

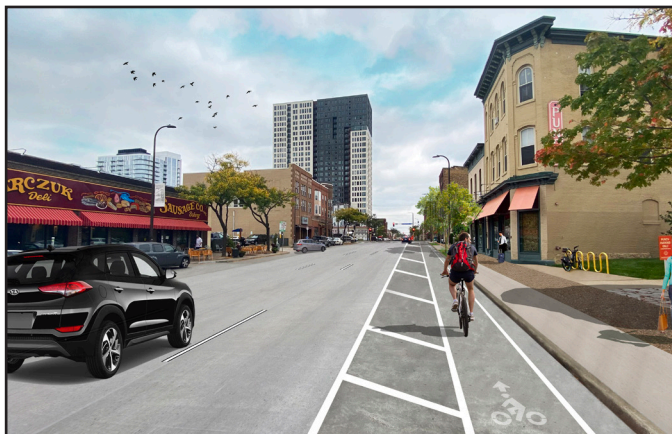
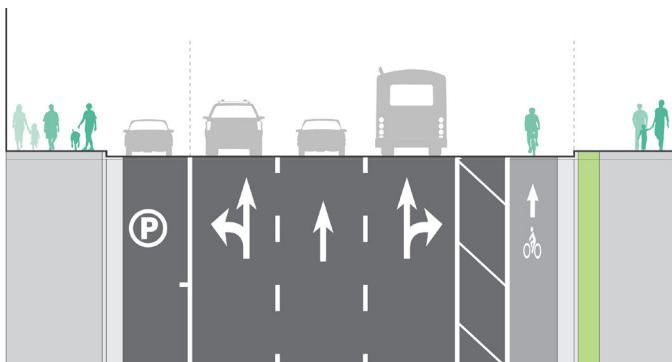
Hennepin and First NE improvements

February - November 2021 engagement summary

Community listening session November 17, 2021	4 Neighborhood meetings	410 Survey responses	17 Email comments	4 Agency meetings	Over 40 comments/discussions On Twitter
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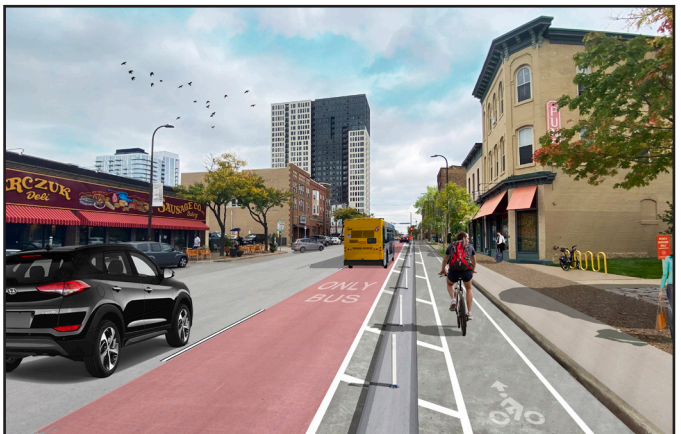
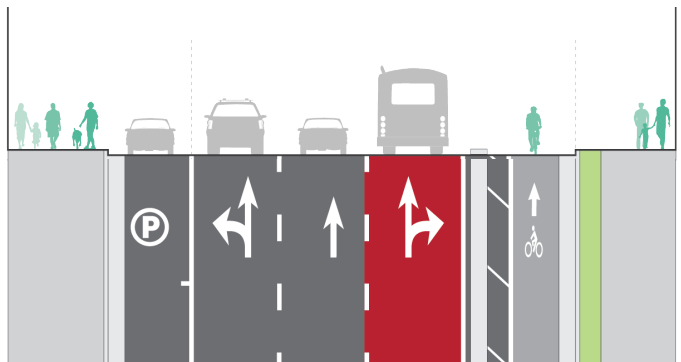
Concept 1

- Parking lane on left side
- Travel lanes: 3
- Buffered bike lane
- Parking removed from right side of street (15% loss of on-street stalls in area)



Concept 2

- Parking lane on left side
- Travel lanes: 2
- Protected bike lane
- Parking removed from right side of street (17% loss of on-street stalls in area)



Comment summary

Main themes



Prioritize biker and pedestrian safety



Lane configuration and connectivity



Ensure options support local businesses



Prioritize public transportation

What we've heard



Bike/pedestrian safety and accessibility

- Desire protected infrastructure for vulnerable road users.
- Prefer to see actual protected bike lanes on Hennepin and First.
- Currently, walking and biking on Hennepin and First does not feel safe due to high speeds and unprotected bike lanes.



Lane configuration and connectivity

- Desire to reduce the number of general-purpose travel lanes on Hennepin and First.
- Concern that reducing travel lanes could lead to congestion.
- If possible, desire to add more green space on the corridor.



Support for local businesses

- Interest in keeping the businesses along Hennepin and First healthy – stores and restaurants, service and access, getting people in and out.
- Concern about lack of parking to local businesses. Eliminating parking may cause issues for smaller businesses.



Public transportation

- Transit lanes would add to the goal to slow vehicles down and make people feel safer.
- Some concern with the location of proposed transit stops and whether lane should be transit only at all hours.



Speeding and traffic concerns

- Concern with speeding traffic across the Hennepin Avenue bridge.
- Need for better traffic management and traffic calming.

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