

Rice Street Reconstruction

Welcome
to the Rice Street
open house!

Join us in the Equity and Culture room for more info on the project and a light meal.



Scan me and sign up for email updates!



Shared Use Path
12 ft

Bldv
6 ft

Thru Lane
11 ft

Two Way Left Turn Lane
10 ft

Thru Lane
11 ft

Bldv
6 ft

Sidewalk
6 ft

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What is this project?

Ramsey County and the City of Saint Paul are working to create a community vision for Rice Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Wheelock Parkway. From 2019-2022, the project team gathered feedback from the community to learn about existing issues and create a recommended design. From 2022-2024, the project team will be working to finalize the project design and create construction plans.

- Provide Business Support
- Improve Transit Service
- Improve Bicycle Safety
- Promote Community Investment
- Improve Public Safety
- Improve Vehicle Safety
- Promote Economic Development
- Create an Inviting Environment
- Enhance Pedestrian Safety
- Promote a Healthy Community

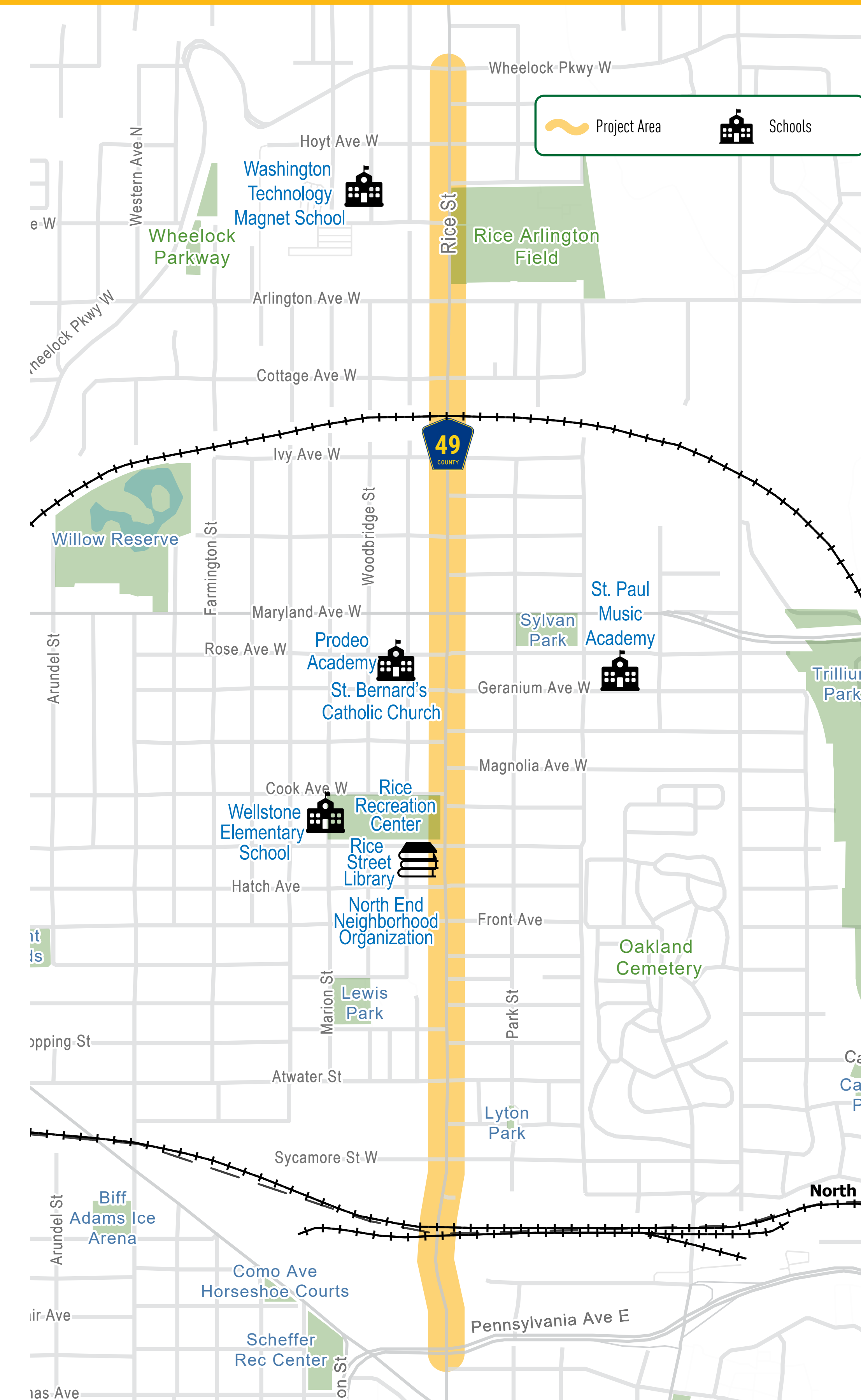
Where we've been

Goals: Learn about existing conditions and create broad recommended design

Where we're going

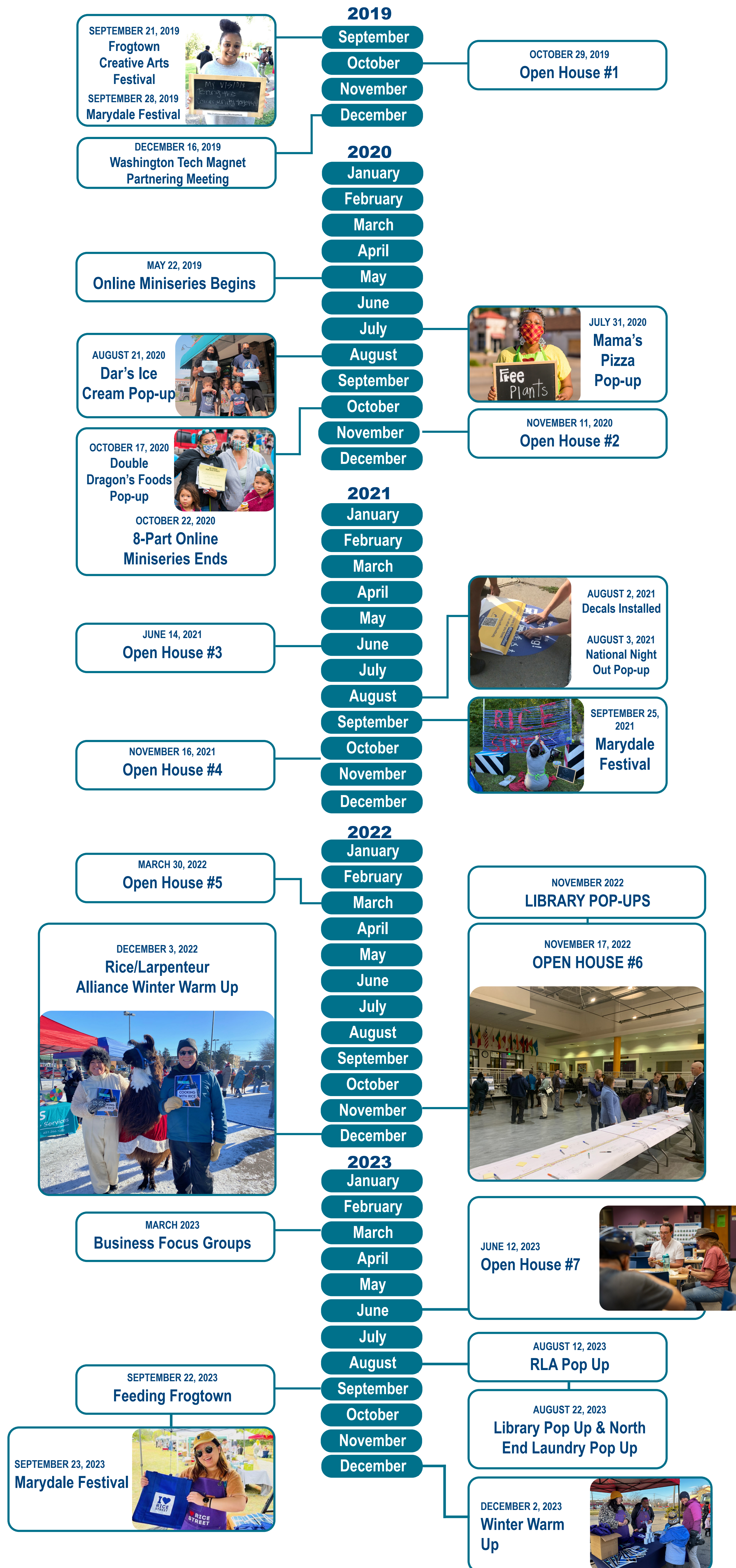
Goals: Finalize the details of the project design and create construction plans

