

Agenda
Transportation Commission
City Of Edina, Minnesota
City Hall - Community Room

Thursday, November 16, 2023
6:00 PM

- I. Call To Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval Of Meeting Agenda
- IV. Approval Of Meeting Minutes
 - A. Draft Minutes: October 26, 2023
- V. Community Comment

During "Community Comment," the Board/Commission will invite residents to share relevant issues or concerns. Individuals must limit their comments to three minutes. The Chair may limit the number of speakers on the same issue in the interest of time and topic. Generally speaking, items that are elsewhere on tonight's agenda may not be addressed during Community Comment. Individuals should not expect the Chair or Board/Commission Members to respond to their comments tonight. Instead, the Board/Commission might refer the matter to staff for consideration at a future meeting.

- VI. Reports/Recommendations
 - A. Traffic Safety Report of October 31, 2023
 - B. France Avenue Corridor Review
 - C. Boulevard Tree Planting
 - D. Response to Community Comment
 - E. 2023 Work Plan Updates
- VII. Chair And Member Comments
- VIII. Staff Comments
 - A. 2024 Work Plan Update
- IX. Adjournment

The City of Edina wants all residents to be comfortable being part of the public process. If you need assistance in the way of hearing amplification, an interpreter, large-print documents or something else, please call 952-927-8861

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Date: November 16, 2023

Agenda Item #: IV.A.

To: Transportation Commission

Item Type:

Minutes

From: Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

Item Activity:

Subject: Draft Minutes: October 26, 2023

Action

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the minutes of October 26, 2023 regular meeting.

INTRODUCTION:

See attached draft minutes.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Minutes: Oct. 26, 2023



Minutes
City Of Edina, Minnesota
Transportation Commission
City Hall Community Room
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I. Call To Order

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Answering roll call: Commissioners Bildsten, Brown, Johnson, Olson, Plumb-Smith, Wright, Karoussos, Lewis

Late: Commissioner McCarthy

Absent: Commissioners Rubenstein, Donnelly

Staff present: Transportation Planner Andrew Scipioni, Assistant City Engineer Aaron Ditzler

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Bildsten to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Plumb-Smith and seconded by Brown to approve the September 21, 2023 meeting minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner McCarthy arrived at 6:03.

V. Community Comment

Cathy Owens, 6225 Grandview Square, testified about Item A1 on the Traffic Safety Report of September 26, 2023. Owens noted concerns about crossing Eden Avenue near the Avidor and requested an advanced pedestrian flasher for eastbound traffic from Vernon Avenue. Owens also asked the City to consider installing a high-intensity activated crosswalk (HAWK) beacon like the one on W 51st Street behind Lunds & Byerly's.

Arne Selbyg, 6225 Grandview Square, testified about Item A1 on the Traffic Safety Report of September 26, 2023. Selbyg supports adding an advanced pedestrian flasher but noted that it would only help in the summertime before the snow piles up. Selbyg also requested that the City extend W 53rd Street across Vernon Avenue to Sherwood Road so the neighbors have an alternative exit besides Eden Avenue.

Fran Edelson, 6225 Grandview Square, testified about Item A1 on the Traffic Safety Report of September 26, 2023. Edelson also noted that snow piles up on the sidewalk adjacent to the Avidor, obstructing pedestrian traffic.

VI. Special Presentations/Recognitions

A. 2024 Roadway Reconstruction Projects

Assistant City Engineer Aaron Ditzler and Liaison Scipioni presented the proposed 2024 roadway reconstruction projects for review and comment. Comments from Commissioners included;

- Concord B/C
 - Support boulevards for all proposed pedestrian facilities.
 - Staff should consider low-maintenance plantings in narrow boulevards instead of turf.
 - On-street bicycle facilities on Wooddale Avenue make sense given the on-street bike lanes north of the project area.
 - Support removing on-street parking on Wooddale Avenue.
 - Support the proposed pedestrian facility on W 64th Street.
 - Support narrowing W 64th St and removing on-street parking to reduce impervious surface and future maintenance responsibility.
 - Support the proposed one-way conversion of W 64th Street to minimize impacts of proposed shared-use path.
 - Staff should consider the impacts to residents on Concord and St John Avenues when deciding the direction of one-way traffic on W 64th Street.
 - Support the City maintaining the shared-use paths on W 64th Street and Concord Avenue.
- Southdale B
 - Support narrowing the streets to reduce impervious surfaces.
 - Support adding a sidewalk on the west side of Barrie Road south of W 65th Street.
 - Commissioners asked if Metro Transit Express Route 578 is expected to continue service in the neighborhood.

VII. Reports/Recommendations

A. Traffic Safety Report of September 26, 2023

The Commission reviewed and commented on the Traffic Safety Report of September 26, 2023.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Bildsten to allow resident testimony. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Deb Stortz, 6108 Arctic Way, testified about Item B7 on the Traffic Safety Report of September 26, 2023. Stortz noted that this is the only crosswalk on Vernon Avenue/Lincoln Drive between Gleason Road and Londonderry Road, and that there is no sidewalk leading up to the pedestrian curb ramp on the south side of Vernon Avenue.

B. 2023 Work Plan Updates

- **#1 Pedestrian Crossing Policy Review** – Subcommittee will have a draft report to share at the next meeting.
- **#2 Bicycle Network Planning for Bikes as Transportation** – Subcommittee will have a draft report to share at the next meeting.
- **#3 France Avenue Corridor Review** – Subcommittee will share draft report at the next meeting.

- **#4 Boulevard Tree Planting** – Subcommittee may present draft report at the next meeting.
- **#5 Cahill Small Area Plan** – Completed.
- **#6 Parking** – No update.
- **#7 Response to Community Comments** – Staff will review draft language with Communications and Administration.

VIII. Chair and Member Comments – Received.

IX. Staff Comments

A. 2024 Work Plan Update

Liaison Scipioni provided an update on the 2024 work plan development process.

B. Proposed 2024 Regular Meeting Dates

Liaison Scipioni provided the proposed regular meeting dates for the 2024 calendar year.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to adjourn the October 26, 2023 regular meeting at 8:21 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ATTENDANCE															
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3	Bildsten, Roger			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			8	100%
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7	Olson, Bethany								1	1	1			3	75%
8	McCarthy, Bruce	1	1		1	1	1		1		1			7	70%
9	Plumb-Smith, Jill	1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1			8	80%
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11	Karoussos, Evangelia (s)										1			1	50%



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Date: November 16, 2023

Agenda Item #: VI.A.

To: Transportation Commission

Item Type:
Report and Recommendation

From: Nick Bauler, Traffic Safety Coordinator

Item Activity:
Discussion

Subject: Traffic Safety Report of October 31, 2023

ACTION REQUESTED:

Review and comment on the Traffic Safety Report of October 31, 2023.

INTRODUCTION:

See attached staff report and supporting material.

Comments received by the Commission will be included in the staff report provided to City Council at their December 5 regular meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Traffic Safety Report of October 31, 2023

STAFF REPORT



Date: November 16, 2023

To: Transportation Commission

From: Nick Bauler, Traffic Safety Coordinator

Subject: Traffic Safety Report of October 31, 2023

Information / Background:

The Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) review of traffic safety matters occurred on October 31. The Traffic Safety Coordinator, City Engineer, Streets Public Service Worker, Transportation Planner, Police Sergeant, Public Works Director and Assistant City Planner were in attendance for this meeting.

On each of the items, persons involved have been contacted and the staff recommendation has been discussed with them. They were informed that if they disagree with the recommendation or have additional facts to present, they can submit correspondence to the Transportation Commission and/or to City Council prior to the December 5 regular meeting.

Section B: Items on which the Traffic Safety Committee recommends no action

B1. Request to improve safety within Sunnyslope Neighborhood

Description	Request includes lowering driver speeds and improving safety for pedestrians.
ADT	311
85% Speed	26.7 mph (Sunnyslope Rd E, 2023)
Crashes	One crash in 2022 at Dale Dr and Hilltop Ln
Sight Lines	Adequate
Previous Request	None in neighborhood.
Unique Circumstances	No current or proposed sidewalk facilities in neighborhood. Two access points to W 50 th St – Sunnyslope Rd E and Dale Dr.

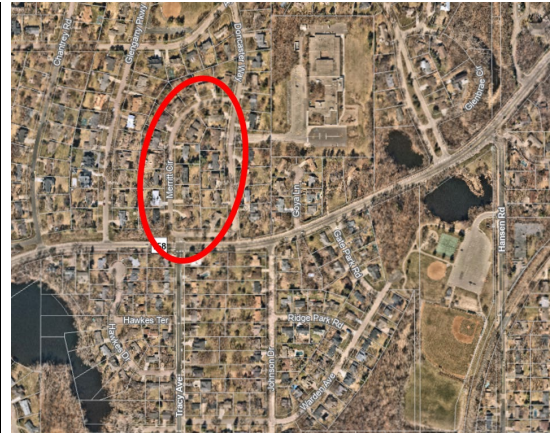


Sunnyslope Neighborhood

Staff recommends no action citing traffic volume and observed speeds.

