Dakota Avenue bikeway meeting

Lenox Community Center
7/9/19
Public participation guidelines

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

• Goals and objectives
• Review process to date
• Review staff's previously recommended design
• Resident and community concerns
• Next steps
Goals and objective of meeting

To cast a wide net to get all questions and concerns
Review of process to date

• Open house 1 – 9/26/18
• Open house 2 – 10/30/18
• Open house 3 – 3/19/19
• Public hearing – 4/15/19
• Council decision 1 – 5/3/19
• Open house 4 – 7/9/19
Rules, guidance, and best practices

- Connect the Park – 2013
- Complete Streets – 2013
- Comprehensive Plan – 2018
- Climate Action Plan – 2018
- State Aid standards
- National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)
Review of staff's previously recommended design
Overall project

- Pedestrian/bike trail on Edgewood Ave from Cedar Lake Rd to railroad tracks
- Pedestrian/bike bridge over railroad tracks at Dakota Park
- On-street bikeway on Dakota Ave from 26th St to Lake St
• “Share the road” bike facilities from Peter Hobart to Minnetonka Boulevard.
• Curb bump-outs at Peter Hobart, 27th, 28th, and 29th Streets
• Removal of stop sign at 26th Street and Dakota Avenue
• Move crosswalk from 26th Street south to other side of parking lot
• RRFB at Peter Hobart
Bike boxes at Minnetonka Boulevard
• Buffered bike lanes from Minnetonka Boulevard to Lake Street
• Parking restrictions on one side of Dakota Avenue
• Lateral shift at 32nd Street, parking restrictions on both sides
Curb extensions
Where do you live?

- Adjacent to the project: 9
- Within 5 blocks of the project: 3
- In one of the project's neighborhoods: 1
- Elsewhere in St. Louis Park: 2
- Outside of St. Louis Park: 2
How did you get to the meeting?

- N/A (Online): 0
- Walk/Roll: 4
- Bike: 0
- Public transit: 0
- Vehicle (driver): 11
- Vehicle (passenger): 2
- Other: 0
We have heard the following concerns

- Desire to keep on-street parking
- Design suggestions submitted by residents
- Vehicles traveling too fast on Dakota Avenue
- Lack of bicycle safety with on-road facilities
- Concern with pedestrian safety to cross streets
- Street is too busy for bikes with school traffic and activities
What additional items need to be added to the list of concerns?

I am concerned that we risk not providing safe passage to all modes of transportation in use in our community.

My neighbor has renters and has at least 5 cars at his house. Now I can’t even park in front of my house, imagine if we eliminate parking.

Crosswalk by high school is a challenge to see people with cars parked on either side of it.

Need flashing signs on Dakota if speed limit exceeded like on Texas.

I’m concerned about the crosswalk by the high school. It is very dangerous and needs flashing lights like those planned for Peter Hobart.

How will customers directly, safely, & comfortably bike to my business? How will my delivery bikers deliver safely?

I’m all for regular bike lanes, but the elimination of parking is a concern. High school events, increased parking needs for lake street businesses, increased parking/traffic needs for walker lake are all reasons to not eliminate parking.

There is currently confusion, by both drivers and riders, due to different rules that apply to TRAIL crossings (mid-block vs corner). Please avoid this on Dakota (retain pkg) by treating south of Mtka the same as plans for north.
What is your number one concern for Dakota Avenue?

- Preserving on-street parking: 13
- Pedestrian safety/crossing: 2
- Vehicle speeds: 1
- Bike safety: 6
- Preserving trees/green space: 0
- Driving enforcement: 1
- Parking enforcement: 0
- Maintenance: 0
- Other: 0
How do you want the city to prioritize your concerns?

1st
Preserving on-street parking
Pedestrian safety/crossing

2nd
Vehicle speeds

3rd
Bike safety

4th
Preserving trees/green space

5th
Driving enforcement

6th
Parking enforcement

7th
Maintenance

8th
Other
Additional questions?
Next steps