<p>✓ Gather feedback on Rice Street October 2019-October 2020</p>	<p>✓ Refine recommended design November 2022-July 2023</p>
<p>✓ Share potential designs November 2020-June 2021</p>	<p>✓ Share final design and discuss construction timeline August 2023-December 2023</p>
<p>✓ Introduce top three designs July 2021-October 2021</p>	<p>Raise awareness for construction January 2024-June 2024</p> <p>WE ARE HERE</p>
<p>✓ Share recommended design November 2021-March 2022</p>	<p>Construction! June 2024 and beyond</p>



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Engagement to Date



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Recommended design: shared use path



Key Elements

- ★ 3-lane roadway with 11-foot lanes and a 10-foot center turn lane
- ★ 6-foot sidewalk, 6-foot boulevards
- ★ 12-foot shared use side path

Community Priorities

- + More space for trees, plants, benches and more.
- + More flexibility to accommodate on-street parking.
- + More space to make a safe and vibrant environment.
- + Adds an important link to the city's bike network.
- + Separates bikes from cars to ensure higher level of safety.
- + Reduces pedestrian, bike and car crash rates.
- + Accommodates the planned G Line BRT transit project.

City & County Considerations

- Supports county's commitment to an all-abilities transportation network.
- More pedestrian and bicycle-focused use of space, consistent with city and county complete streets policies.
- More ability to accommodate snow storage, an important consideration for city maintenance purposes.

➔ **Did you know:** From 2019-2022, the project team and the community considered 7 designs before selecting the recommended design you see here!

