

PHASE 2 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY: COMMUNITY WORKSHOP & ONLINE SURVEY

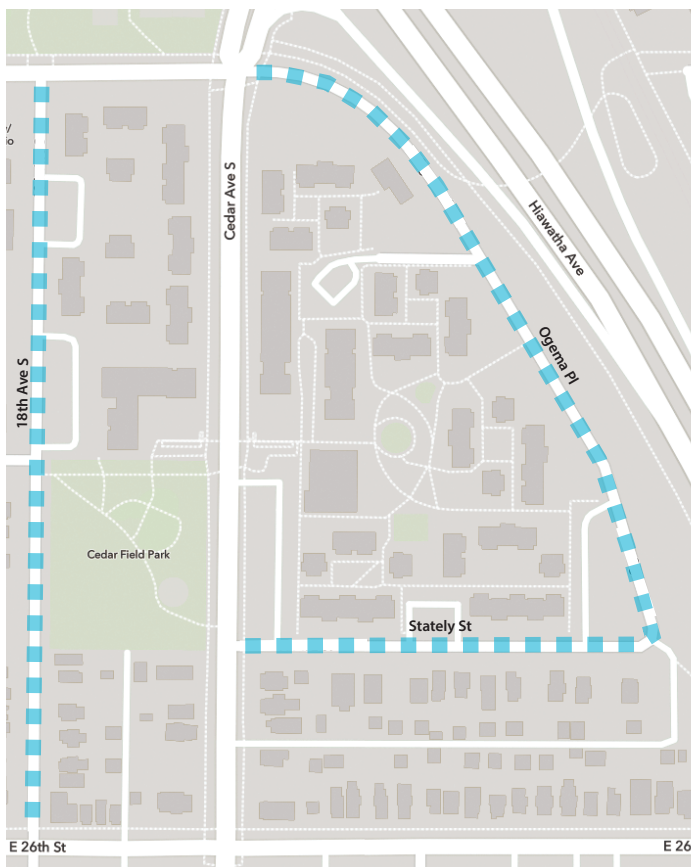
18th Ave S & Little Earth Transportation Study | Department of Public Works | April 2022

Date of event: Saturday, February 26, 2022, 1:00-3:00PM

Location: Cedar Field Park, 2500 Cedar Avenue S, Minneapolis

Public Works is conducting a Transportation Study for permanent changes to 18th Avenue S between 24th and 26th Streets, Ogema Pl and Stately St. The changes will be reflective of Little Earth, East Phillips Neighborhood, businesses and agency needs and desires for the area. On November 18, 2021, Public Works with support from Little Earth Residents Association and the City's consultant hosted a Community Workshop as part of Round 1 engagement to gather feedback on community priorities. Using the feedback collected, the project team developed the proposed draft design concepts and cross-sections for the redesign of the streets. On February 26, 2022, the project team hosted a second Community Workshop as part of Round 2 engagement to share the proposed concepts with the community. This engagement summary documents the details and comments received during the outdoor, in-person event, as well as the outcomes of an online survey which was available to those who could not attend the in-person event.

Location Map



About the community workshop

- **Audience:** Residents and adjacent property owners surrounding the study area (primarily from Little Earth and East Phillips neighborhoods).
- **Format:** To follow CDC guidelines and help prevent the spread of COVID-19; the project team held the event outdoors, encouraged social distancing, and had disposable masks and sanitizer available and encouraged attendees to follow advertised precautions.
- **Presentation Boards:** included background information on the study as well as four boards illustrating proposed draft design concept designs for 18th Ave S, EM Stately St and Ogema Pl.
- **Activities:** Warming fires and s'mores for attendees.
- **Incentives:** \$25 Target gift cards were awarded to the first 40 attendees/heads of households that provided feedback to the project team.

