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## SUMMIT AVENUE REGIONAL TRAIL MASTER PLAN

### DROP-IN ENGAGEMENT - FEBRUARY 2022



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## DROP-IN ENGAGEMENT

JOIN US VIRTUALLY OVER YOUR COFFEE OR LUNCH BREAK!



12:30-1:00PM

- **Session #1: 02/16**
- **Session #2: 03/16**
- **Session #3: 04/13**

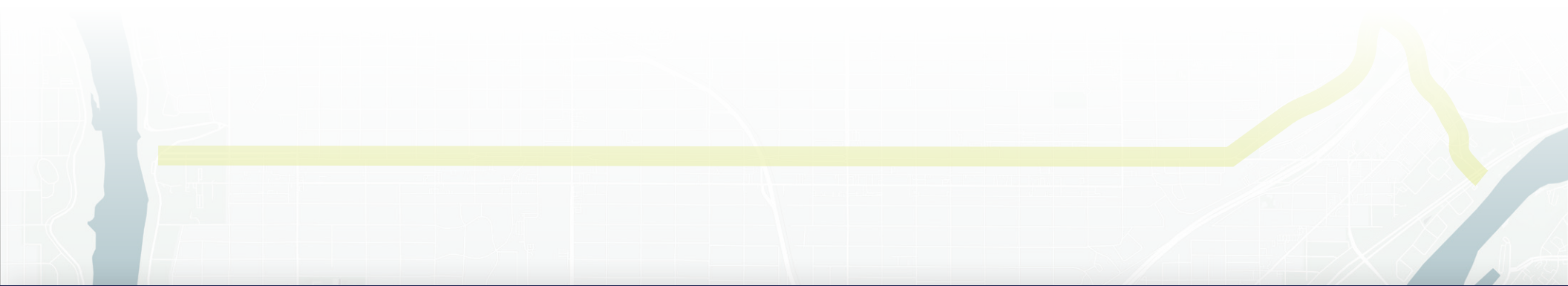
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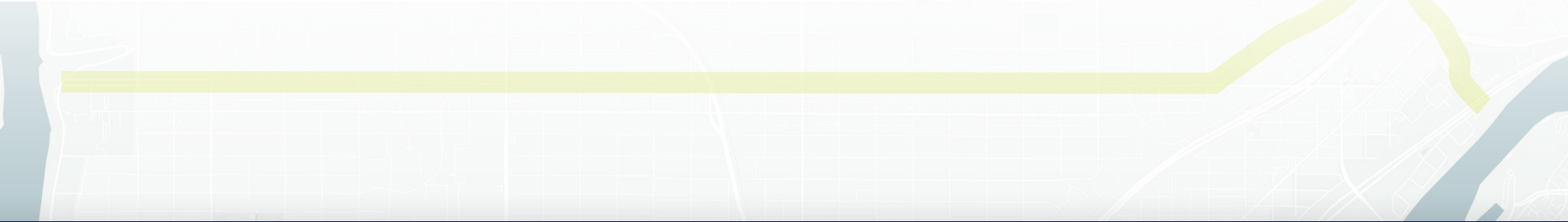
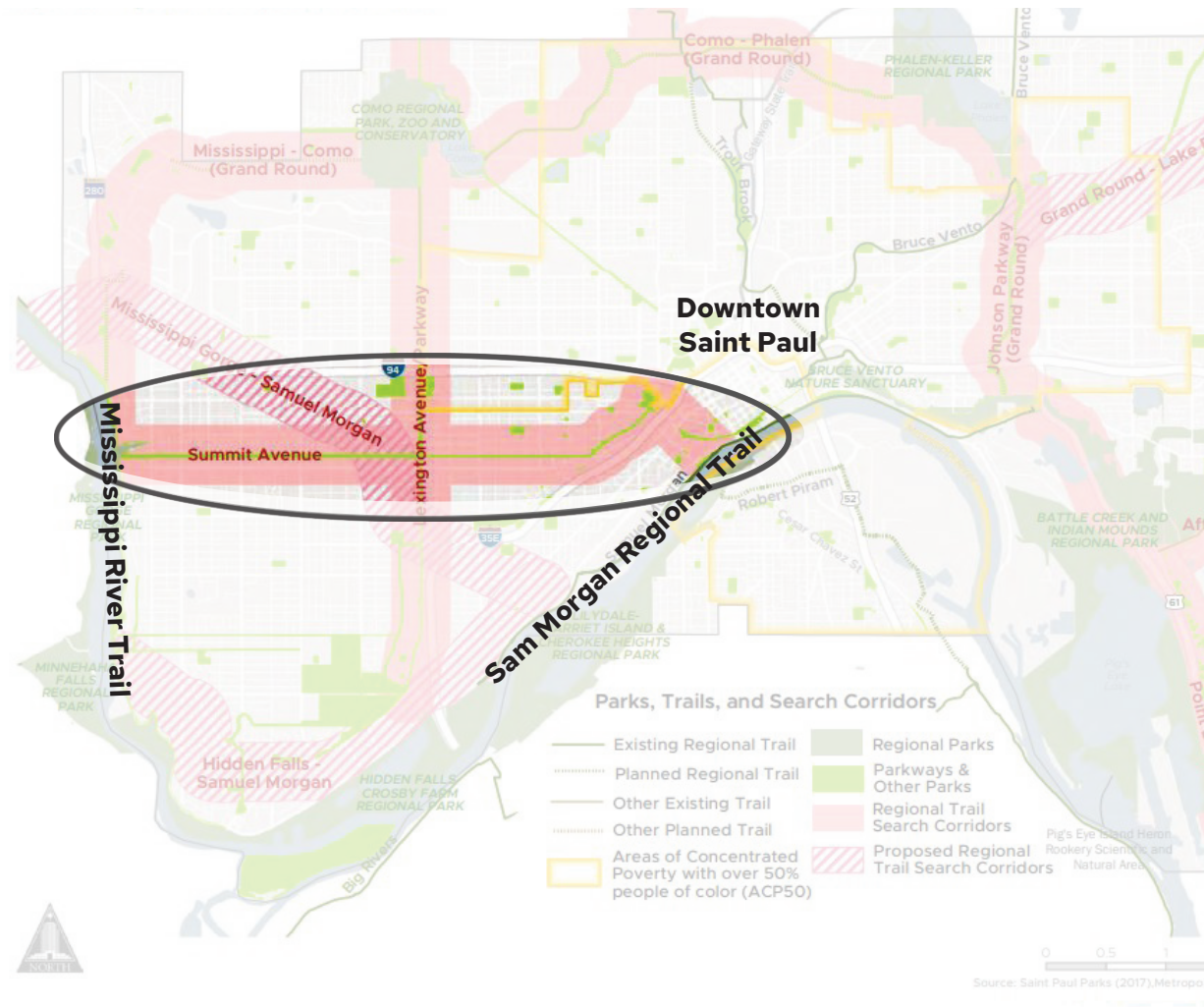
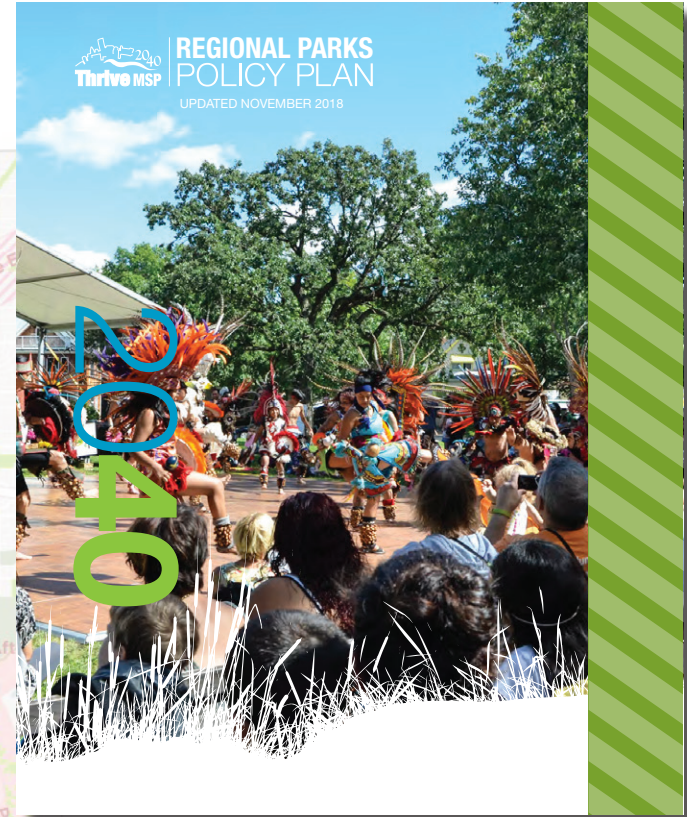
Call in number: 612-315-7905  
Phone Conference ID: 212 577 410#

