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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Meseret Wolana (City of Minneapolis), Don Elwood (City of Minneapolis)

FROM: Kristin Petersen, Mark Maves

RE: Summary of **Open House 1 – August 23, 2022**

This memo documents the details and comments received during the open house for the Nicollet Ave Bridge Rehabilitation Project that took place on Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

### Meeting Information

- Audience: Adjacent property owners and residents surrounding the project area
- Date of event: Tuesday, August 23, 2022
- Format: The meeting was held in an open house style format, with informational boards around the room and project staff available to discuss the project. There was also a drone video showing existing conditions of the bridge and a comment station seeking feedback on the bridge monuments and other potential effects on surrounding historical assets. Attendees were also asked to place a dot on the map where they live to document who was represented at the meeting.

### Meeting Notifications

- Postcard/flier invitations were mailed directly to properties surrounding the project area.
- Posted on project webpage
- Posted on NextDoor
- .GOV email notification
- Emails to Stakeholder lists

### Attendance & Website Traffic

- Approximately 32 attendees and elected officials participated in the open house. The following staff members were also present to facilitate the event and address questions and comments:
  - 1) Meseret Wolana – City of Minneapolis
  - 2) Don Elwood – City of Minneapolis
  - 3) Ahmed Omar – City of Minneapolis
  - 4) Jen Swanson – City of Minneapolis
  - 5) Ted Arbeiter – City of Minneapolis
  - 6) Council Member Emily Koski
  - 7) Mark Maves – SEH
  - 8) Justin Gese – SEH
  - 9) Kristin Petersen – SEH
  - 10) Steve Olson – ONE
  - 11) Rachel Peterson – Hess Roise
- Website analytics between 08/01/2022 and 09/01/2022 were as follows:
  - 365 Entrances
  - 579 Pageviews
  - 515 Unique Pageviews
  - Average time on page 00:02:30

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### Comments

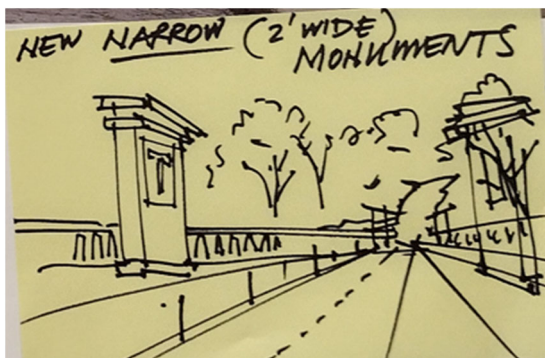
Comments were received via general comment cards and on two comment board stations. The public was also able to mail additional comments and questions to City staff after the event.

#### Comment Cards

- Please make the surface as quiet as possible. Add trees below the bridge both to cover it and for noise mitigation.
- Paint the underside of bridge once a year so it is attractive.
- Don't agree on size and curbing needed for bike lane. Are 2 lanes really necessary. Need to keep the bridge with historic presence.
- Please coordinate closely with the Park Board to maximize the likelihood that the "desired future condition" of Minnehaha Parkway underneath and adjacent to the bridge can be improved parkland, rather than beaten down dirt.

#### Comments on Posters – **What are your ideas?**

- "Dark Skies" lighting is preferred
- Move these (monuments) back a foot or two – they block the view of the road when turning left off W. Minnehaha Pkwy.
- If moving entry points, have something similarly substantial
- Improve monument sight lines if replacing them
- Add benches midpoint each side
- Provide shade structure
- Incorporate narrow monument into bridge railing, not free-standing along curb like present design



- Keep the T's. Love the design of the "T"
- Keep the "T's"
- Shoot the graffiti "artists"
- Priority to maintain walk/bike lane (otherwise people will travel in the road) cracks, snow, leaves, sticks, etc.
- Watch drainage salt spray off bridge. It appears some material off the bridge is degrading paths below at other edges of bridge

- Strongly consider retaining/rebuilding stairs at North side of bridge (even if not ADA compliant) work closely with Park Board.
- Please consider 10' lane – anything to calm traffic!!
- Park Board currently clears/maintains walk/bike paths. If walk/bike are diverted to the upper pkwy/Nicollet bike/walk, please (prefer not to say must) prioritize clearing walk/bike lanes currently. Many homeowners do not shovel well. Do not replace a current good facility w/ bad or mediocre.
- Will stairs on NE side of bridge from parkway to bridge deck remain?
- I am so happy you are keeping the historic bridge
- Put a skateboard park under the bridge.
- Match paint color on the bridge when painting over graffiti! (Second person: Yes!)
- Details? How does this (cathodic protection system) work?
- More lighting under the bridge.
- Make sure, after this project, that any roads turned into 1-ways go back to 2-ways
- Like the new railing design!
- Much better railing
- Approve of a different railing. Please (sadly) consider graffiti and maintenance in design

Proposed Railing

The proposed railing design (similar shown above on 10th Ave bridge) reflects the original design and is used on similar bridge rehabilitation projects in Minneapolis.

Proposed Lighting

Lighting will be upgraded to energy efficient LEDs and maintain the existing "lantern" style.

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Visit the Project Website  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/nicollet](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/nicollet)

Handwritten notes:  
- Pink note: "Make better railing"  
- Orange note: "How are new railing design?"  
- Pink note: "Approve of a different railing. Please (sadly) consider graffiti maintenance in design"