B2. Safety concerns on Merritt Circle during afternoon school release

Description	Resident is concerned with traffic around Highlands Elementary School.
ADT	338 (2023) 95 vehicles between 7:30 - 8:00 am 77 vehicles between 2:15 - 2:45 pm
85% Speed	26 mph (2023)
Crashes	None reported in last 10 years
Sight Lines	Adequate
Previous Request	Signal timing issues leading to extended queueing during school drop-off and pick-up time. County was informed of issue to review signal.
Unique Circumstances	Signage directs drivers exiting Highlands to turn right 7:30 - 8:30 am and 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Drivers therefor have to turn onto Merritt Cir to access Vernon or Tracy Avenues.

*Merritt Circle*

Staff recommends no action citing volume and observed speeds.

B3. Request to slow traffic on Eden Avenue west of Arcadia Avenue roundabout

Description	Requestor is concerned with the speed of westbound traffic, making it difficult to exit the Avidor complex and Brookside Avenue.
ADT	5,250 (2023) Peak Hour 534 @ 8:00 am
85% Speed	32.5 mph (2023)
Crashes	Three reported crashes in last ten years (between Sherwood Road and Brookside Avenue).
Sight Lines	Adequate
Previous Request	Added advanced crosswalk RRFB visible for eastbound vehicles approaching from Vernon Avenue.
Unique Circumstances	Eden was reconstructed in 2021 and 2022.

*Eden Avenue*

Staff recommends no action based on crash history. EPD will use the mobile speed trailer on this corridor in 2024.

B4. Request for in-street pedestrian crossing signs on W 50th Street

Description	Resident is concerned for vehicles not stopping for pedestrians at crosswalks between Halifax and France Avenues.
AADT	9,550 (2021)
85% Speed	N/A
Crashes	11 reported in last ten years. Two involved a pedestrian struck in a crosswalk. Two involved rear-end collisions with a pedestrian in an adjacent crosswalk.
Ped and Bike Crosses	N/A
Sight Lines	Adequate
Previous Request	Concerns of people not pushing the RRFB buttons.
Unique Circumstances	Both crosswalks have RRFBs. In-street signs were utilized on 50 th prior to 2022, when they were removed pursuant to the City's pedestrian crossing policy and due to high rate of damage.

*Crosswalks within 50th & France*

Staff recommends no action as the crossing treatment is consistent with the City's pedestrian crossing policy.

B5. Request for parking restrictions on Beard Place

Description	Resident is concerned with soccer parking at Strachauer Park leading to parking along Beard Pl, Beard Ave and W 62 nd St.
ADT (October 2022)	Beard Pl Weekday ADT – 71 Beard Pl Weekend ADT - 187
85% Speed	23.7 mph on Beard Pl
Crashes	None reported in last ten years
Ped and Bike Crosses	Beard Pl and W 62 nd St – 1,140 (2021)
Sight Lines	Adequate
Previous Request	Same request from resident in 2021 and 2022. Resident was notified to submit petition for parking restrictions.
Unique Circumstance	Neighborhood streets were reconstructed in 2014 and 2016: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beard Ave – 24' wide, one-sided parking • Beard Pl north of 62nd – 27', two-sided parking • Beard Pl south of 62nd – 27', one-sided parking • W 62nd St – 27', two-sided parking

*Beard Pl facing north towards W 62nd St*

Staff maintains recommendation of no action. The requestor was informed of the petition process available.

Section C: Items on which the Traffic Safety Committee recommends further study**C1. Request for lane striping on W 44th Street**

Description	Resident is requesting a striped parking lane or lane striping after their parked vehicle was hit by a westbound vehicle.
AADT	7,157 (2021)
85% Speed	30.5 mph (2019)
Crashes	Five crashes in last ten years, two involved a parked car.
Ped and Bike Crosses	N/A
Sight Lines	Adequate
Unique Circumstances	Street was reconstructed in 2011. On-street parking is permitted on the north side throughout the corridor and on the south side adjacent to Kojetin Park. W 44 th is a signed bike route and a sidewalk is present on the north side.
Previous Requests	Speed complaints along W 44 th St.

*W 44th St*

Staff recommends further research into previous roadway and bikeway projects on W 44th St.

Section D: Other traffic safety items handled

D1. A submission was received of a vehicle speeding on Valley View Road near McCauley Trail. EPD was notified of the concern for targeted enforcement.

D2. A development project submitted a sign variance at 6500 Barrie Road. The proposed sign location was reviewed and determined to not impact sight lines along Barrie Road and W 65th Street.

D3. An apartment leasing sign was impacting sight lines at the intersection of Gallagher Drive and France Avenue. The sign was moved to improve sight lines.

D4. A resident was concerned with a neighbor parking on their own driveway and blocking the sidewalk on W 58th Street near York Avenue. EPD was made aware of the concern and the requester was notified to contact non-emergency dispatch for future concerns.

D5. A resident reported a downed yield sign along a roundabout near City Hall. The sign is being replaced by the installed sign contractor.

D6. A resident requested to remove flashing yellow arrow signals along W 50th Street and Vernon Avenue stating they are dangerous. The request was referred to Hennepin County who has jurisdiction over Vernon Ave.

D7. A sight line concern was reported for eastbound vehicles on W 56th Street at France Avenue. EPD reviewed the issue and spoke with the property owner about the City's clear view zone ordinance.

D8. A construction company staged materials on Ridgeview Drive. The construction company was notified material must not be placed within the right-of-way and the material was relocated.



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Date: November 16, 2023

Agenda Item #: VI.B.

To: Transportation Commission

Item Type:

Report and Recommendation

From: Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

Item Activity:

Subject: France Avenue Corridor Review

Action

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve draft France Avenue Corridor Review report.

INTRODUCTION:

See attached draft report and presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Report: France Avenue Corridor Review

Presentation

Transportation Commission



Date: September 21, 2023
To: Mayor and City Council
cc: Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner
From: Transportation Commission

Subject: France Avenue Corridor

Initiative

Review the safety, accessibility, and amenities along the existing France Avenue Transit Corridor for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders between Minnesota Drive and Highway 62 (Southdale District). Investigation will include site visits and review of similar case studies that promote non-automobile transportation modes along similar scale roadways and will include input from key stakeholders. Inquiry is in response to the Climate Action Plan and new parking ordinances.

Background

France Avenue, Hennepin County Road 17, stretches the length of Edina North to South. For the purpose of this report, only the section of France Avenue from South of Highway 62 to Minnesota Drive in the was examined. This portion of France Avenue runs through what is designated as the Southdale District. This area of Edina is the most developed area of the City including M Health Fairview Hospital, the Southdale Mall (opened in 1956 first fully enclosed climate-controlled mall in America), the Galleria Edina, Westin Hotel, Centennial Lakes Park & Centennial Lakes Office Park, and numerous other office, medial retail and housing development.

In the last decade the City of Edina has invested significant resources in studies and reports that examine and acknowledge the City's interest and commitment to improving non-vehicular transportation. These include:

Living Streets Plan 2015
Pedestrian and Bike Master Plan, May 2018
Edina Comprehensive Plan 2018
Greater Southdale District Plan 2018
Greater Southdale District Design Experience Guidelines, March 2019

Climate Action Plan, December 2021



Within each of these documents the City of Edina reconfirms its value for non-vehicular modes of transport for its residents. In looking at the France Avenue Corridor, considering these stated priorities, and guidelines, the existing conditions of France Avenue, recent and upcoming development in the Southdale District and this Commission has observed challenges and opportunities for the City to consider.

As previously stated, the Southdale District is the most densely developed are of the city. The district also has increased residential density significantly in the last decade. The tableⁱ below of recent housing developments in the Southdale District illustrates the significant increase in housing units in the Southdale District in the last decade; 2702 new units have come onto the market. This considerable sum is only increasing with the recent approvals of LifeTime Living and 70th and France which will add another 567 units to the area.

Year Delivered	Year Approved	Development	# Units	# Affordable
2012	2012	Aurora on France	182	10
2012	2012	One Southdale	232	0
2013	2013	71 France	241	0
2013	2013	Yorkshire Senior Living	96	10
2014	2014	66 West	39	39
2015	2015	The Onyx	244	0
2019	2015	Aria	184	8
2021	2015	Millennium	227	11
2021	2019	The Bowers	185	0
2022	2020	The Sound on 76 th	70	70
2023	2021	4040 Flats	118	118
2023	2021	Fred 1	408	0
2023	2021	Pentagon Apartments (The Eddi)	200	20
	2022	The Finch (Solhem)	276	28

According to the 2020 Us Census, the Southdale District is home to more than 5000 residents per square mile.ⁱⁱ As the population increase though planned development Edina has an opportunity to improve the options for non-vehicular transportation.