Connect with project staff and community members to ask questions and share your ideas for the Summit Ave. Regional Trail Master Plan

# PROJECT CONTEXT



# Regional Planning



# Regional Connections

## Legend

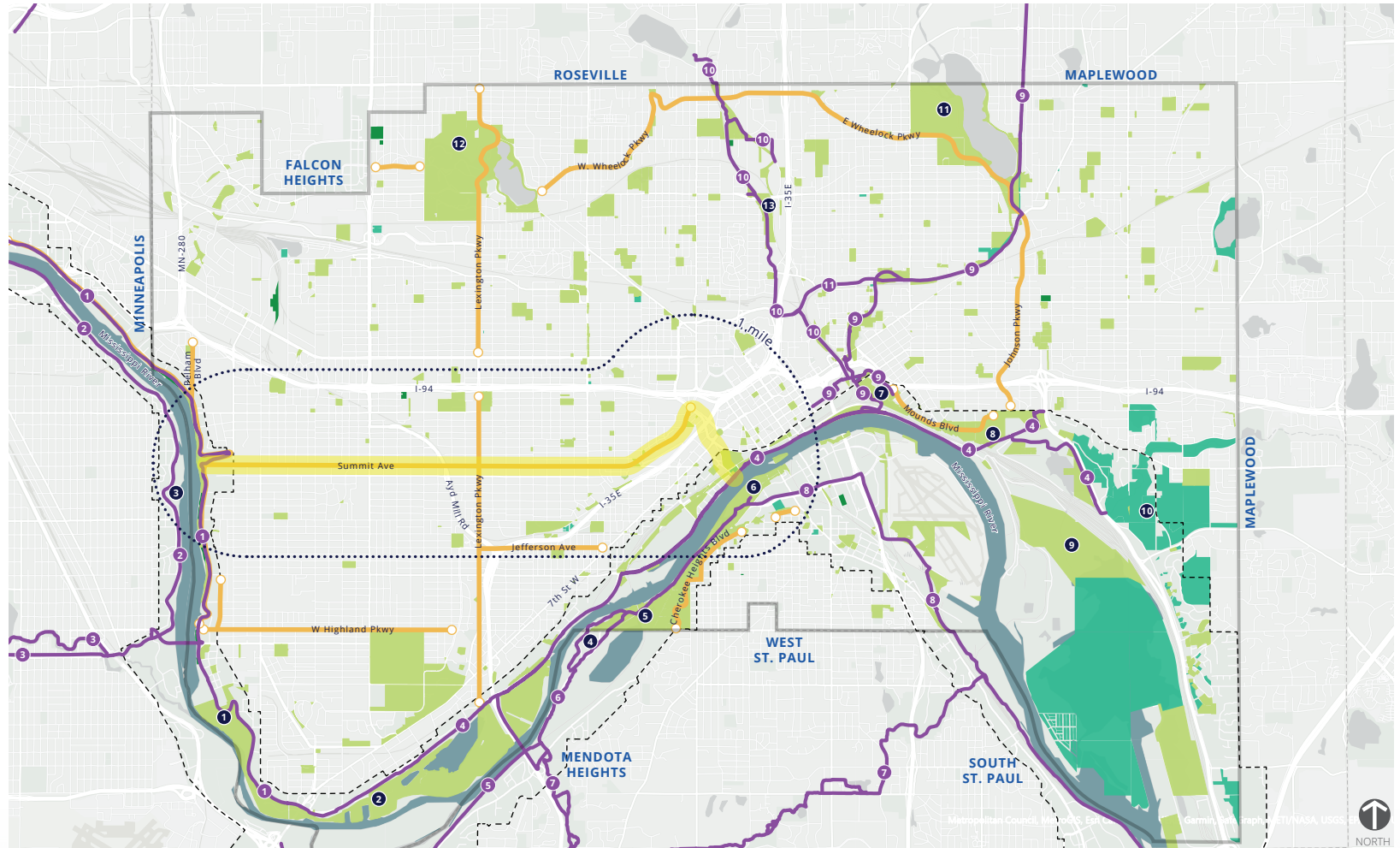
- St. Paul City Limits
- Summit Avenue Regional Trail Corridor
- MRCCA Boundary
- City Designated Parkway
- Existing Regional Trail
- Greenspace - City
- Greenspace - County
- Greenspace - Federal

