

Project Overview

City of Minneapolis Public Works is recommending street improvements on 2nd Street S from 2nd Avenue S to 13th Avenue S. The proposed project will identify opportunities to improve safety for all modes of travel, with a specific focus on encouraging safer travel speeds, shortening crossings for pedestrians, and upgrading the existing bike lanes along 2nd Street S. The project will also evaluate upgrading the bikeway connections to West River Parkway, including one block of 13th Avenue S and one block of Portland Avenue. In addition, the project will evaluate the feasibility of intersection safety improvements at Park Avenue, 10th Avenue S, and 11th Avenue S. These safety improvements would be coordinated with street resurfacing work on 2nd Street S which is tentatively planned for 2023.

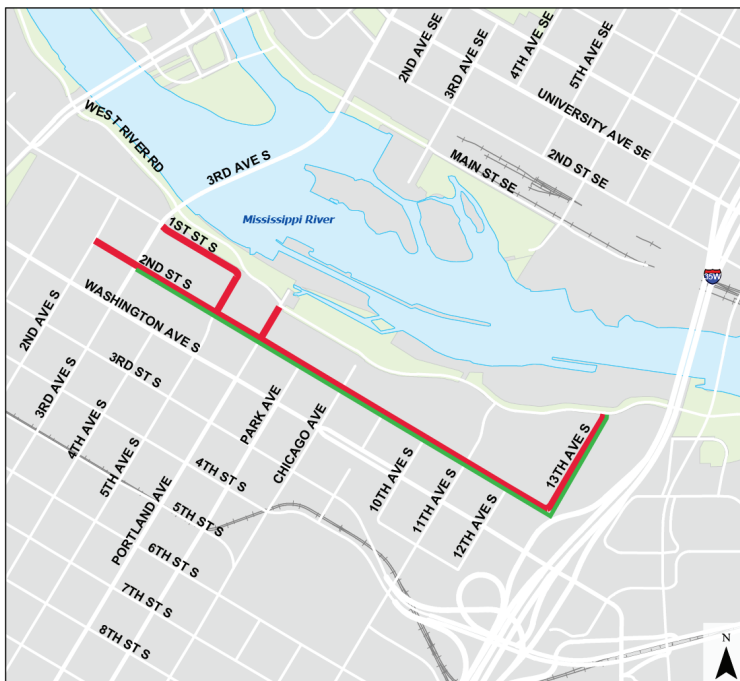



Curb-protected bikeways use a form-in-place concrete curb installed on the roadway surface to provide physical separation from traffic. Photo: curb-protected bikeway along 11th Avenue S.



Delineator-protected bikeways use plastic delineator posts or “bollards” and a painted buffer space between the bikeway and the travel or parking lane to provide physical separation from motorized traffic. Photo: delineator-protected bikeway along 2nd Street S.

Project Location



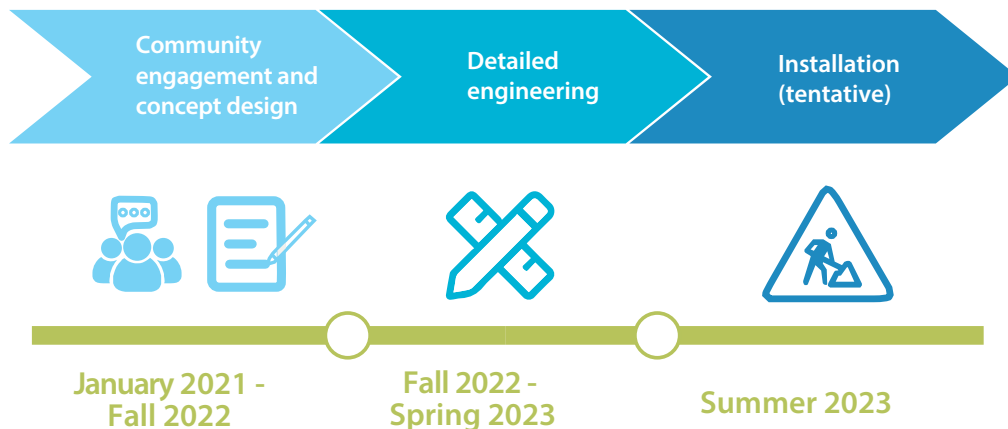
-  Resurfacing project location
-  All Ages and Abilities Bikeway Improvements

Project Benefits

The 2nd Street S project will improve safety and comfort for those walking, rolling, biking, and driving along the street. This project will connect to critical routes such as the 3rd Avenue S Bridge and 11th Avenue S bikeway, with improvements on short segments of Portland Avenue S and 13th Avenue South to create seamless connections to the Stone Arch Bridge, the Bluff Street Trail, and the West River Parkway trail system. Finally, the project will evaluate intersection improvements that will better serve the neighborhood’s growing population by making it safer and more convenient to cross 2nd Street S to access key destinations such as the Stone Arch Bridge, Mill City Museum, the Guthrie Theater, and Gold Metal Park.