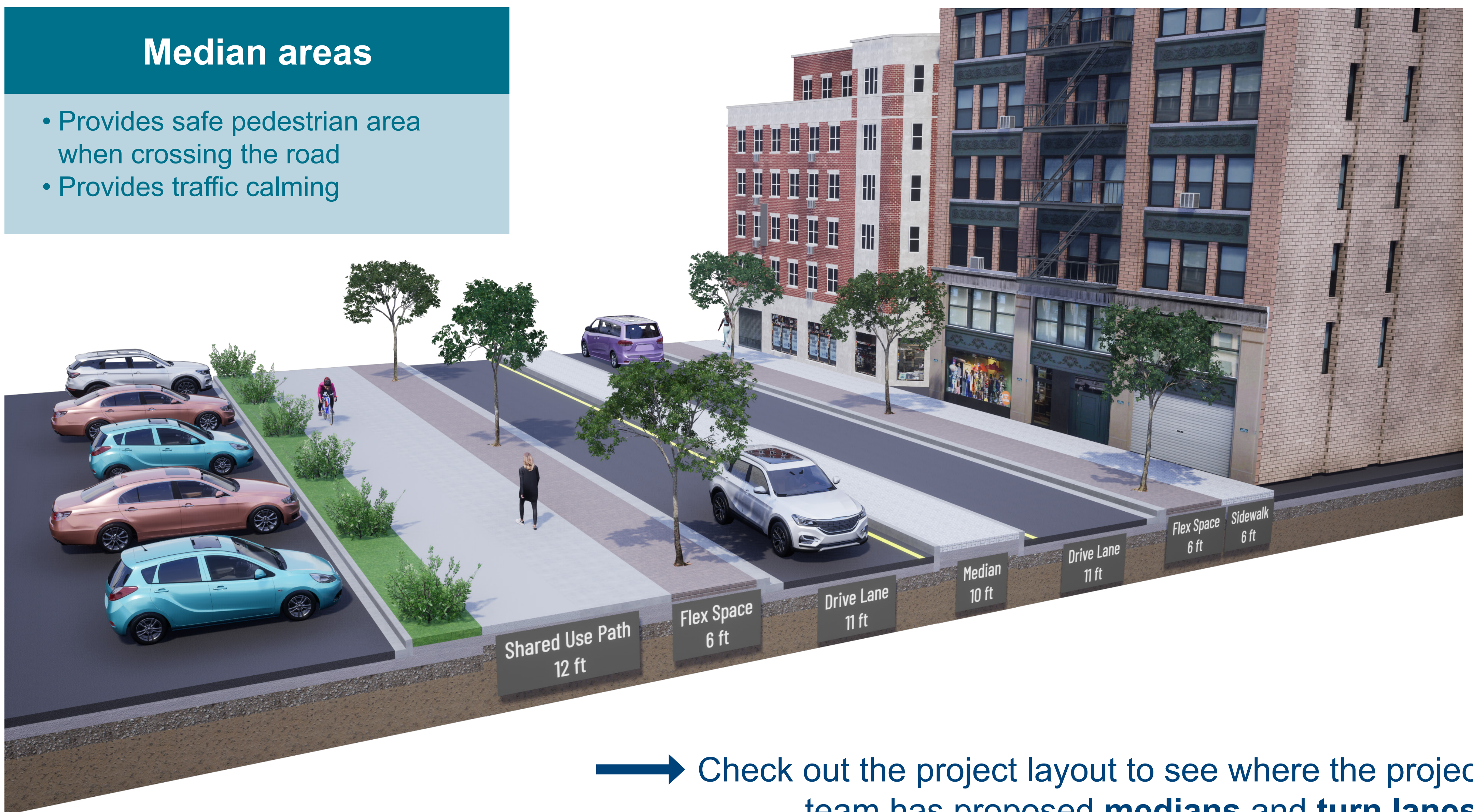
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Recommended design: turn lanes and medians

The center space of the roadway will vary throughout the project area. Depending on need and available space, some areas will have a median, and others will have center turn lanes.