## Keynotes | Regional Parks

- 1 Hidden Falls
- 2 Crosby Farm
- 3 Mississippi River Gorge
- 4 Lilydale
- 5 Cherokee
- 6 Harriet Island
- 7 Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary
- 8 Indian Mounds
- 9 Pig's Eye
- 10 Battle Creek
- 11 Phalen
- 12 Como
- 13 Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary

## Keynotes | Regional Trails

- 1 Mississippi River Gorge (East River Parkway)
- 2 Mississippi River Gorge (West River Parkway)
- 3 Minnehaha Parkway
- 4 Sam Morgan
- 5 Big Rivers
- 6 Lilydale
- 7 River to River Greenway
- 8 Robert Piram
- 9 Bruce Vento
- 10 Trout Brook
- 11 Phalen Boulevard



## PROJECT DETAILS & BACKGROUND

- Summit Ave. is an important link in the parks and trails network for the Metropolitan Region.
- The Master Plan process will review Summit Ave. from the river to downtown Saint Paul and develop a guide for future improvements within City right-of-way.
- Planning will focus on the segment from Lexington to Victoria ahead of planned reconstruction.

### WAYS TO ENGAGE



Connect with your  
District Council



Join the conversation at  
[www.engagstpaul/summit](http://www.engagstpaul/summit)

## PROJECT GOALS

- Evaluate a regional trail alignment on Summit Ave. to improve recreation experience and safety for all users.
- Identify ways to balance the context of Summit Ave. when modernizing infrastructure.
- Improve connectivity and public access to open space.
- Support the evolving needs of users to create a more resilient, people-oriented corridor.

## TIMELINE

PHASE I  
Corridor Evaluation



FALL 2021

PHASE II  
Design & Direction



WINTER 2021/2022



SPRING 2022

PHASE III  
Final Master Plan & Approvals



SUMMER-FALL 2022



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# Area Projects

## SUMMIT AVE. MILL & OVERLAY

- Snelling to Lexington
- Construction 2022

## SUMMIT AVE. RECONSTRUCTION

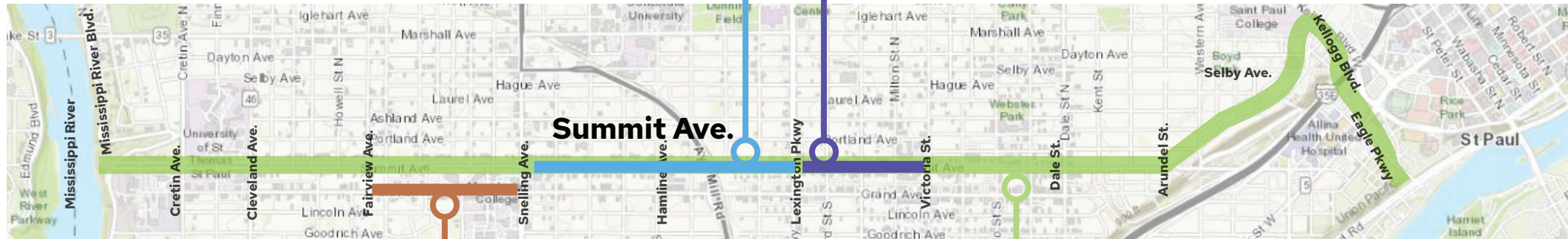
- Lexington to Victoria
- Construction 2023