Observations

France Avenue lacks bike lanes so pedestrians, cyclists and transit riders all must rely on the existing sidewalks for right out way along France Avenue. The City of Edina Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan indicates a proposed bike lane along France Avenue. Unfortunately, this bike lane is only actionable by Hennepin County. Hennepin County has begun its reconstruction of France Avenue from American Boulevard in Bloomington to W 76th Street in Edina. The construction plans do not include a bike lane on France Avenue. An 8' sidewalk will be installed between Minnesota Drive and W 76th Street.ⁱⁱⁱ

The existing sidewalks along France Avenue are insufficient in scale, quality and safety to be considered an appropriate non-vehicular transit corridor in the Southdale District. Currently the sidewalk along the East side of France Avenue is considered a multiuse path. This 8' wide sidewalk has no signage identifying the path as multiuse. This path in some instance has significant physical barriers and no landscape buffer as recommended in the GSDDEG. Along the West side of France Avenue, the sidewalks are inconsistent, some crossings are dangerous and in some instances are not ADA compliant. Hennepin County has a proposed ADA Sidewalk Transition Plan which includes 104 sidewalk crossings that are not compliant and require improvement.^{iv}

Metro Transit Bus riders have limited options in Edina. Currently seven bus routes operate in the Southdale District and run through the Southdale Transit Station. Service to and from the district will improve in efficiency and frequency when the new Metro Transit E Line replaces the Number 6 bus. This route will terminate /originate at the Southdale Transit Station much improving commute times to downtown Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota beginning in 2025.^v The Southdale Transit Station will be relocated to W 66th Street as part of the LifeTime Living project.^{vi} The experience of transit riders on the E Line will be much improved, but the remaining routes along France Avenue south of the new Transit Station lack amenities for riders as was noted in the Greater Southdale District Plan.^{vii} Some stops have only a bus sign, about half have a single bench. These stops lack shelters, direct lighting, emergency communications, warning strips and near level boarding for individuals with mobility challenges. The austere stop conditions are an equity issue for the residents of the district. The E Line service and amenities in the north of the Southdale District adjacent to planned luxury housing are very exciting, but there are no proposed improvements in the South close to older and lower income housing developments.

The City of Edina Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan proposes paths and connections that would make substantive improvements in the connectivity within the district, between the district and greater Edina and the district and Bloomington and Richfield. Unfortunately, much of that plan relies on future redevelopment of parcels along France Avenue. The City of Edina has invested substantial resources in promenades on the East and West of France Avenue, but they are recreational in nature.



The Edina Promenade, north of Centennial Lakes Park is .75 miles long running between 70th Street and Gallagher Drive. Bicycle use terminates there, and cyclists are expected continue riding on the Mile Creek Path (East/West) or find their own way through the district.^{viii} The West Promenade, currently under construction, is an isolated segment. There are proposed plans to extend it through the new development at 7200 France, but there are gaps in between. Without a more actionable plan on the part of the City the West Promenade will remain recreational. If the City wants residents to use non-vehicular transportation along France Avenue, then a more substantive and actionable plan should be considered.

If the City of Edina would like to see their vision of more residents choosing non-vehicular transportation come to fruition, then there needs to be a better understanding of bicycles as transportation versus recreation. While Edina's off-street bike paths are very pleasant, they are not continuous or efficient. If the decision-making process of whether to cycle involves piecing together disjointed paths and busy streets that do not have dedicated bike lanes, it is less likely an individual will choose to cycle.^{ix}



Opportunity Statement

Create a more pedestrian and cyclist friendly environment along France Avenue south of Highway 62 that promotes non-vehicular transportation and supports equity.

Areas for Improvement	Current	Opportunity
Set Backs	Greater Southdale District Design Experience Guidelines specifies 50' set backs along France Avenue in Typology 2b and Typology 5.	Require all new development and redevelopment to adhere to the 50' set back.
Landscape Buffers	Landscape buffers vary greatly or are non-existent along France Avenue particularly along the West side. The GSDDEG recommends a double row of street trees along France Avenue moving pedestrian paths inward creating a safer and more pleasant experience.	Require all new development and redevelopment to adhere to the double row of trees thereby creating a safer, more pleasant and more cohesive District identity.
Amenities for Transit Riders	Currently France Avenue lacks amenities for transit riders. Stops are merely marked with the Transit sign. Not all stops have benches, stops lack shelters, direct lighting, emergency communications, warning strips and near level boarding for individuals with mobility challenges.	Consider improving the quality of transit stops. The Living Streets Plan, and the Climate Action Plan both state that improving and encouraging the use of public transport is an important piece of achieving the City's Climate goals. Work more actively with Hennepin County to expand and improve Metro Transit in Edina.



Roadway Crossings for Pedestrians and Cyclists	Along France Avenue on both east/west crossings and north/south crossings are of uneven quality and safety. The Living Streets Plan lists safe street crossing as an issue of equity for all residents.	Examine safety and equity at crossings. Require improvements to existing infrastructure to comply with ordinances and ADA laws.
Pedestrian and Cyclist Transportation Along the West Side of France Avenue	Partial development of the West Promenade that supports recreational use of bicycles. This path is dependent on future development and does not prioritize connecting to the multifamily housing south of W 72nd Street.	Study the development of a multiuse path along the west side of France Avenue to promote transportation from multi-family housing in the south of W 72nd Street to connect with parks, schools, the greater Southdale area and with any proposed pedestrian/cyclist bridge over France Avenue.

ⁱ Table provided by City of Edina Affordable Housing Office 8/31/23

ⁱⁱ [https://mtgis-](https://mtgis-portal.geo.census.gov/arcgis/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=2566121a73de463995ed2b2fd7ff6eb7)

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ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.hennepin.us/residents/transportation/france-494>.

^{iv} <https://www.hennepin.us/-/media/hennepinus/residents/transportation/documents/ada-sidewalk-transition-plan.pdf> pg 21

^v <https://www.metrotransit.org/e-line-project>

^{vi} <https://www.edinamn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12437/Life-Time-Living-Edina-Sketch-Plan-2022>

^{vii} <https://www.edinamn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5330/09-05-2018-Draft---Greater-Southdale-Area-District-Plan-PDF?bidId=> p 84

^{viii} <https://www.edinamn.gov/696/Edina-Promenade>

^{ix} <https://pointa.ca/2020/07/29/biking-for-recreation-vs-transportation-the-suburban-cycling-experience/>



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France Avenue Corridor

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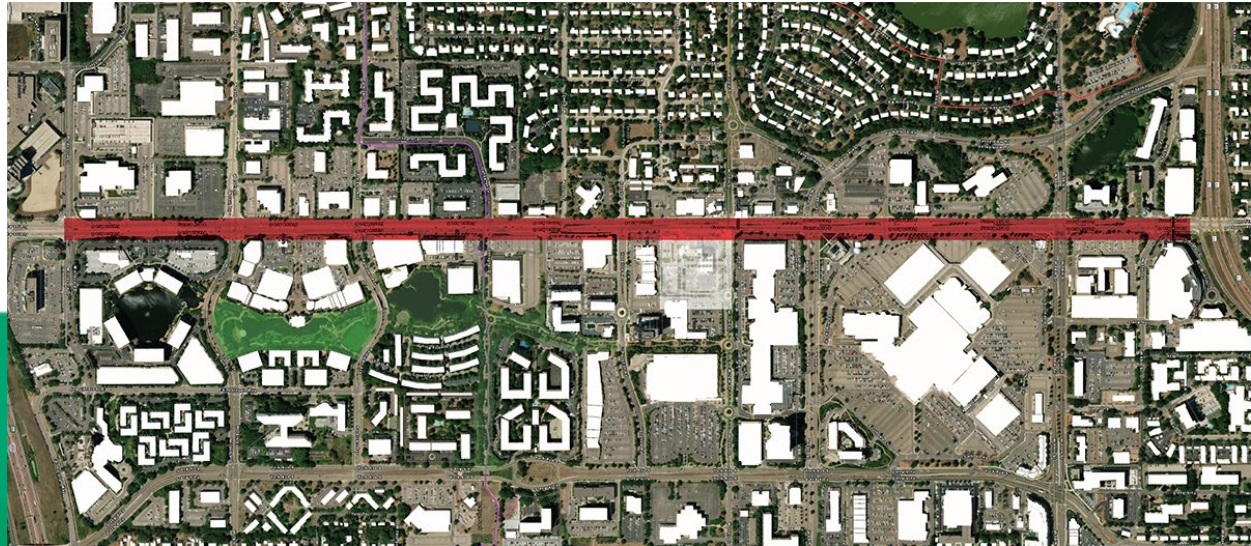
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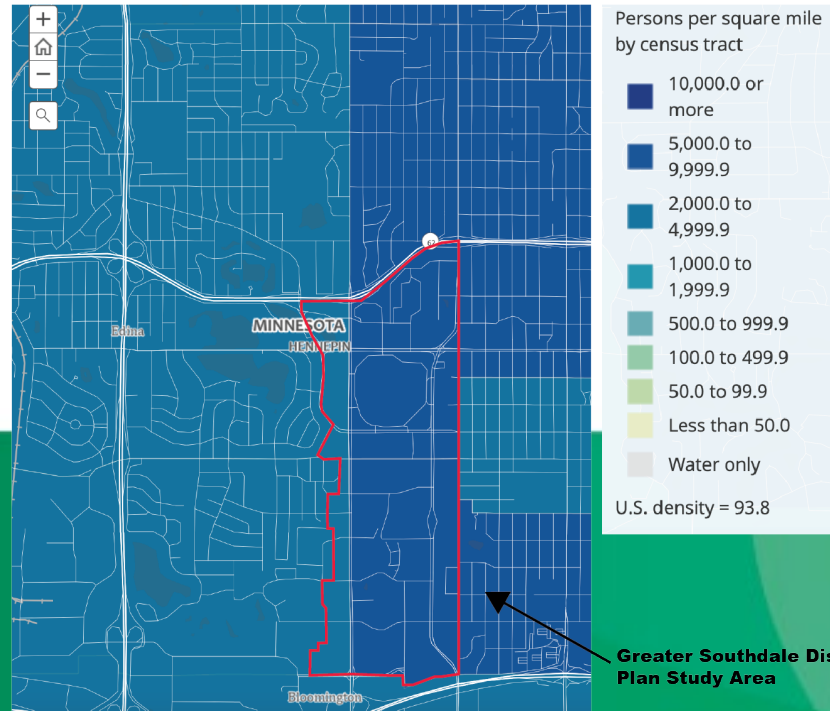
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France Avenue Corridor

