



1ST AVE N RECONSTRUCTION

Revitalizing Minneapolis' entertainment corridor for sustainability, equity, and opportunity



Project overview

The City of Minneapolis is reconstructing half a mile of 1st Avenue N, between Washington Avenue and 8th Street N. The project will improve safety, comfort, and access for both residents and visitors using the corridor.

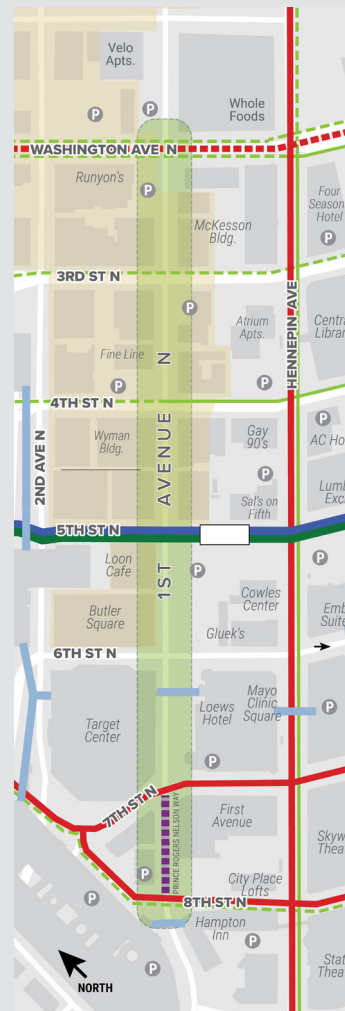
Goals

- Widened, ADA-compliant sidewalks and safer street crossings
- New green stormwater infrastructure and sustainable landscaping
- Enhanced streetscape elements, including improved lighting and public art
- Active public spaces that attract and retain residents, businesses, and visitors
- Improved traffic signals, wayfinding and signage, and utilities

Project schedule



Partners



LEGEND

- 1st Avenue N Project Boundaries
- METRO Light Rail Transit and Station
- METRO Bus Rapid Transit (existing/planned)
- All Ages and Abilities Bicycle Network
- Minneapolis Skyway Network
- Prince Rogers Nelson Way (commemorative)
- Historic Warehouse District Boundaries
- Parking Locations



Transportation Action Plan

This project is aligned with the Transportation Action Plan, the city's vision for safer, greener and more modern streets that serve all people and all the ways they want to get around.

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- 1st Ave N is in the **Warehouse Historic District** – an iconic neighborhood with a rich cultural heritage. It is also adjacent to downtown Minneapolis' **central business district** and the city's renowned **Theater District**.
- The street is a popular **nightlife and entertainment corridor** that attracts both residents and visitors to the many professional sporting events, live music events, and hospitality venues.
- Last reconstructed in 1994, the **infrastructure and public realm** on the corridor is currently **outdated**. Existing facilities cannot safely or effectively support the **crowds and multimodal demands** traveling to and through the corridor.
- 1st Ave N intersects many **local, express, and Bus Rapid Transit routes** and is next to the METRO Warehouse District/Hennepin Avenue **light rail stop**. The Northstar **commuter rail station** is also located nearby.
- The area along the project corridor is the site of major downtown events, including **Warehouse District Live**, where one block is turned into an enhanced pedestrian zone featuring food trucks, seating, and activities throughout the summer and fall.
- The City's Vision Zero Action Plan identifies 1st Ave N as a **High Injury Street**, where safety improvements are needed to eliminate crashes that result in severe injuries or death.
- The City's Transportation Action Plan identifies 1st Ave N as a **Pedestrian Priority Corridor** that represents where people frequently walk, and prioritizes investments to improve the ease, comfort, and safety of people walking and rolling.

Improving traffic safety

The project will work to address the disparities around accessibility and safety along the project corridor. Advancing pedestrian safety allows people living, working, and visiting 1st Ave N better connect to jobs and other opportunities, particularly for historically underrepresented populations. It also helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and is key to advancing Minneapolis' climate and mode shift goals.

Daily users

Source: MioVision 2018 intersection volumes



Pedestrians
2,919-19,501



Bicyclists
356-593



Motor vehicles
10,348-30,605

Reported crashes

Source: Minnesota Department of Transportation & MnCMAT, 2013-2022

	Pedestrian:	24 reported crashes	88% crashes with injuries
	Bicycle:	18 reported crashes	89% crashes with injuries
	Motor Vehicle:	264 reported crashes	19% crashes with injuries
Total Crashes:		306 reported crashes	28% crashes with injuries

Advancing transportation equity

The 1st Ave N reconstruction project will be informed by the City's 2023 Racial Equity Framework for Transportation. The project will prioritize including historically underrepresented communities through inclusive and creative engagement. Community-informed strategies and actions will be incorporated throughout the planning, design, and construction process to facilitate equitable outcomes.



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