Timeline

The 2nd Street Improvement Project will be installed upon completion of pavement restoration and maintenance work along 2nd Street, tentatively planned for Summer 2023.



Project Goals

- Improve safety and mobility for all modes of travel
- Install a bicycle connection for all ages and abilities
- Accommodate access for residents, businesses, and visitors
- Maintain traffic operations and on-street parking

Existing users

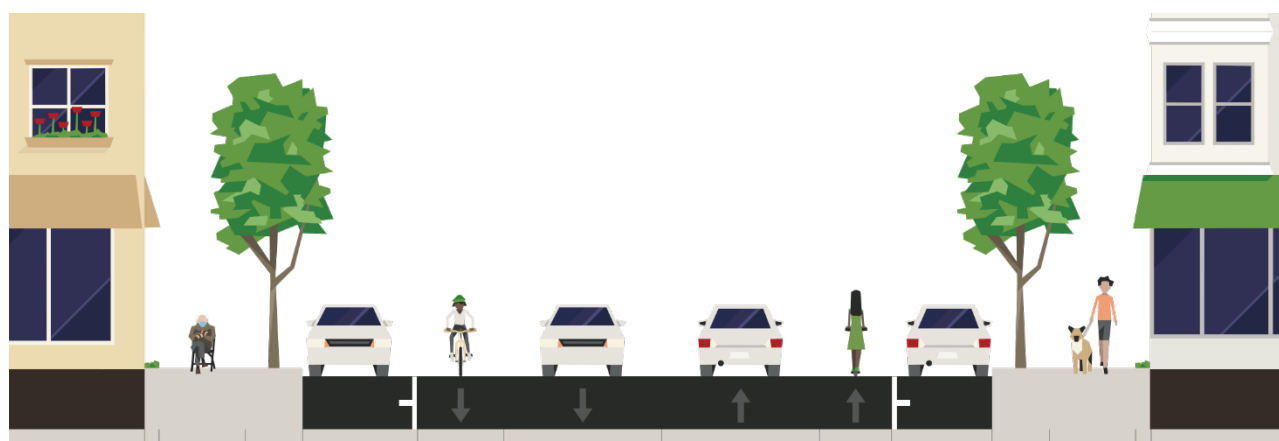
Pedestrians and bicyclists make up 37% of the activity on 2nd Street.

Estimated number of daily users (2017)

- Pedestrians: 2,300
- Bicyclists: 220
- Motor vehicles: 4,246

Existing Conditions

2nd Street S has sidewalks and planted boulevards on both sides of the street, on-street parking on both sides, directional on-street bike lanes, and two traffic lanes. The public right-of-way varies but there is generally 50 to 60 feet of pavement between the curbs.



Frequently Asked Questions

Why does 2nd Street need an upgraded bicycle facility?

The City's Transportation Action Plan establishes an All Ages and Abilities (AAA) Bicycle Network to make bicycling a real possibility for more people. This network will include protected lanes and trails that are physically separated from moving cars, trucks, and buses, will feature improved intersection crossings, and be accessible year-round. Curb-protected protected bikeways are recommended for implementation as a part of street retrofit projects, often in conjunction with street maintenance projects such as resurfacing and/or sealcoating.

How will the project connect to other facilities?

This project will connect to critical routes such as the river crossing at 3rd Avenue S and the 11th Avenue S bikeway. The project will also include improvements on short segments of Portland Avenue S and 13th Avenue South to create seamless connections to the Stone Arch Bridge, the Bluff Street Trail, and the West River Parkway trail system.

How will this project affect users of the street?

The 2nd Street Improvements Project will prioritize people who walk and bicycle while maintaining safe and effective vehicle traffic operations. These priorities are set by the City's Complete Streets Policy, Transportation Action Plan and Street Design Guide.

Will this project reduce the supply of on-street parking?

No, this project will generally maintain the existing on-street parking on both the north and south side of 2nd Street.

Will there be assessments for this project?

Property owners will be subject to a special assessment for street resurfacing completed as part of the Pavement Resurfacing Program. See the special assessments webpage for more information:

<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/property-housing/property-info/special-assessments/special-assessment-types/>

The proposed safety and bicycle improvements would be funded out of a dedicated pedestrian and bicycle safety program and would not add to the special assessment for street resurfacing.

More Information

For more information on this project, visit the project webpage:

<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/2nd-st-resurfacing/>

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