

The Hennepin-Lyndale Civic Corridor April 26, 2008 Charrette Results

What is the Vision?

The Face of the City: A grand civic corridor that acts as a gateway to downtown Minneapolis, connecting Uptown and Downtown and incorporating an appropriate balance between vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle, and public transportation movements.

What are the Opportunities?

Seamless relationship to the 15th Street Bikeway

Plans to consider Hennepin Avenue as a two-way street with a downtown bikeway element.

A Minneapolis Pedestrian Master Plan, currently underway and coming to a conclusion in 2008.

Funding opportunities for non-motorized transportation projects

A potential streetcar plan for Hennepin Avenue

Funding opportunities for small scale action projects.

Long-term improvements by MNDOT, addressing potential increased volumes of vehicular traffic through the tunnel and on the exit ramps.

What are the Problems?

Safety and the perception of safety for vehicles and pedestrians within a complex structure of movements.

Litter, graffiti, and maintenance issues associated with a corridor that seems to "lack ownership" due to multiple jurisdictions within the corridor.

Due to the extreme vehicular volumes moving through the corridor, pedestrian amenities and green space have been crowded out of the corridor, resulting in an imbalance that acts as a barrier to connecting the neighborhoods together.

What are the Key Issues?

Environmental/Sustainable perspective: Reducing pollution and noise, introducing more greenery, encouraging transportation modes that minimize CO2 emissions.

Maintaining quality access for the significant destination institutions and businesses in the adjacent neighborhoods: The Churches, the Walker, and other businesses that reside in the neighborhood and value access for their constituents.

Perceived implementation challenges, given the complexity of the multiple stakeholders and ever-present funding limitations.

Who are the Stakeholders?

The neighborhoods that abut the corridor: Loring Park, Lowry Hill, Bryn Mawr, etc.

The City of Minneapolis

Hennepin County

MNDOT

Downtown and Uptown Business Interests

Key Neighborhood Institutions: the Walker Art Center, the Basilica of St. Mary, St. Mark's Cathedral, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Dunwoodie Institute, The Woman's Club

What is the Plan?

To articulate a long-term vision for the Civic Corridor that represents the shared perspective of the stakeholders.

To identify short term opportunities and problem areas so that incremental improvements to the Corridor can be executed within a cohesive master plan.