

Nicollet Avenue Reconstruction Project
Public Meetings - June 6, 2011

Category	Secondary Category	Comment/Question
Assessments		Compare Lyndale and Nicollet assessment rates?
Bike/Ped		I still have concerns for the biker's space on a narrowed road. There are more and more bikers in this neighborhood that are too far into the street as it is, when they use the street. We need a plan to accommodate them for sure...not only pie in the sky "possibilities," but a true bike friendly, safe space for bikes. 36th is heavily biked...
Bike/Ped	Streetscape/landscape	We certainly want to see bike racks at business modes and trees on the boulevard in residential areas.
Bike/Ped		Paint crosswalk bars on non-semaphore intersections.
Bike/Ped		Pedestrian study done? Is the information available?
Bike/Ped	Roadway design	Opportunities to install bike racks? Will the project go around the corner on cross streets?
Bike/Ped		Bikes on sidewalks on Nicollet
Bike/Ped		What about bikes on Nicollet?
Bike/Ped		Existing bike commuters are on 1st and Blaisdell
Construction		Please have a person in charge, on the street, available by cell phone asap, in the event we have a problem stemming from construction. <u>Quick Response Time</u> to probs = critical to keeping our customers happy (especially since they're already inconvenienced) - also this person should have a delightful, pleasant, and calming demeanor, please understanding we are their customer....no crabby crab foreman!
Construction		Long overdue - post signs for business access and parking. Drop fliers to inform local people to support local businesses, bus routes, and bike route maps and fliers.
Construction	Business impacts	Since this area of Nicollet is predominately "business" we should strongly consider doing one side of the street at a time to leave one traffic lane open to key businesses, at least owners and customers survive the construction.
Construction	Business impacts	I support the suggestion of Matt Perry, NEHBA - to work North to South so each section is only "closed" for one year instead of 2. I have a <u>very new</u> business in the southern 1/2 of the corridor, so this would give me one more year plus avoid having such significant impact for 2 years. 2 years is way too long to inconvenience my clients. Thank you.
Construction	Business impacts	Please note that as a child care facility, anything that inconveniences my clients, affects over 100 Minneapolis jobs. People leave their kids at my business so they can get to work.
Construction		What about construction access - will there be a foreman on the street?
Construction	Transit	Will buses be detoured off Nicollet during construction?
Construction		What are construction staging impacts - more efficient or cost effective to do east/west or north/south?
Construction		Seems like more coordination to do block by block staging
Construction		On Hennepin Ave., experience with businesses was better with east/west staging
Construction		Don't want to see buses on Blaisdell during construction
Maintenance		Snow storage is a problem
Maintenance		Snow plows don't plow to the curb.
Parking		3510 future Pat's Tap - will increase parking demand
Parking		I would also suggest that there be no parking on Nicollet between Lake and 31st to accommodate the increased traffic in the area when Nicollet is reopened going north and the new interchange done.
Parking		Don't want to lose parking 35th - 36th ok with less boulevard
Parking		What type of parking - all day? Evening?
Parking		Truck stop bys at Metro Transit garage
Parking		Semis park on Nicollet on weekends.
Parking		Police parking only near precinct; would like to have business parking.
Process		Thank you for including the block between Lake St. and 31st St.
Roadway design		Intersection at Nicollet and Lake should be expanded because in future goal is to open Nicollet going north and new interchange at 35W and Lake will effect this intersection. It should be designed at least to the level of 31st and Nicollet.
Roadway design		Design reminds me of Lyndale which is a very good thing!

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Roadway design		Lane/roadway width - who decided 42'?
Roadway design		Process for looking at multiple driveways
Roadway design		Road has to work for businesses for them to remain viable
Roadway design		Why making the road narrower?
Roadway design		Have to reassess turn lanes at 38th due to freeway access?
Roadway design		Will Nicollet Ave. really be reconnected at Lake St.?
Roadway design		What about 2-ways on Blaisdell? 1st Ave? Are those still being considered? Will they be part of this project?
Roadway design		<u>Bump outs</u> - not in favor of these. A narrower road will be sufficient. Maybe add time to signals if needed.
Roadway design		<u>NO Bump OUTS!</u> Where do the bikes end up? Street or sidewalk. Semi trailer parking!!!
Roadway design		Also, bumpouts between 39th and 40th would cause a parking congestion issue we currently don't have. No bumpouts on this block please!
Roadway design		Trade offs and impacts of bumpouts - buses, parking
Roadway design		Already narrowing street, why need bumpouts?
Roadway design		Bumpouts at the corner are OK. Slow traffic and don't actually lose parking.
Roadway design	Maintenance	What about snow removal with bumpouts?
Streetcars		<u>Street cars</u> - absolutely <u>AGAINST!!!</u> We have good buses, streetcars are inflexible and expensive - just a P.R. stunt.
Streetscape/landscape	Parking	Would like to be a part of the conversation regarding placement of street lights, stop lights, and parking - their placement will affect our ability to maximize outdoor seating on sidewalk (distance requirements for tables, chairs, potted plants, etc.)
Streetscape/landscape	Maintenance	It is +95 degrees outside today, so trees are good!! It is also helpful to have a place for the winter snow, but even my quiet residential street at home was narrowed about 3-4 feet each side by last winter's snow.
Streetscape/landscape		We should minimize the expenditures for plantings along Nicollet because there is <u>no</u> evidence that they will be maintained by property owners - any plantings should be low maintenance and low water users.
Traffic		Also cross traffic going into Shopping Center and bank, and high rise, thus the need for two lanes.
Traffic		Removing the light on 34th is good.
Traffic		Route commercial traffic off the corridor to one way
Traffic		One way are more residential, keep trucks on commercial corridor
Traffic		Truck turn movements WB 35th to SB Nicollet
Transit		Also think about improving existing transit system. 200 buses/day with 3,000 passengers
Transit		Will bus stops change?
Utilities		Are you contacting telecommunications companies such as Comcast so that they get their work done before the street is repaved?
Utilities		Interruptions in sewer/water service?