Background

2020 Census Demographic Data Map Viewer



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France Avenue Corridor

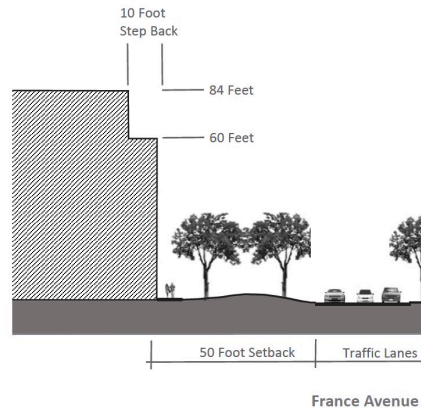


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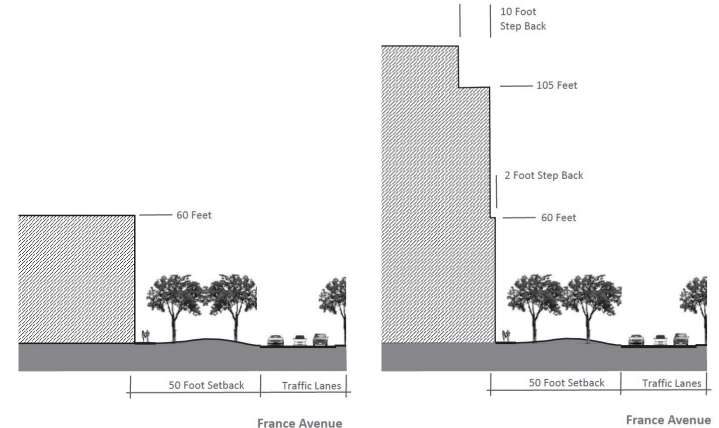
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Dimensional Characteristics of Street Room Typology 2 *Cornelia Overlay at France Avenue*



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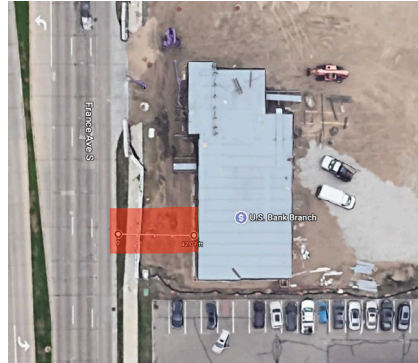


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Setbacks & Landscape Buffers

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Redevelopment plans should respond to these guidelines. When plans are approved that do not adhere to the guidelines it lessens the strength of these recommendations.



42' setback



US Bank Building
Phase I of 72 & France Development

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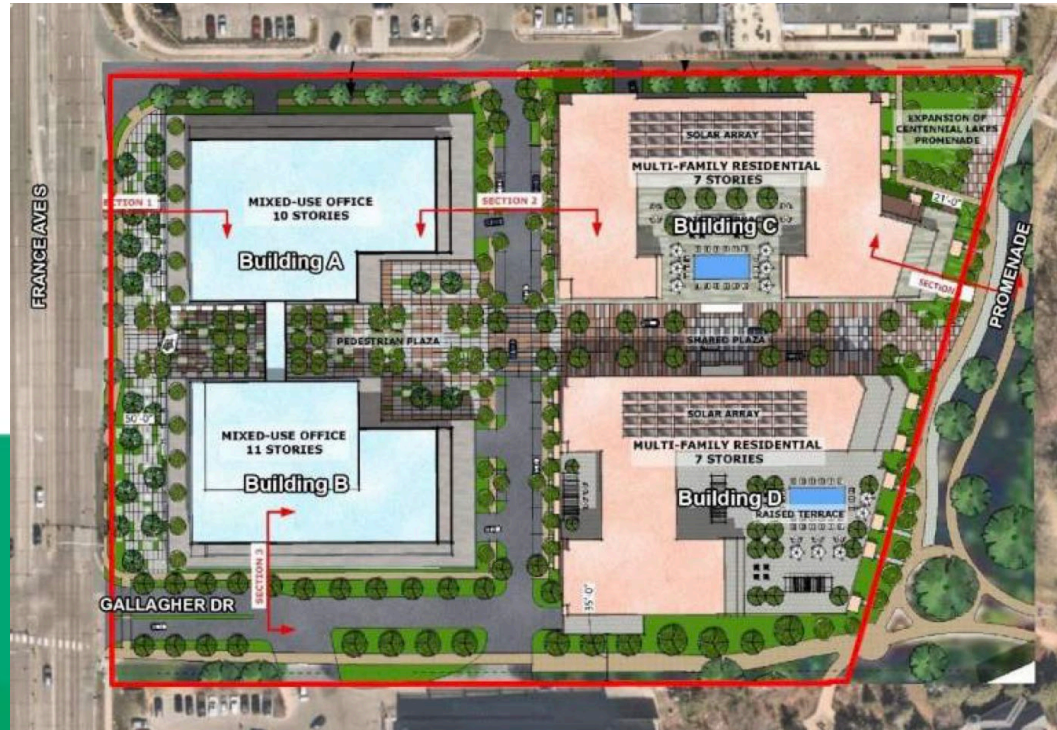


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Proposed **7235 France Ave. Sketch Plan**
(Macy's Furniture Store Site)

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Amenities for Transit Riders

Metro Transit's E Line will bring more efficient service for riders. Bus stops north of the Southdale Transit Station will be upgraded to Metro Transit's new stop design which offers amenities for riders.

What will stations look like?



A Pylon markers help riders identify stations from a distance.

B Real-time NexTrip signs provide bus information, and on-demand **annunciators** speak this information for people with low vision.

C Shelters provide weather protection and feature push-button, on-demand **heaters** and shelter **lighting**. Shelter sizes will vary based on customer demand (small shown here).

D Ticket machines and fare card readers collect all payment before customers board the bus.

E Emergency telephones provide a direct connection to Metro Transit police. Stations also feature **security cameras**.

F Stations feature **trash and recycling** containers.

G Platform edges are marked with a cast-iron **textured warning strip** to keep passengers safely away from the curb while the bus approaches. Many stations also feature **raised curbs** for easier boarding.

H Platform areas are distinguished by a dark gray concrete pattern.

I Benches at stations provide a place to sit.

J Most stations have **bike parking**.

Some stations have pedestrian-scale **light fixtures** to provide a safe, well-lit environment.

At some stations, **railings** separate the platform from the sidewalk.

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Amenities for Transit Riders

The bus stops south of the Southdale Transit Center will receive no upgrades.