Who we heard from

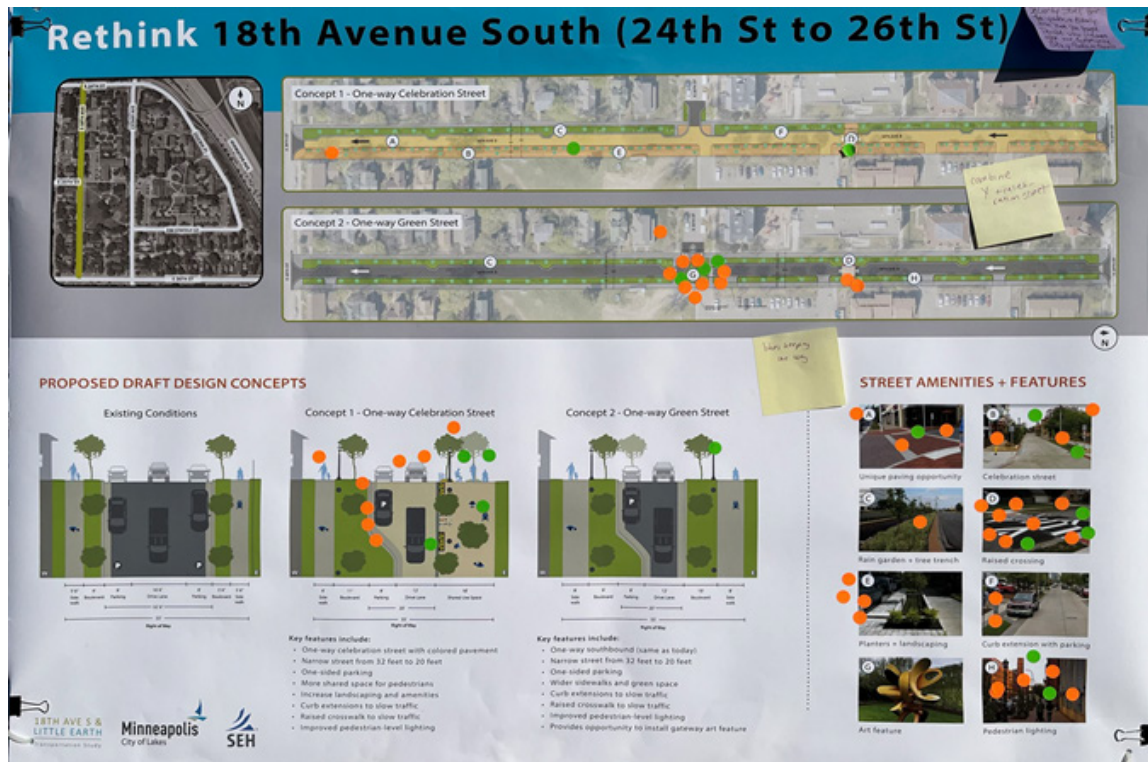
Approximately **25 members** of the community members signed in. Some additional attendees participated without signing in.

- 9** Little Earth Residents
- 9** East Phillips Residents
- 4** Other
- 5** Did not select either one of the options

What we heard

The following comments were received during the Community Workshop where community members were asked to select the elements they liked best between the two different proposed draft concepts, as well as vote on the street elements and features they liked the best.

18th Avenue South
(24th St to 26th St)



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1. Very strong support for Concept 1, Celebration Street for 18th Ave S
2. Most – but not all – support the “Y” diverter in Concept 2 for 18th Ave S
3. Several felt that on-street parking should be provided on the east side of 18th Ave S, south of Cedar Field Park
4. Support for raised crosswalk on 18th Ave S
5. Support for planters and landscaping, especially rain gardens and native landscaping
6. Support for pedestrian scale lighting

EM Stately Street

Rethink EM Stately Street

PROPOSED DRAFT DESIGN CONCEPT

Existing Conditions

Concept 1 - Narrower Street with Bump Outs

STREET AMENITIES + FEATURES

- Curb extension with parking
- Enhanced landscaping
- Pedestrian lighting
- Rain garden

Key features include:

- Two-way traffic with parking on both sides (same as today)
- Increase greenspace
- Curb extensions to slow traffic
- Improved pedestrian-level lighting

Handwritten notes: "slow down on street"

EM Stately Street

1. Some concern about vehicles being able to pass each other in-between bump-outs on Stately St
2. Strong support for increased/enhanced landscaping on Stately St
3. Support for pedestrian scale lighting