## GRAND AVE. RECONSTRUCTION

- Fairview to Snelling
- Construction 2024

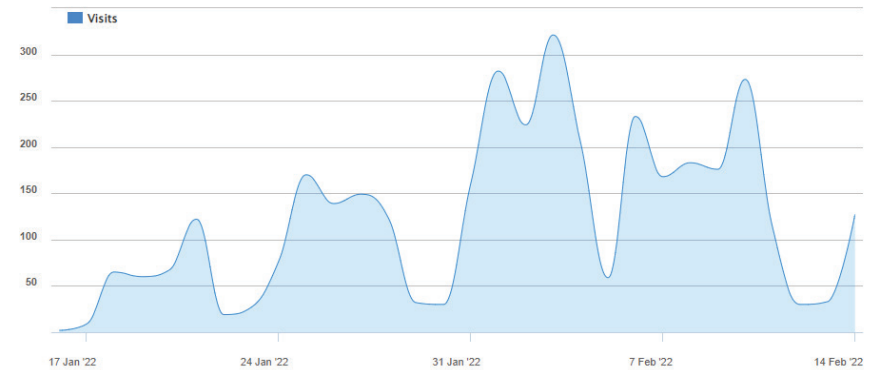
## REGIONAL TRAIL MASTER PLAN

- MRB to Sam Morgan: Summit, Kellogg and Eagle Pkwy
- Master Plan Process 2021-2022, unfunded for construction



# Community Engagement

- On-site events
- Engage Saint Paul
- Surveys
- Site Signage
- Advisory Committees
- Drop-In Virtual Mtgs
- Targeted Engagement



**3,679**  
SITE VISITS  
(Last 30 Days)

**59**  
SITE REGISTRATIONS  
(Last 30 Days)

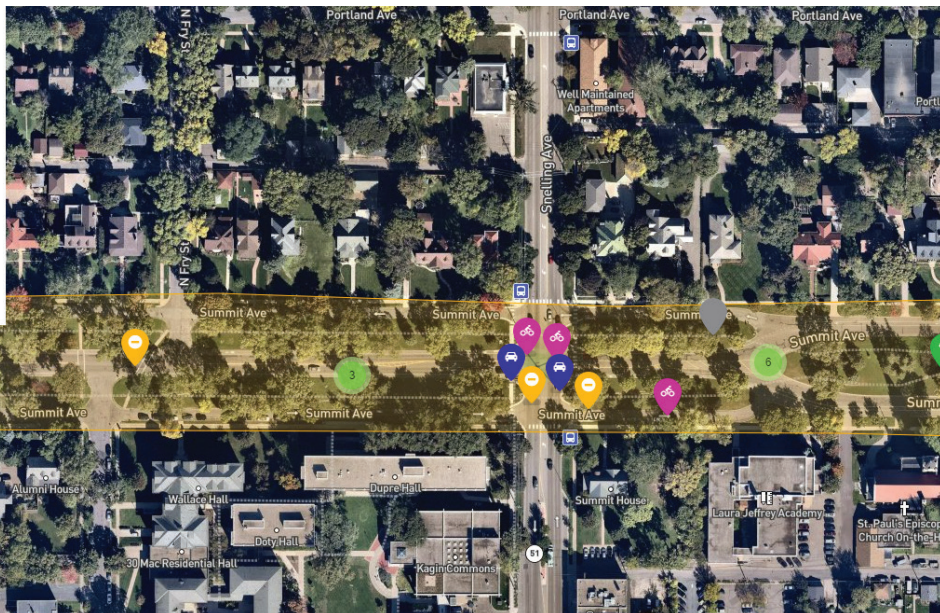
**58**  
ACTIVATED PARTICIPANTS  
(Last 30 Days)

## Mapping Ideas

### We want to hear from you!

Tell us what you like about Summit Avenue and where you have ideas for improvements!

- Pan and zoom around the Map of existing conditions
- Use the pins to drop locations and categorize your ideas

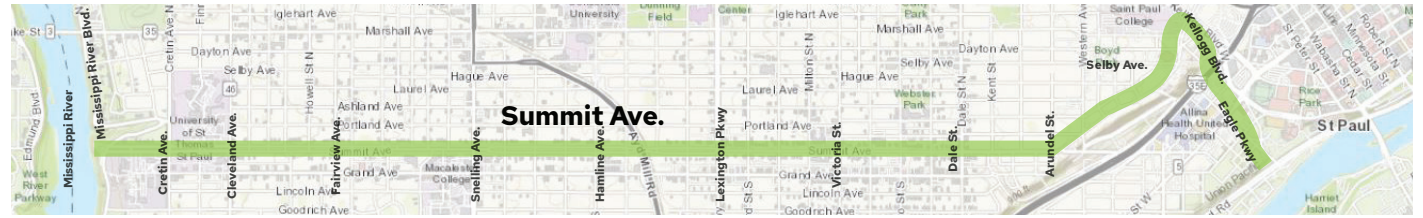


**1,200**  
informed participants

**760**  
Surveys complete



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



## SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK THEMES

### GREENSPACE

#### Trees and Canopy

- » Limiting impacts to trees, focus on preservation
- » Importance of canopy for shade and parkway experience
- » Ash trees/removals and diversity of species