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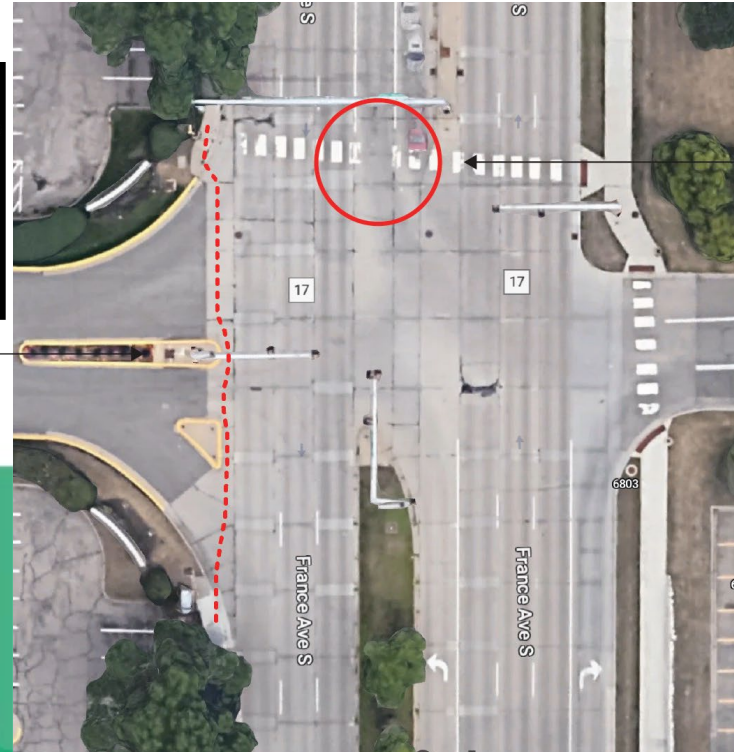
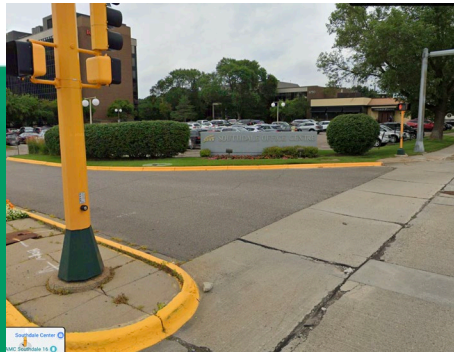


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Roadway Crossings

Along the west side of France Avenue, the sidewalks are inconsistent, some crossings are dangerous and in some instances are not ADA compliant. Hennepin County has a proposed ADA Sidewalk Transition Plan which includes 104 sidewalk crossings that are not compliant and require improvement.

6800 France Ave
Entrance missing crosswalk and no curb cut on median and traffic island forcing bicycles, wheelchairs, strollers and anyone with limited mobility to swing into France Avenue to cross



France Avenue
Abraded crosswalk

France Avenue Corridor

Pedestrian and Cyclist Transportation



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Proposed Edina Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan

Proposed Bicycle Facilities			
	Standard Bike Lane		
	New Buffered Bike Lane		
	Upgrade to Buffered Bike Lane		
	Neighborhood Slow Street		
	New Shared Use Path		
	Upgrade to Shared Use Path		
	Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail		
	Twin Loops Facility		



France Avenue Corridor

Pedestrian and Cyclist Transportation

The existing Edina Promenade to the East of France Avenue stretches between W 70th Street and Gallagher Drive. Cyclists have the option of continuing on the on the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail (East/West) or find their own route South as bicycles are prohibited in Centennial Lake Park.



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Pedestrian and Cyclist Transportation



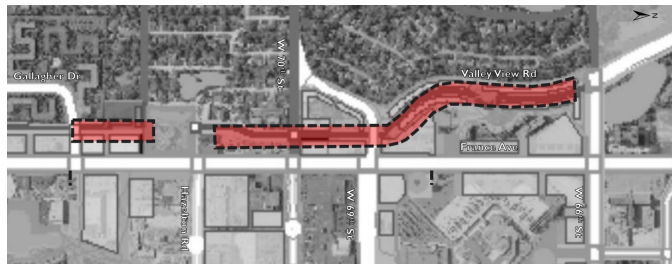
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West Promenade

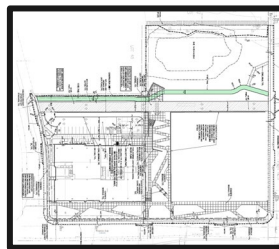
The West Promenade, currently under construction, is an isolated segment. There are proposed plans to extend it through the new development at 7200 France, but there are gaps in between.

Challenges:

1. No definitive plan
2. Recreational in nature

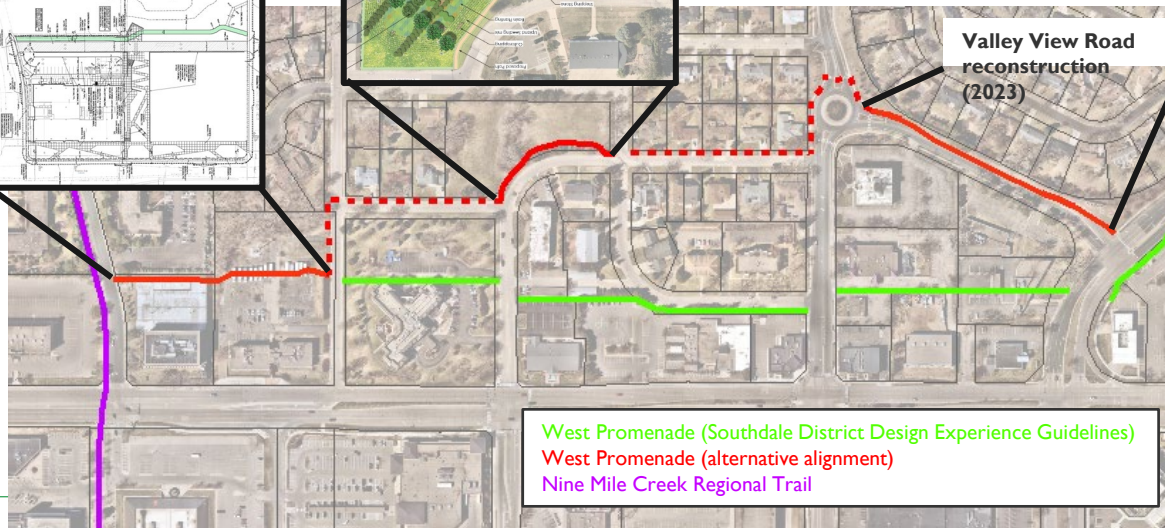


7200-7250 France redevelopment



Lynmar Basin
Stormwater
Project (under
construction)

Valley View Road
reconstruction
(2023)



West Promenade (Southdale District Design Experience Guidelines)
West Promenade (alternative alignment)
Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail

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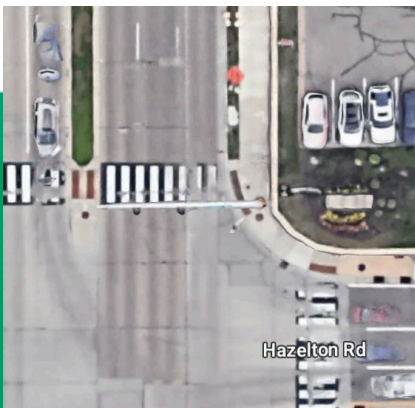
Pedestrian and Cyclist Transportation



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East Side Sidewalks

The existing sidewalks along France Avenue are insufficient in scale, quality and safety to be considered an appropriate non-vehicular transit corridor in the Southdale District. Currently the sidewalk along the East side of France Avenue is considered a multiuse path. This 8' wide sidewalk has no signage identifying the path as multiuse. The sidewalks sometimes have obstacles in the path.



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Pedestrian and Cyclist Transportation

Bike trails for recreation vs. routes for transportation

“Multi-use trails, as wonderful as they are for recreation, are not sufficient infrastructure for transportation. They do not connect people to amenities, workplaces, or schools. People, like myself, who wish to use cycling as a means of transportation, must either brave busy roads or discontinuous residential streets. So, what do you choose? A stressful journey alongside speeding cars or an inefficient route that extends your journey? Likely, you choose your car.”

--PointA

<https://pointa.ca/2020/07/29/biking-for-recreation-vs-transportation-the-suburban-cycling-experience/>



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Areas for Improvement	Opportunity
Set Backs	Require all new development and redevelopment to adhere to the 50' set back.
Landscape Buffers	Require all new development and redevelopment to adhere to the double row of trees thereby creating a safer, more pleasant and more cohesive District identity.
Amenities for Transit Riders	Consider improving the quality of transit stops. The Living Streets Plan, and the Climate Action Plan both state that improving and encouraging the use of public transport is an important piece of achieving the City's Climate goals. Work more actively with Hennepin County to expand and improve Metro Transit in Edina.
Roadway Crossings for Pedestrians and Cyclists	Examine safety and equity at crossings. Require improvements to existing infrastructure to comply with ordinances and ADA laws.
Pedestrian and Cyclist Transportation Along the West Side of France Avenue	Study the development of a multiuse path along the west side of France Avenue to promote transportation from multi-family housing in the south of W 72nd Street to connect with parks, schools, the greater Southdale area and with any proposed pedestrian/cyclist bridge over France Avenue.



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Date: November 16, 2023

Agenda Item #: VI.C.