Ogema Place

Rethink Ogema Place

PROPOSED DRAFT DESIGN CONCEPTS

Existing Conditions

Concept 1 - Celebration Street with Greenway

Concept 2 - Narrower Street

STREET AMENITIES + FEATURES

- Celebration street
- Art feature
- Rain garden
- Greenway
- Art feature
- Pedestrian lighting
- Strip lighting
- Raised crosswalk

Key features include:

- Celebration street with colored pavement
- More shared space for pedestrians
- Increase landscaping and amenities
- Narrow street from 33 feet to 30 feet
- Wider sidewalks
- Raised plaza space
- Curb extensions to slow traffic
- Raised crosswalk and speed table to slow traffic
- Close northern portion of road, convert to greenway
- Improved pedestrian-level lighting

Key features include:

- Narrow street from 33 feet to 24 feet
- One-sided parking
- Wider sidewalks and green space
- Raised plaza space
- Curb extensions to slow traffic
- Raised crosswalk and speed table to slow traffic
- Improved pedestrian-level lighting

Handwritten notes: "slow down on street", "pedestrian scale lighting", "pedestrian scale lighting on Ogema", "strip lighting in celebration street"

Event Photos



Online Survey

In addition to the in-person Community Workshop, the project team gathered feedback on the proposed draft design concepts through an online survey via the project webpage between February and March 2022. The online survey included an informational pre-recorded video presentation from the project team which covered the background on the Transportation Study and an overview of the six draft design concepts. The survey asked participants on which design features they supported and preferred for each one of the streets within the project area.

18th Ave S & Little Earth Transportation Study

Welcome

Welcome to the online survey for the 18th Ave S & Little Earth Transportation Study. Thank you in advance for your interest and for providing your feedback.

The survey begins with a 20 minute informational video (below) that describes 6 concepts being considered, including:

1. 18th Avenue South Concept 1
2. 18th Avenue South Concept 2
3. EM Stately Street Concept
4. Ogema Place Concept 1
5. Ogema Place Concept 2
6. Stately/Ogema One-way Concept

Please watch the informational video, then advance to the survey questions to provide your feedback on the concepts. The feedback portion of the survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

Presentation Video



Who We Heard From

A total of 16 participants provided feedback through the online survey. Ten survey respondents identified as Little Earth residents, four as East Phillips residents, and the rest as residents from other neighborhoods in Minneapolis.

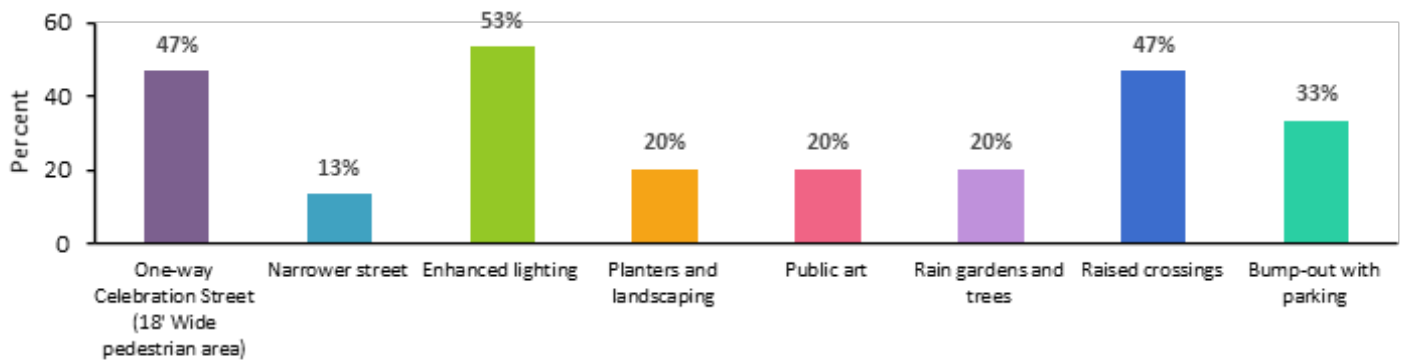
What We Heard – Top Themes

The following is a summary of the top themes we heard about each draft design concept.

