

# 2019 Connect the Park Dakota Park bridge and bikeway Public meeting #2

October 30, 2018



# Agenda

- Welcome/Introduction
- Public participation
- Meeting structure
- General questions
- Open house

# Public participation

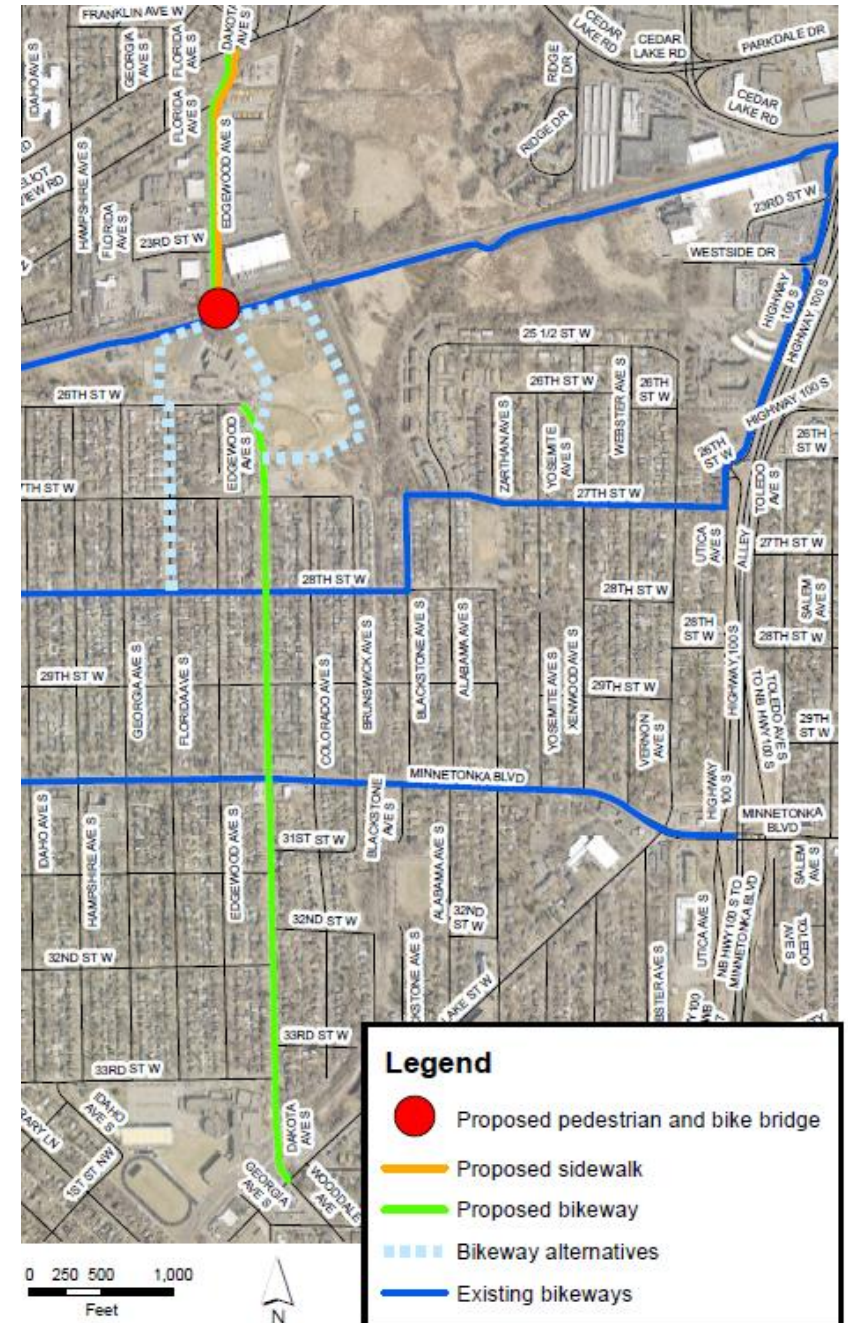
- Goals:
  - Present design alternatives and concepts
  - **Obtain public feedback on project design**
- Staff will:
  - Keep you informed
  - Listen to and acknowledge concerns
  - Provide feedback on how public input influenced project design

# Meeting structure

- Small group stations
  - Project overview and existing conditions
  - Bridge alignments and approaches
  - Bikeway and street alignment

# Project oomponents

- 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





# Schedule

- Open house #1 – Complete (9/26/18)
- Open house #2 - Tonight
- Open house #3 - TBD
- City council public hearing – late 1<sup>st</sup> quarter/2<sup>nd</sup> 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?

[www.stlouispark.org/engineering](http://www.stlouispark.org/engineering)

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

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## Connect the Park - 2019 Projects

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Connect the Park is the city's 10-year Capital Investment Program (CIP) to add sidewalks, trails and bikeways throughout the community. 2019 will be the fifth year of sidewalk and trail construction and the fourth year of installing bikeway in the community.

### Dakota Park bridge and bikeway

Beginning summer 2019, north-south pedestrian and bike connections to the east side of the city will be available. The project area includes Edgewood Avenue from Cedar Lake Road to the railroad tracks, and Dakota Avenue from the railroad tracks to Lake Street. The project will include:

- A pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the Burlington Northern railroad tracks at Dakota Park
- A bike and pedestrian network study
- Installation of a bicycle facility along the corridor

The proposed improvements will be paid for using city and federal funds; there are no proposed assessments to property owners.

### Public meetings

No improvements or construction will occur until there has been opportunity for public input on the project, which will start during fall and winter 2018. A neighborhood meeting will be held to discuss the project scope and review preliminary plans.

In early 2019, the St. Louis Park City Council will hold a public hearing where staff will present the recommended design and public input received from the neighborhood meetings. After the public hearing, the council will vote on whether or not to move forward with the project. If the project is approved, staff will prepare for construction to begin in summer 2019.

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### Schedule

Summer 2019 - Fall 2020

### Benefits

- Addition of sidewalks, bikeways and trails

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# Before we go.....

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