To: Transportation Commission

Item Type:

Report and Recommendation

From: Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

Item Activity:

Subject: Boulevard Tree Planting

Action

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve draft Boulevard Tree Planting report.

INTRODUCTION:

See attached draft report.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Boulevard Tree Planting Report

Department Name

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Date: November 2, 2023
To: Mayor and City Council
cc: Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner
From: Transportation Commission
Subject: Boulevard Tree Planting

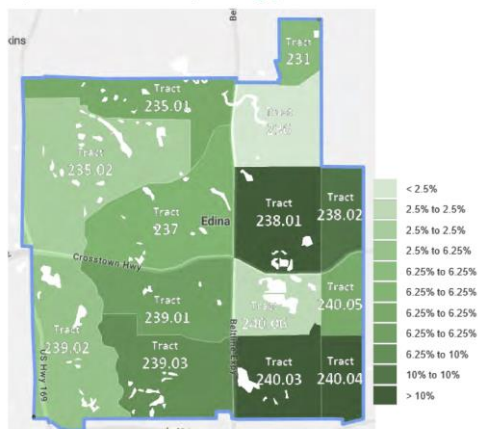
Initiative**Boulevard Tree Planting**

Review options for replacement and new boulevard tree planting program (Climate Action Plan - Greenspace + Trees Strategy GS1).

Background

The City of Edina has an ambitious goal of increasing the **increase tree cover from 35.9% to 39.5% by 2030 and 43% by 2040**ⁱ according to the 2021 Climate Action Plan. To achieve this goal, new tree planting strategies must be instituted.

Suggested Tree Canopy Increase by Neighborhood
 (in absolute land cover percentage):

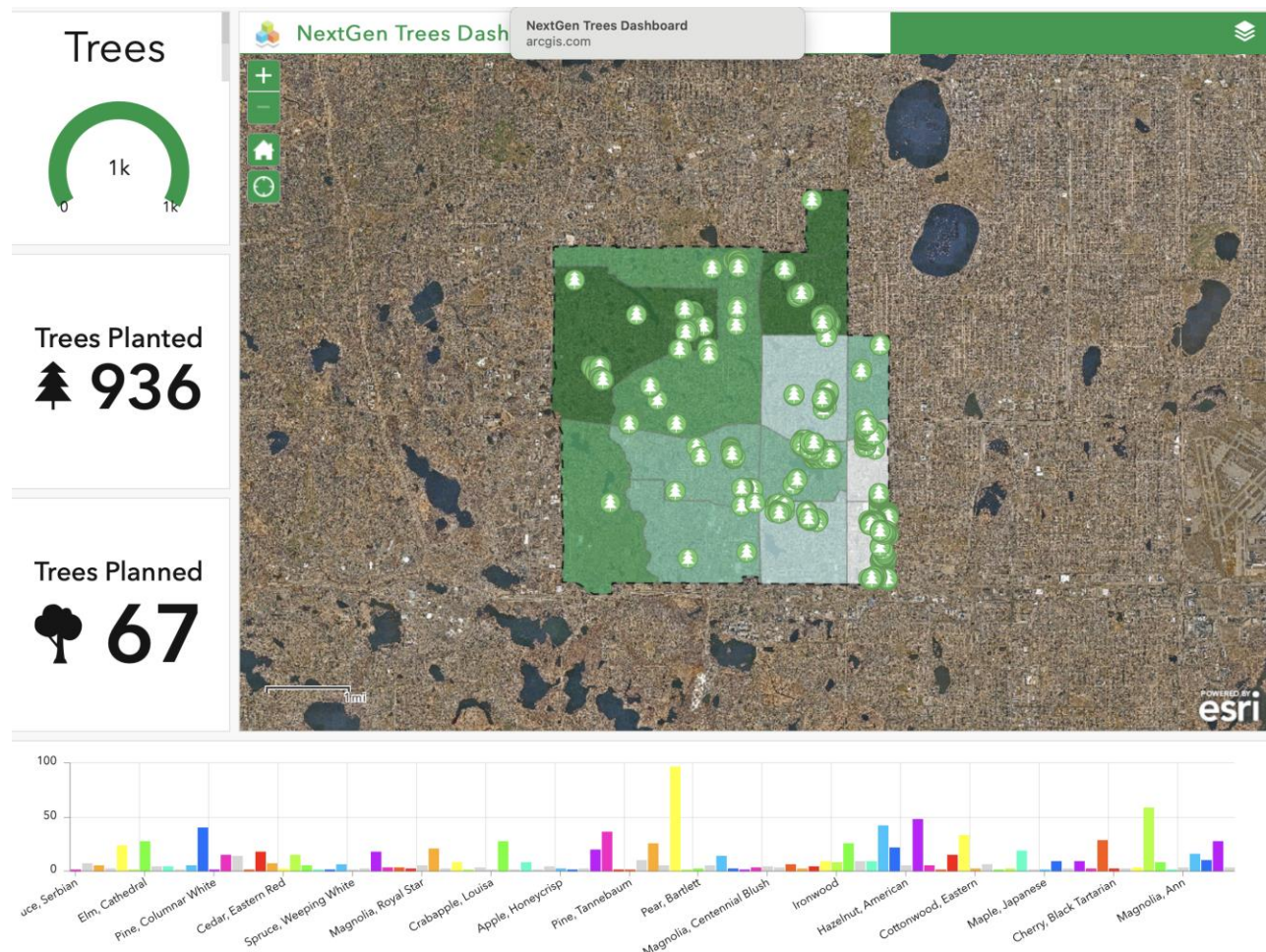


New Tree Planting Estimate
Meeting City-Wide Tree Cover Goal*

Year	Canopy tree cover (acres)	Goal new planted (trees)	Cover tree canopy (% land)
2022	3,555	6,777	36.4%
2023	3,595	6,777	36.8%
2024	3,634	6,777	37.2%
2025	3,674	6,777	37.6%
2026	3,713	6,777	38.0%
2027	3,753	6,777	38.4%
2028	3,792	6,777	38.8%
2029	3,832	6,777	39.2%
2030	3,871	6,777	39.5%



The City Forester, Luther Overholt, has done an excellent job on his **NextGen Tree Project**.ⁱⁱ In two short years he has planted 936 trees in Edina and 67 tree plantings are planned. The grants he applied for and received were well used planting approximately 1000 new trees. Many of these trees were planted in right of ways maintained by the city, in Rosland, Pamela, Arden and Highlands Parks. A significant number of trees were planted in the very southeast districts of the city which has some of the greatest canopy inequity in the city. According to the city the goal is currently on track.ⁱⁱⁱ Unfortunately, there is no mechanism by which trees can be planted on private commercial property by the city which leaves a large part of the Southdale district still deficient in canopy coverage.



Another very successful program run by Luther Overholt was the spring tree sale. Ten species of trees were offered for sale to Edina residents at a significant discount. In 2023, 200 trees in all were offered. The two most desirable species sold out within the first fifteen minutes with all trees being sold by the third day of the sale. This overwhelming response is encouraging and would suggest that residents of Edina are willing to take part in increasing the tree canopy

coverage of city in concert with the Climate Action Plan. Given the response to the spring sale Luther Overholt expects to offer 1000 trees in the 2024 and 2025 sales.



The City of Minneapolis has a different strategy for Boulevard Trees. Different from Edina, the Minneapolis plants and maintains boulevard trees, caring for more than 200,000 trees.^{iv} Any resident in the city can request boulevard tree, but Minneapolis has established Green Zones which gives priority status to tree requests for those residents. Additionally in Minneapolis' trees sale (1500 trees offered in 2023) Green Zone residents receive free trees.^v

Below is the City of Minneapolis Parks website which is easily navigated to find out about Green Zones and directly request a free tree if a resident resides in one of the designated zones.

Green zones map

Home - City of Minneapolis - Green Zones

Open in Map Viewer | Modify Map | Sign In

Find address or place

Legend

- Green Zone Boundaries Buffer
- Green Zone Boundaries
- Minneapolis Boundary

Green Zones residents

Residents in Minneapolis Green Zones may qualify for a free tree. This program is ongoing. You can apply for a tree any time during the year.

To qualify, you must:

- Live in a Green Zone
- Have enough green space for the tree(s)
- Commit to watering your tree every week for the first three years

We will work with you to select the best tree and spot to plant it.

Find out if you live in a Green Zone

[View interactive green zones map](#)

[Sign up in your Green Zone](#)

[Request a free tree in the Northside Green Zone](#)

[Request a free tree in the Southside Green Zone](#)

The City of Edina already has a tree sale. Expanding and targeting areas of the city with the greatest canopy inequity would assist in keeping the tree planting goal on target.

1. Consider expanding the tree sale
2. Use quarterly aerial photography (already in use) to establish Green Zones
3. Consider designating "Green Zones" to prioritize residential areas within the city with inequitable tree canopy for Tree Planting and Priority for the Tree Sale.
4. Offer those residents preference at tree sale, free trees or free installation.