18th Avenue S Concept 1 – One-Way Celebration Street

- Approximately half of the respondents mentioned they would support enhanced lighting, raised crossings, and a one-way celebration street on Concept 1.
- A couple of participants also commented that parking on both sides of 18th Avenue S should remain.

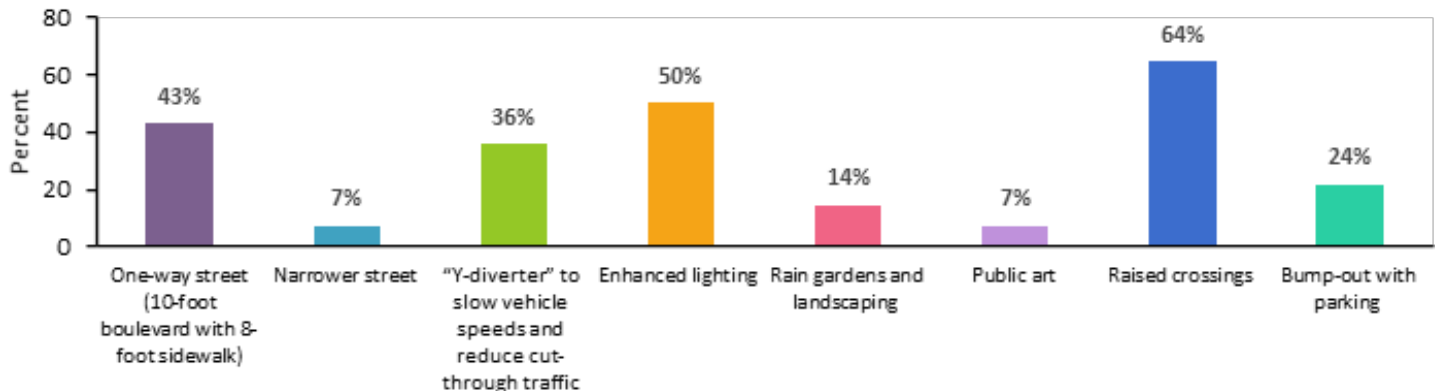
What features of **18th Ave S Concept 1** would you support? (Select top 3)



18th Avenue S Concept 2 - One-Way Green Street

- Nine out of fourteen respondents (64%) selected raised crossing as a feature they would support on Concept 2. Half of the participants responded they would support enhanced lighting.
- A couple of participants also shared concerns about the installation of a Y-diverter at the 18th Avenue and 25th Street intersection.

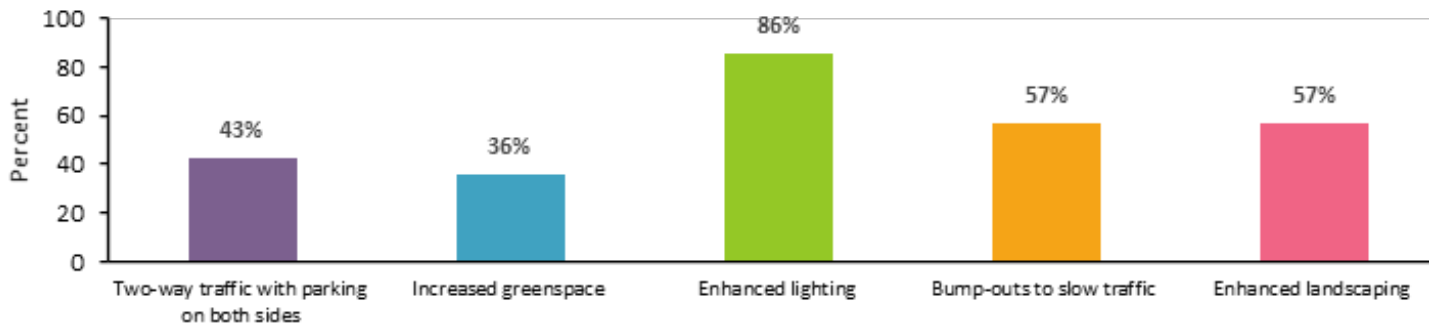
What features of **18th Ave S Concept 2** would you support? (Select top 3)



EM Stately Street – Narrower Street with Bump-Outs

- Most respondents (86%) answered they would support enhanced lighting on EM Stately Street.
- Eight out of fourteen participants (57%) responded they would support bump-outs to slow traffic, as well as enhanced landscaping.

