2019 Connect the Park
Dakota Park bridge and bikeway
Public meeting #1

September 26, 2018
Public participation guidelines

1. Show respect...every person is important!
2. Speak for yourself...not for anybody else!
3. Listen to others...then they will listen to you!
4. No clapping or yelling.
5. Take charge of yourself...you are responsible for you!
6. After you ask a question, step back so that everyone gets a chance to speak....you will have another chance.
Agenda

• Welcome/Introduction
• Public participation
• Why are we here?
  • What is Connect the Park?
  • What are bikeways?
• Bikeway examples
• Construction
• Questions
• Open house
Public participation

• Goals:
  • Inform you of this potential project
  • **Obtain public feedback on project design**

• Staff will:
  • Keep you informed
  • Listen to and acknowledge concerns
  • Provide feedback on how public input influenced project design
Why bikeways, trails and sidewalks?

Citizen driven:
- Visioning feedback asking for a connected community
- An increase in active transportation (walking, biking, etc)
- Requests for dedicated bikeways
- Ability to choose other modes of transportation to recreate and to get to destinations

In order to make this happen the City needs a complete and connected network
½-mile Bicycle Grid
(to link destinations)

¼-mile Sidewalk Grid
(to link destinations)
What is Connect the Park?

**Purpose** - "To develop a comprehensive, city-wide system of bikeways, sidewalks and trails that provides local and regional connectivity, improves safety and accessibility, and enhances overall community livability."
Connect the Park Plan

• 10-year plan, started in 2014
• 32 miles of bikeways
• 12 miles of sidewalks (city)
  • Work to address gaps in sidewalk network (property owner)
• 3 miles of trails
• North - South bridge connections over BNSF railroad

• Website: ConnectThePark.org
Questions

• Up next.....typical bikeways
What are bikeways?

**SLP’s bikeways network include several types of facilities:**

**Bike routes/Share the road**
- Preferred streets for bicycle travel using lanes shared with motor vehicles

**Bike lanes**
- Designated space on the road through pavement markings and signage.
  - Adjacent to vehicle travel lanes and flow in the same direction

**Protected bike lanes/Cycle track**
- Exclusive bike facility that combines user experience of a separated path with the on-street infrastructure of a conventional bike lane
Bike routes / Share the road
Bike lanes (with parking)  

Without parking
Protected bike lanes/Cycle track

• 36\textsuperscript{th} Street east of Lake Calhoun
Bikeway design considerations

- Traffic volume
- Vehicle speed
- Street width
- Number of lanes
- On-street parking
- Number of drive accesses
- Types of intersections
Funding

• No assessments to property owners for City initiated work
• Paid for using:
  • Federal funds for bridge construction
  • General obligation bonds for everything else
Questions

• Up next.....project overview
Project components

• Pedestrian and bike bridge over BNSF railroad tracks near Dakota Park
• Sidewalk on Edgewood Avenue from Cedar Lake Road to railroad tracks
• Bikeway from Cedar Lake Road to Lake Street using Dakota Avenue
Adjacent projects

- Pavement Management 2019
- Cedar Lake Road Improvements 2019
- Historic Walker Lake
What to expect during construction?

- Construction to occur late 2019 to 2020
- Bikeways are mostly paint and signs
- Temporary no parking during implementation
Schedule

• Kick off meeting - tonight
• Plan meetings - 1\textsuperscript{st} quarter 2019
• City council public hearing – late 1\textsuperscript{st} quarter/2\textsuperscript{nd} quarter 2019
• Contract award - mid-2019
• Construction - summer 2019- fall 2020
Public participation

- Staff is asking for feedback on the project design
- You can provide feedback by:
  - Attending meetings
  - Comment cards
  - Email
  - Site visits
  - Letters
  - Phone calls
How to stay informed?

- Sign up for emails
- Website updates
- Letters
- Staff will be on site daily during construction

www.stlouispark.org/engineering
Before we go....... 

• Thank you!
• Question and answer continued
• Open house