During street reconstruction boulevard tree loss is addressed by the city through replanting. Any resident who loses a tree due to city infrastructure improvements is offered a replacement. Residents who do not lose a boulevard tree and not offered a tree at this time. Many residents appreciate the benefits of boulevard trees and if it were possible to offer all residents along a street undergoing reconstruction a tree, not just those who experience a loss, a whole new category of planting opportunities and locations would become available to the city.

1. Consider expanding tree replacement.

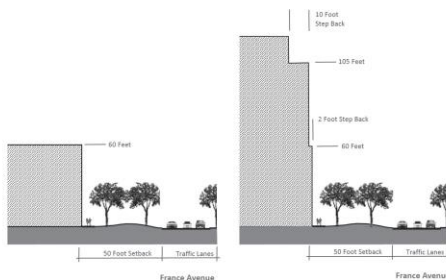


2. Consider designating “Green Zones” to prioritize residential areas within the city with inequitable tree canopy for a more expansive tree planting program in conjunction with street reconstruction.

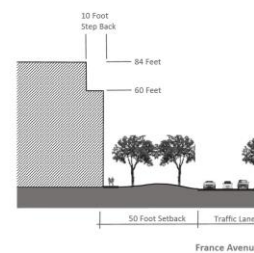
Another approach to increasing tree canopy cover in the City of Edina is through codes and enforcement. This year the city established the new Tree Protection Ordinance. This is a step in the right direction to protect existing trees and require replacement of trees lost to construction or redevelopment.^{vi} The ordinance has a one year look back for tree removal. Given the pace of construction and development a longer lookback might be considered.

One of the areas in the City of Edina most deficient in tree canopy is the Southdale District.^{vii} The Southdale District is currently undergoing intensive redevelopment. Several large projects are on the boards or have been recently approved by City Council. In 2019, the city approved Greater Southdale District Design Experience Guidelines (GSDDEG) to steer future redevelopment to create a more walkable, human scale and green district. Encourage the use of the Greater Southdale District Design Experience Guidelines (GSDDEG) in all redevelopment in the Southdale District. The guidelines specifically address tree planting on all the street typologies in that part of the city. Redevelopment is happening and that is the best opportunity for the city to create the envisioned identity set forth in those guidelines while also increasing tree canopy to meet its goals set forth in the Climate Action Plan.

Dimensional Characteristics of Street Room Typology 5
The Boulevards



Dimensional Characteristics of Street Room Typology 2
Cornelia Overlay at France Avenue



Sections from Greater Southdale District Design Experience Guidelines

Right now, there is an opportunity for the city to set an example of the ideal Boulevard planting set forth in the GSDDEG. Hennepin County is reconstructing France Avenue from Minnesota Drive to W 76TH Street. The Hennepin County Forester has plans to plant trees where 28 trees will be lost. Consider partnering with Hennepin County on the replanting of the trees along France Avenue between Minnesota Drive and W 76th Street. The very preliminary drawing shows a single row of trees, paid for, planted & maintained for two years by Hennepin County. This

would be an opportunity to partner with Hennepin County and use the GSDDEG Typology 5 - *The Boulevards* for this planting.



Proposed New Trees - CSAH 17

Hwy 494 and France Ave | Hennepin County Public Works



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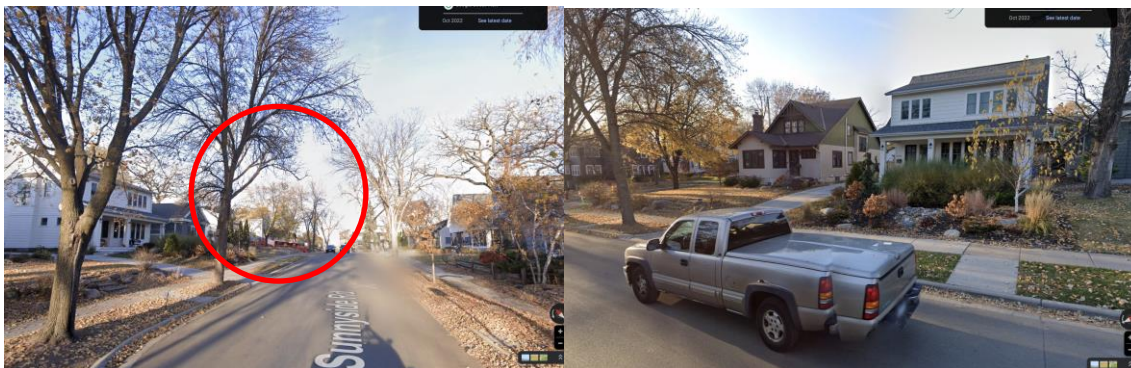


Within Edina, there are several examples of recent construction that placement of stormwater retention facilities limits or eliminates the planting of boulevard trees. Discourage or restrict the placement of stormwater retention facilities or features along street frontage. The Climate Action Plan calls for the daylighting of stormwater, but this important initiative in at least two recently approved redevelopment plans stormwater supersedes the boulevard tree planting recommendations outlined in the GSDDEG. ^{viii} Planning approvals should consider stormwater management and tree planting in concert.



Shops at Estelle stormwater retention along France Avenue

Residential home with stormwater retention along the street frontage. Intensive planting in the rain garden discourages the placement of a boulevard tree.



1. Enforce new Tree Protection Ordinance
2. Consider extending look back period of Tree Protection Ordinance
3. Encourage the Use of the Greater Southdale District Design Experience Guidelines
4. Consider adapting the GSDDEG for other city districts
5. Consider partnering with Hennepin County in tree planting to replace loss through County Road reconstruction



6. During planning approvals limit or restrict the placement of stormwater retention facilities or features near the boulevard

Boulevard Tree Planting is a worthy topic for the city to investigate in a multidisciplinary approach. The Commission would recommend the creation of a task force from with members from Transportation, Energy & Environment, Health & Human Services and Building and Planning to consider this important initiative. The Climate Action Plan's ambitious goal will not be achieved by just the city forester. More stakeholders need to become involved in achieving The City of Edina's climate goals.

ⁱ Climate Action Plan 7-2 <https://www.edinamn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12064/Climate-Action-Plan-PDF>

ⁱⁱ NextGen Tree Dashboard <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/8045946ec4ac42f3b76ec1b0062b9d60>

ⁱⁱⁱ City of Edina Progress Portal <https://performance.envivio.com/dashboard/ClimateActionPlan-Edina/Strategy-69040>

^{iv} Boulevard trees – Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board. https://www.minneapolis.org/park-care-improvements/trees/boulevard_trees/

^v City of Minneapolis Sustainability, Healthy Homes and Environment. <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/environmental-programs/city-trees/>

^{vi} Tree Protection Ordinance. https://library.municode.com/mn/edina/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=SPACOR_CH10BUBURE_ARTIIBUCO_D_IV3TRPR_S10-82PRPRPREPTR

^{vii} City of Edina Climate Action Plan 7-3. <https://www.edinamn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12064/Climate-Action-Plan-PDF>

^{viii} 70th & France https://ehq-production-us-california.s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com/d8a1e9248669e10f8725b704a8713bf233f4974e/original/1632853840/6b8f439b7ee20daf72de070d2416eaea_Civil_Detail_Plans210913_-_Preliminary_Development_Plan_-_PUD_-_Sites_A_B_with_Civil_Landscape.pdf?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Credential=AKIA4KKQAKICO37GBEP%2F20231023%2Fus-west-1%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-Date=20231023T143025Z&X-Amz-Expires=300&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=host&X-Amz-Signature=027637bc36f48b007c2c64a52e768a3d472d97c957ad9160d759ff4b90720260

Addendum:

Removal Plans from 20230524_CSAH17_FranceAve_97Pct_Plans



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Date: November 16, 2023

Agenda Item #: VI.D.

To: Transportation Commission

Item Type:

Report and Recommendation

From: Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

Item Activity:

Subject: Response to Community Comment

Action

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve draft handout to provide to community members who comment at regular meetings or provide written commentary.

INTRODUCTION:

See attached supporting documents.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Community Inputs Handout

Draft Community Inputs Handout - Staff Edits

Edina thrives because we have active participation from community members like you, and Edina's Transportation Commission appreciates your input. While the Commission may not respond directly, your comments and suggestions are taken seriously and are an essential part of the Commission's decision-making process.

As a next step, we recommend that you share your feedback or concern with Edina's Traffic Safety Coordinator, Nick Bauler nbauler@edinamn.gov 952-826-0349, if you haven't already. Please also review the Transportation Commission's meeting minutes for a summary of any ensuing discussion and actions taken. Minutes become publicly available once approved by the Commission, typically at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting. Find all City of Edina agendas, meeting packets and minutes at <https://edina.novusagenda.com/AgendaPublic/meetingsresponsive.aspx>

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~~Our staff liaison, Transportation Planner Andrew Scipioni (ascipioni@EedinaMNMn.gov, 952-826-0440) can be reached with questions or comments about transportation-related topics in Edina.~~ You can also visit <https://www.BbetterTtogetherEdina.org/> to make your voice heard on major ~~Ceity~~ projects, programs and topics that affect you and your neighbors.