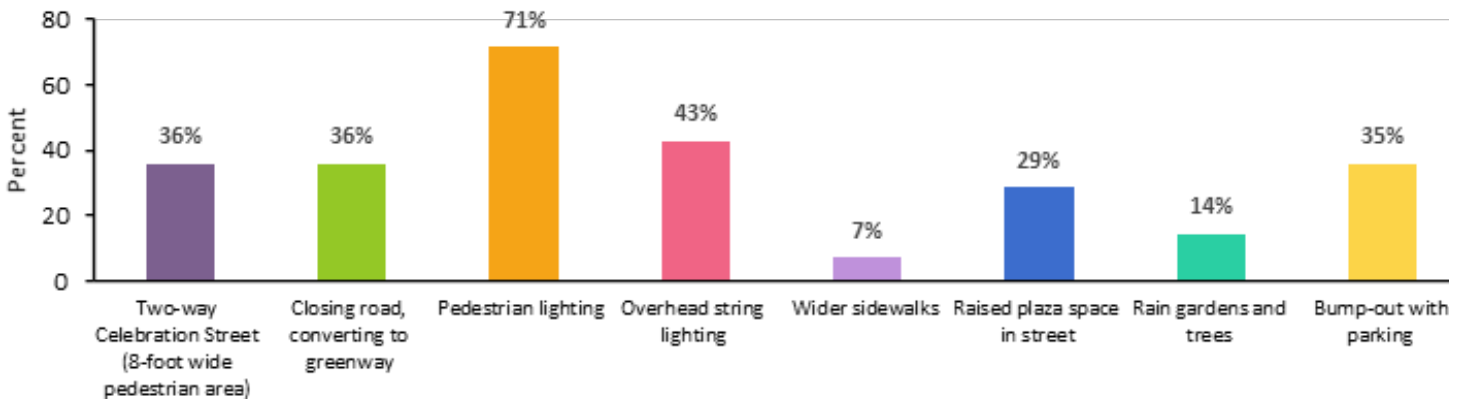
What features of the **EM Stately Concept** would you support? (Select top 3)



Ogema Place Concept 1 – Celebration Street with Greenway

- Ten out of fourteen respondents (71%) mentioned they would support pedestrian lighting. Six participants (43%) also responded they would support overhead string lighting along Ogema Place.

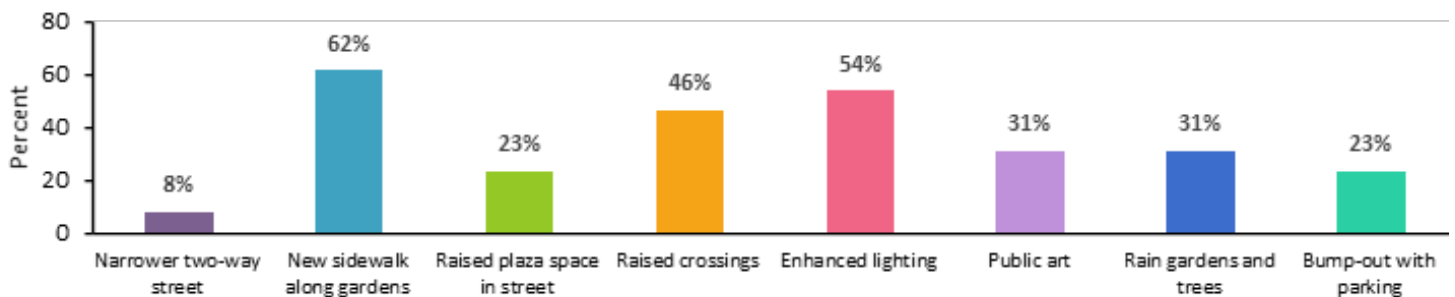
What features of the **Ogema Place Concept 1** would you support? (Select top 3)



Ogema Place Concept 2 – Narrower Street

- The top features selected by respondents were new sidewalks along gardens (62%), enhanced lighting (54%), and raised crossings (46%).

