

Summary of Comments: 2025 Pleasant Avenue Reconstruction

42 comments were collected through email, online feedback form, in-person Open House, District Council meeting, and stakeholder conversations. Comments are summarized below by theme from highest frequency to least frequent comment with responses from Public Works where possible. We are still working on a final design and will share more at our next public engagement in the fall.

Shared Use Path: There were 13 comments about the shared use path. The majority being supportive of a new shared use path, one opposed to the new path, one wanting the path on the north side of Pleasant Avenue, and one wanting more separation between pedestrians and bicyclist.

The city has decided that a path on the south side is best as destinations are on the south side. A path on the north side could encourage midblock crossings to the destinations. A path on the south side increases the driveway crossings but also allows more room for drainage mitigation on the north side as well as better maintenance of the trail.

Narrower/Safe Speeds on Pleasant Avenue: There were nine comments about supporting narrower drive lanes to encourage safer speeds. Four comments about how Pleasant Avenue currently has a lot of space dedicated to cars which encourages speeding and has no dedicated space for pedestrians or bicyclists.

Outside of Project area: There were nine comments about improving areas outside of Pleasant Avenue's project area, including in Linwood Park and on St Clair Avenue. Two of the nine comments suggested extending the reconstruction work down Victoria Street to Jefferson Avenue to connect to existing bicycle facilities.

The city is exploring the possibility of extending this street reconstruction project to include Victoria Street between Pleasant Avenue and Jefferson Avenue. The Victoria Street is planned for reconstruction in 2028.

Springs: Six comments pertained to the existing springs just north of the roadway.

The city is working to design Pleasant Avenue in a way that manages the excess water. The city is working with consultants as well as the Capitol Region Watershed

District to find the best solution to keep water off the roadway and mitigate the winter icing.

Victoria Street & Benhill Road Intersection: There were five comments about the intersection of Benhill Road, Pleasant Avenue, and Victoria Street.

The city is looking in to the safety at the intersection as part of this project. The public right of way (space to modify the roadways and the intersection) at this location is limited.

Trees: Four comments about the desire to keep or add trees/greenery.

Streetlights: There were three comments on lighting, two supportive of more lights and one specifically citing the benefits of the lantern style lights.

Public Works is looking at the best type of lighting for this corridor. We are planning to add additional lighting along Pleasant Avenue.

Illegal Dumping: Three comments about the prevalence of illegal dumping.

Yard waste site: Three comments about the traffic during certain seasons at the yard waste site. Some comments suggesting a redesign of the yard waste site property could be helpful. Ramsey County, who owns and manages the site, said they have seen lesser high volume traffic events since COVID.

Access during construction: There were a couple comments about access during construction.

Construction is planned for the 2025 construction season and the city plans to provide access to the Ice Arena and Yard Waste site throughout construction, but there could be short periods where access is limited.

Keep Parking: One comment to keep some exiting street parking.

Like new pavement: One comment supportive of new pavement.

Feedback Form question 1: “How do you want to use Pleasant Avenue in the future? (Select All that apply)”

● Drive	6
● Walk/roll	5
● Bike	4
● Other	0