#### Park Experience & Connections

- » Importance of the parkway as local park space
- » Open areas for drop-in, passive recreation
- » Connection opportunities to Ayd Mill

#### Medians & Blvds

- » Maintaining Open Space in the Medians
- » Boulevard as buffer for pedestrians
- » Multiple minor road crossings of median

### SAFETY

#### Crossings & Turning Movements

- » Minimizing conflicts at intersections
- » Lane transitions, free right-turn, & slip-lanes
- » Mid-block and median crossings at intersections

#### Traffic & Vehicle Speed

- » Vehicles exceeding speed limits, passing in bike lanes
- » Confusing median to roadway transition areas
- » Vehicles encroaching on crosswalks

#### Proximity of Uses

- » More separation between cars, bicycles, and pedestrians
- » Parked cars and door swing conflict with bicycle lanes

### FACILITY CONDITIONS

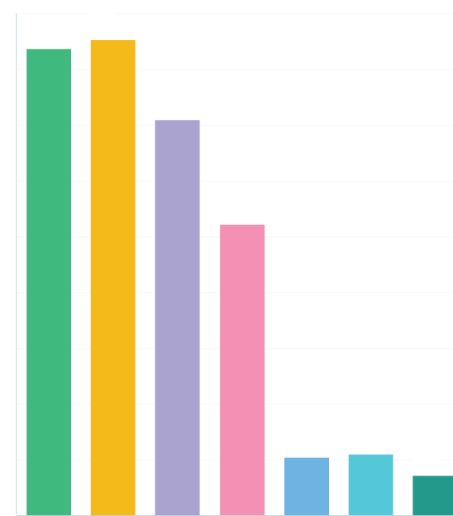
#### Pavement | Roadway & Sidewalk

- » Surface conditions of bituminous are very poor
- » Walkway paver surfaces lift and heave, tripping concerns
- » Wider, 10' walkways east of Dale are highly desirable
- » Snow maintenance conditions inhibit bicycling in lanes
- » Desire for more accessible surfaces, year-round

#### Unpaved Surfaces

- » Maintain the dirt path in central median space
- » Unique running experience in the City
- » Charming, quaint experiences, unlike other facilities

Q4 Within the Summit Ave. corridor, which elements are most important to you? (Choose up to three)



Question options  
 ● Mature tree canopy and shade ● Separation of uses for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists  
 ● Center medians and parkway green spaces ● Crossings and intersections ● Wayside rest and amenity areas  
 ● On-street parking ● Other (please specify)



DRAFT - IN PROCESS 2021



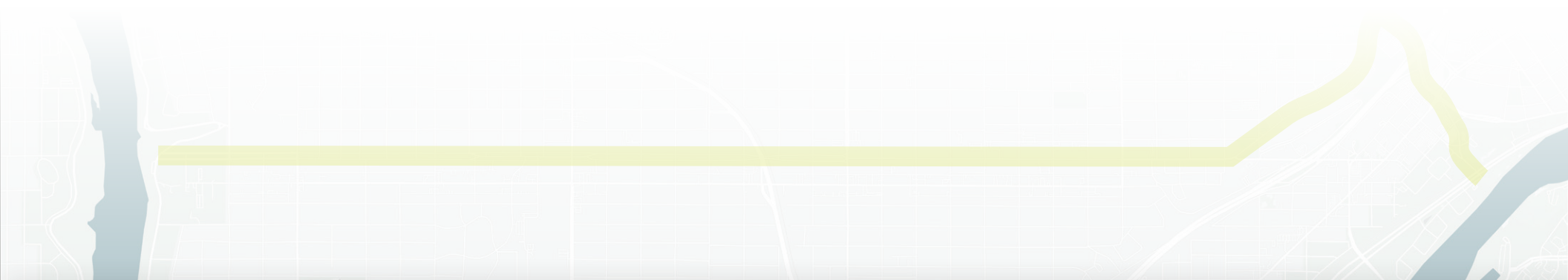
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# Q/A & DISCUSSION



# THANK YOU!



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