What features of the **Ogema Place Concept 2** would you support? (Select top 3)



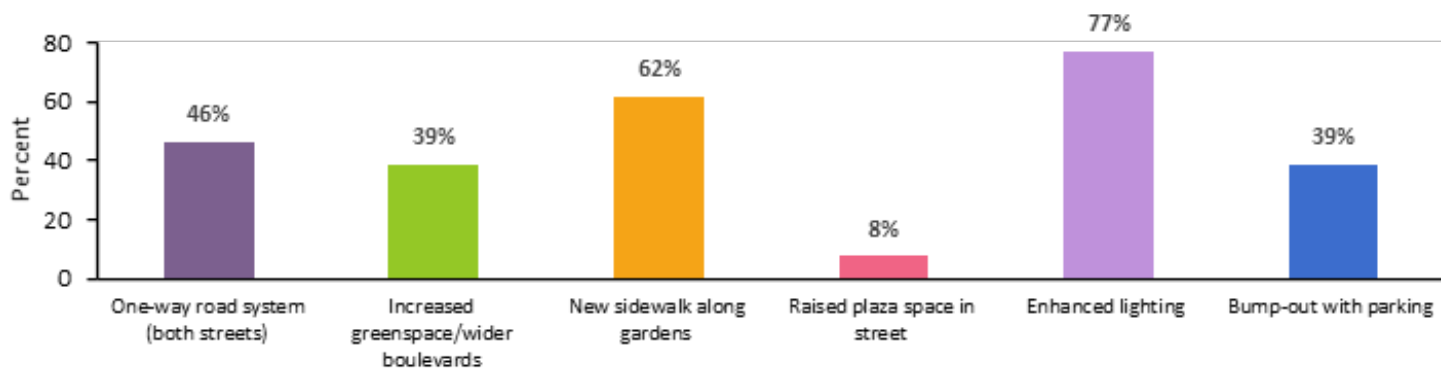
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EM Stately Street and Ogema Place – One-Way Streets

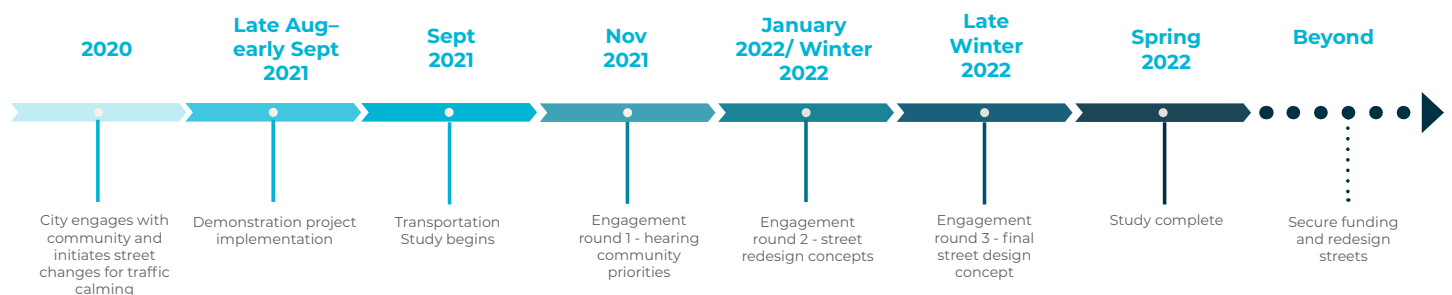
- A majority of participants (77%) selected enhanced lighting as a feature they would support as part of the one-way streets concept.
- Eight out of thirteen respondents (62%) mentioned they would support new sidewalks along gardens.
- Almost half of the respondents (46%) selected the one-way street concept as a top feature they could support.

What features of the EM Stately & Ogema Place Concept would you support? (Select top 3)



Next Steps & Timeline

Based on the key themes heard on the proposed draft design concepts, the project team will finalize the preferred design concepts, which will be shared back with the community. Following the completion of the preferred design concepts, Public Works will move forward with completing the Transportation Study and pursuing funding to implement the proposed designs.



PROJECT WEBSITE

<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/18th-ave-s-little-earth/>

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