the street safer and more comfortable for all people, and make connections to destinations along the Penn Avenue North corridor.

The project is funded by the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and a Federal grant.

## What is a Bicycle Boulevard?

A bicycle boulevard is a low-stress bikeway for people of all ages and abilities. Bicycle boulevards make local streets safer and calmer for people walking, biking, driving, and living along the street.

Typical features include:



Traffic calming to keep driver speeds low



Crossing improvements added at busy intersections



Traffic circles to calm traffic at intersections



Trail connections through parks



Bikes and cars share the same space



Signs and markings to help people find their way

## Project Schedule

**Summer-Fall 2019:** Develop project layout and seek input on traffic calming locations, crossing improvements, and bikeway designs

**Winter 2020:** Present design to City Council for approval

**2021:** Construction and opening

## Project Map



The project would connect to many bikeways, transit routes, and community destinations:

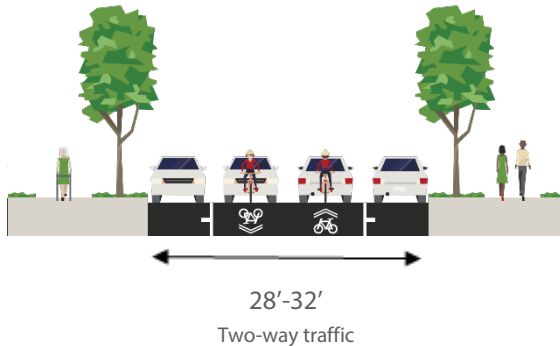
- Victory Memorial Parkway
- Bassett's Creek Trail
- C Line Bus Rapid Transit Line
- Blue Line LRT (planned)
- Cleveland Park
- Willard Park
- Lucy Laney Elementary School
- Shops, restaurants, and community services at 44<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Lowry Ave N, W Broadway Ave N, and Plymouth Ave N

## Project Design

The future Queen Avenue North bicycle boulevard project is 4 miles long and includes 38 blocks and 40 intersections. Much of the project will look similar, but some blocks and intersections will need additional improvements to make them safe and comfortable.

### Typical Block

Most blocks along Queen Avenue North are two-way streets with parking on both sides. Bike signs and markings will be added, while keeping two-way traffic and most parking.



Some blocks are different widths or currently one-way streets and may require different designs.

### Traffic Calming

Traffic calming will be installed at many locations to encourage safer vehicle speeds and discourage cut through car and truck traffic. The City of Minneapolis is collecting data in 2019 to understand existing traffic issues.

### Crossing Improvements

There are many busy streets along Queen Avenue North that make it difficult for people walking and biking to cross. Improvements, such as curb bump outs, pedestrian refuge islands, or short trail connections may be installed at:

- Osseo Rd\*
- Dowling Ave N
- Lowry Ave N
- West Broadway Ave N
- Golden Valley Rd\*
- Plymouth Ave N\*
- Olson Memorial Hwy\*
- Glenwood Ave N



\*Crossing improvements will be coordinated with upcoming projects on these streets.

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### Parks and Schools

Public Works is working with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and Minneapolis Public Schools to determine routing near parks and schools.



### One-Way Blocks

There are 7 blocks between Golden Valley Road and Olson Memorial Hwy, that are one-way for northbound motor vehicle traffic. Public Works is exploring how to accommodate southbound bike traffic in this area.



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