

Hennepin Downtown – Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS THE PROJECT?
 Hennepin Downtown is a reconstruction project on Hennepin Avenue from Washington Avenue to 12th Street, including underground utilities and some construction on the cross streets at each intersection. Planning is also being done to create a vision for the entire corridor from the Mississippi River to the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden.

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE? The planning and outreach process began in 2016 and will be completed in 2018. Detailed engineering will be completed in 2019. Construction will begin in 2019 and will be complete by 2022.

Project Phase	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Outreach and Engagement	★ ★		★ ★	★			
Preliminary Design							
Detailed Design							
Construction							

★ Open House

WHY IS THIS PROJECT HAPPENING NOW? Federal funds, which account for about 1/3 of the total project budget, have been awarded to the City for construction in 2020. Roadway improvements have not occurred since 1986. After more than 30 years, the pavement is worn out and needs to be replaced. There is also demand for a more balanced roadway that makes the corridor safer and more inviting for pedestrians, bicyclists, buses and cars. Waiting to reconstruct the street will result in increased construction costs as well as the potential loss of federal funding.

WHAT WILL HENNEPIN AVENUE LOOK LIKE? Over 50,000 people per day make trips along Hennepin Avenue on foot, on bicycles, in transit, and in cars. The new street will continue to accommodate all these modes within the limited right-of-way:

- ▲ Sidewalk area able to support pedestrian activities with space for planting and furnishing zones
- ▲ One-way bikeways behind the curb
- ▲ Space for enhanced transit stops compatible with future Arterial Bus Rapid Transit service
- ▲ Generally four vehicle lanes, with Hennepin Avenue remaining a two-way street



HOW WILL I HAVE ACCESS DURING CONSTRUCTION?
 Maintaining access to homes and businesses throughout construction is a priority. More detailed staging plans will be developed in 2019.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION AND PROVIDE INPUT?
 You can find current project information and sign up for email updates at the project website:
www.hennepindowntown.com

You can also contact project staff via the project email and hotline:
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