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Date: November 16, 2023

Agenda Item #: VI.E.

To: Transportation Commission

Item Type:

Other

From: Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

Item Activity:

Subject: 2023 Work Plan Updates

Information

ACTION REQUESTED:

None.

INTRODUCTION:

Commissioners will provide updates on the status of 2023 Work Plan initiatives (unless an item is elsewhere on the current agenda). See attached work plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

2023 Work Plan Progress Report



Commission: Transportation Commission 2023 Annual Work Plan

Initiative #1	Initiative Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing / Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Event		
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Pedestrian Crossing Policy Review Review existing crossing policy and recommend changes with consideration for local amenities such as parks and schools.	Deliverable Report and recommendations to City Council	Leads Chris Brown Sub-Committee	Target Completion Date Q4
Budget Required: None			
Staff Support Required: 1 hour per month from Staff Liaison, ~5 hours from other staff (Engineering, Parks & Recreation)			
Jan: No update.			
Feb: Starting to review policy, resources provided by staff and case studies from other communities.			
Mar: Started reviewing case studies from Seattle, Denver and Dakota County and will bring back findings and recommendations.			
Apr: Next step is to meet with staff.			
May: Meeting with staff next week to discuss next steps.			
Jun: Met with staff to talk about next steps, focusing on case studies and looking for areas where Edina can improve.			
Jul: No update.			
Aug: No update.			
Sep: No update.			
Oct: Subcommittee will share a draft report at the next meeting.			

Approved by City Council December 6, 2022
Amended by City Council August 2, 2023

Initiative #2	Initiative Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing / Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Event		
	Council Charge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 (Study & Report) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 (Review & Comment) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 (Review & Recommend) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 (Review & Decide)		
Bicycle Network Planning for Bikes as Transportation Develop a priority list of high-traffic corridors and ideas for bike friendly improvements.	Deliverable Report to City Council	Leads Andy Lewis, Jill Plumb-Smith Sub-committee	Target Completion Date Q4
Budget Required: None			
Staff Support Required: 1 hour per month from Staff Liaison			
Jan: Subcommittee will use 2018 Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan as blueprint to guide this initiative. Requested street reconstruction information and Hennepin County contacts from staff.			
Feb: Subcommittee will connect with Hennepin County staff on gaps in their system and timeline for improvements.			
Mar: Subcommittee met with Hennepin County staff, learned about County's cost participation program. Hennepin County has also identified how inhospitable France Ave is for pedestrians and cyclists.			
Apr: Subcommittee will review information provided by staff, will focus efforts on what is within City's control.			
May: Subcommittee is making progress on a map of recommendations based on information provided by City and County.			
Jun: Subcommittee is looking at current bike routes to Southdale and Cahill.			
Jul: No update.			
Aug: Subcommittee is reviewing anticipated capital projects.			
Sep: No update.			
Oct: Subcommittee will share draft report at the next meeting.			

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France Avenue Corridor Review Review the safety, accessibility, and amenities along the existing France Avenue Transit Corridor for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders between Minnesota Drive and Highway 62 (Southdale District). Investigation will include site visits and review of similar case studies that promote non-automobile transportation modes along similar scale roadways and will include input from key stakeholders. Inquiry is in response to the Climate Action Plan and new parking ordinances.	Deliverable Report to City Council	Leads Tricia Rubenstein, Bruce McCarthy	Target Completion Date Q4
		Sub-committee	
Budget Required: None.			
Staff Support Required: 2-5 hours per month from Staff Liaison, ~10 hours from Communications for stakeholder engagement/website			
Jan: Requested Hennepin County contacts from staff.			
Feb: Subcommittee has started a base drawing, highlighting sidewalks, crosswalks, driveways, and signage. Requested Richfield contacts from staff to get more information on recent W 66 th St reconstruction project.			
Mar: Subcommittee reviewed existing sidewalks gaps, amenities for cyclists. Hennepin County is adding sidewalk between Minnesota Dr and W 76 th St. Staff provided a contact for the City of Richfield to learn about recent W 66 th St project.			
Apr: Subcommittee reached out to Planning about redevelopment proposal at Macy’s and lack of bicycle facilities. A pedestrian underpass is also being discussed related to the redevelopment of Macy’s and 7200/7250 France.			
May: Subcommittee is meeting with the City of Richfield’s Public Works Director this month to learn about W 66 th St reconstruction project.			
Jun: Subcommittee met with Richfield staff to talk about multi-modal improvement projects. Members asked if there are landscaping standards for France.			
Jul: No update.			
Aug: Subcommittee reviewed Southdale Design Guidelines, planning to present preliminary findings at September meeting.			
Sep: No update.			
Oct: Subcommittee will share draft report at the next meeting.			

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Boulevard Tree Planting Review options for replacement and new boulevard tree planting program (Greenspace + Trees Strategy GS1).	Deliverable Report to City Council	Leads Tricia Rubenstein	Target Completion Date Q4
		Sub-Committee	
Budget Required: None			
Staff Support Required: 1 hour per month from Staff Liaison, ~5 hours from City Forester			
Jan: Already collected information on potential opportunities.			
Feb: Planning to meet with City Forester in spring.			
Mar: City Forester has new interactive map showing where new trees are being planted.			
Apr: Subcommittee reached out to City Forester to schedule another meeting.			
May: Subcommittee met with City Forester again. City has almost reached its goal of 1,000 new trees this year and the spring tree sale was a big success.			
Jun: Subcommittee asked for the street recon map.			
Jul: No update.			
Aug: Subcommittee connected with City Forester again, reviewed Southdale Design Guidelines.			
Sep: No update.			
Oct: Subcommittee may present draft report at the next meeting.			

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Cahill Small Area Plan Appoint Commissioner to serve on the Cahill small area plan working group.	Deliverable Commissioner will actively participate in the working group and provide regular updates to the Commission.	Leads <i>None</i>	Target Completion Date Q4
		Working Group	
Budget Required: Funds available through Hennepin County Planning Grant			
Staff Support Required: 1 hour per month from Staff Liaison.			
Jan: Commissioner Kitui absent, no update provided. Next public workshop is Tuesday, February 21, 7-9 p.m. at Public Works.			
Feb: No update.			
Mar: No update.			
Apr: Add discussion item to May agenda.			
May: Draft plan is now available on Better Together Edina website for public comment through June 22. Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for June 28. Commission will review and comment at their next meeting.			
Jun: Commission reviewed and commented on the draft plan.			
Jul: Initiative complete.			

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Parking Consideration of future parking in Edina to identify parking initiatives to pursue in the next 10-15 years, in what order and what Commissions/resources should be assigned to each.		Deliverable Recommendation to City Council (Review and Comment from ETC, EEC)	Leads Kirk Johnson	Target Completion Date Q4
			Cross-Commission Committee (PC lead, EEC)	
Budget Required: None				
Staff Support Required: 2-5 hours per month from Staff Liaison, ~5 hours from other staff (Planning, Engineering)				
Jan: Planning Commission lead (Alkire) will set up a meeting in early March. EEC representative is Commissioner Schima. Planning expects to develop a roadmap for Council/Commissions on parking initiatives. ETC will inquire whether bike parking can be included.				
Feb: No update.				
Mar: Waiting to hear who new lead is from Planning Commission.				
Apr: No update.				
May: Subcommittee reached out to Planning to determine where this initiative lies in their priorities.				
Jun: On hold until Planning reaches out.				
Jul: No update				
Aug: Met with Planning subcommittee, work will continue into 2024. Next meeting is scheduled for September 6.				
Sep: No update.				
Oct: No update.				

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Enhancements to Commission Response to Community Comments Create more thorough and consistent communication to provide to community members who comment at Transportation Commission meetings or provide written commentary to the Commission or City staff.	Deliverable Proposed set of communications	Leads Andy Lewis Grant Wright Roger Bildsten	Target Completion Date Q3
Budget Required: None			
Staff Support Required: 1-2 hours from Community Engagement Manager, 1-2 hours from Communications			
Aug: Subcommittee will bring draft language to next meeting.			
Sep: No update.			
Oct: Staff will review draft language with Communications and Administration.			

Parking Lot: (These items have been considered by the BC, but not proposed as part of this year's work plan. If the BC decides they would like to work on them in the current year, it would need to be approved by Council.)
Transit service advocacy, pedestrian safety education, speed limit adherence

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From: Andrew Scipioni, Transportation Planner

Item Activity:

Subject: 2024 Work Plan Update

Information

ACTION REQUESTED:

None.

INTRODUCTION:

Staff will provide an update on the 2024 work plan development process.