Median areas

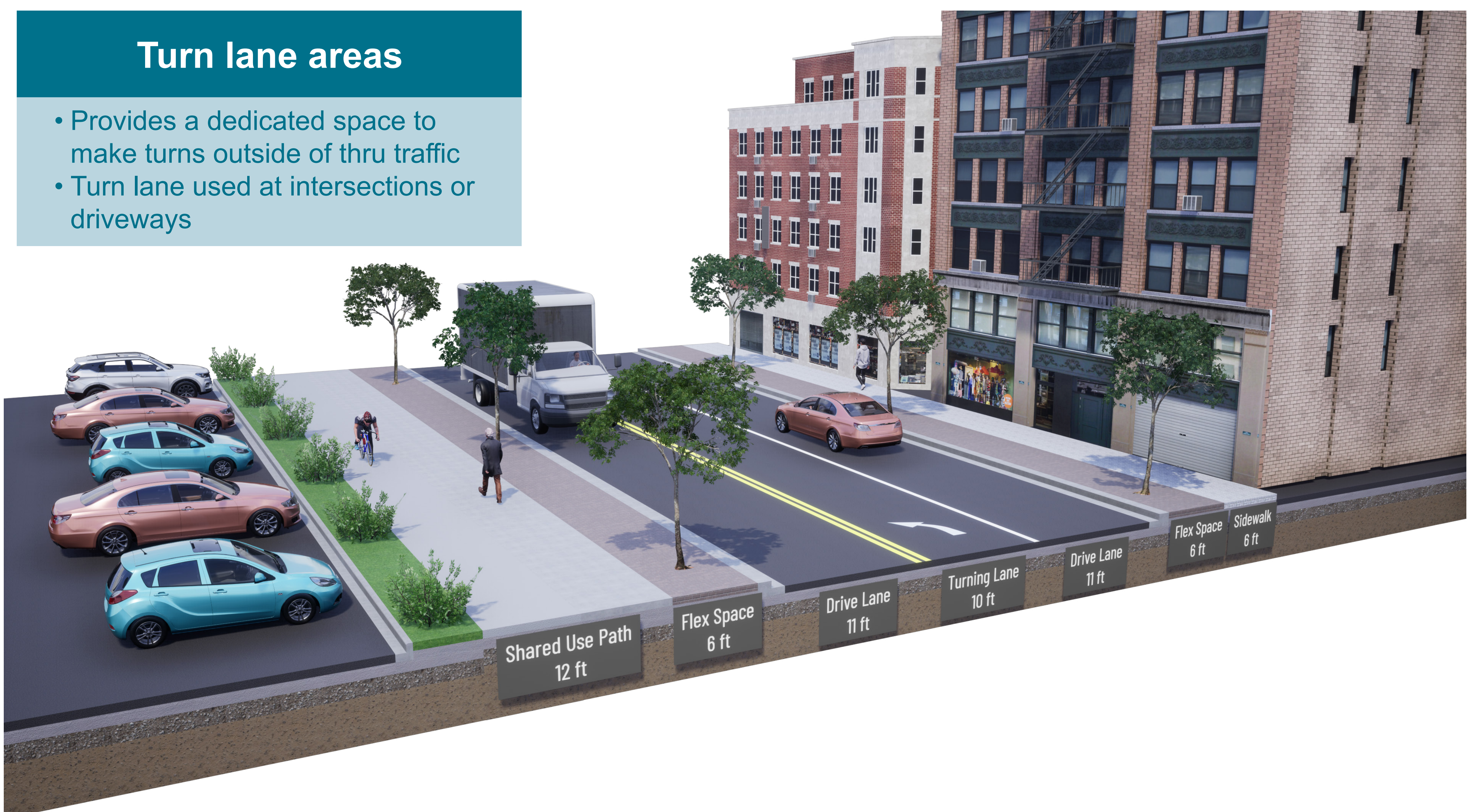
- Provides safe pedestrian area when crossing the road
- Provides traffic calming



➔ Check out the project layout to see where the project team has proposed **medians** and **turn lanes**.

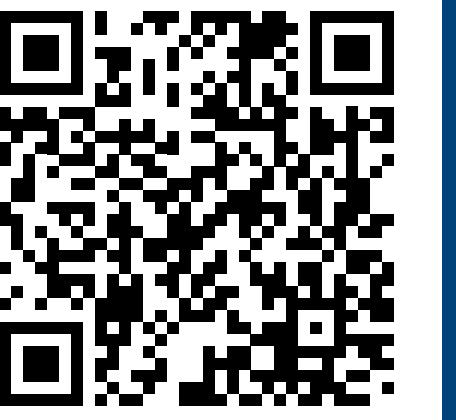
Turn lane areas

- Provides a dedicated space to make turns outside of thru traffic
- Turn lane used at intersections or driveways



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Take the art survey!



Share your ideas for art on Rice Street

Put a sticker by your top 3 art features you would like to see on Rice Street!



Unique gathering/
seating spaces



Creative signs and
crosswalks



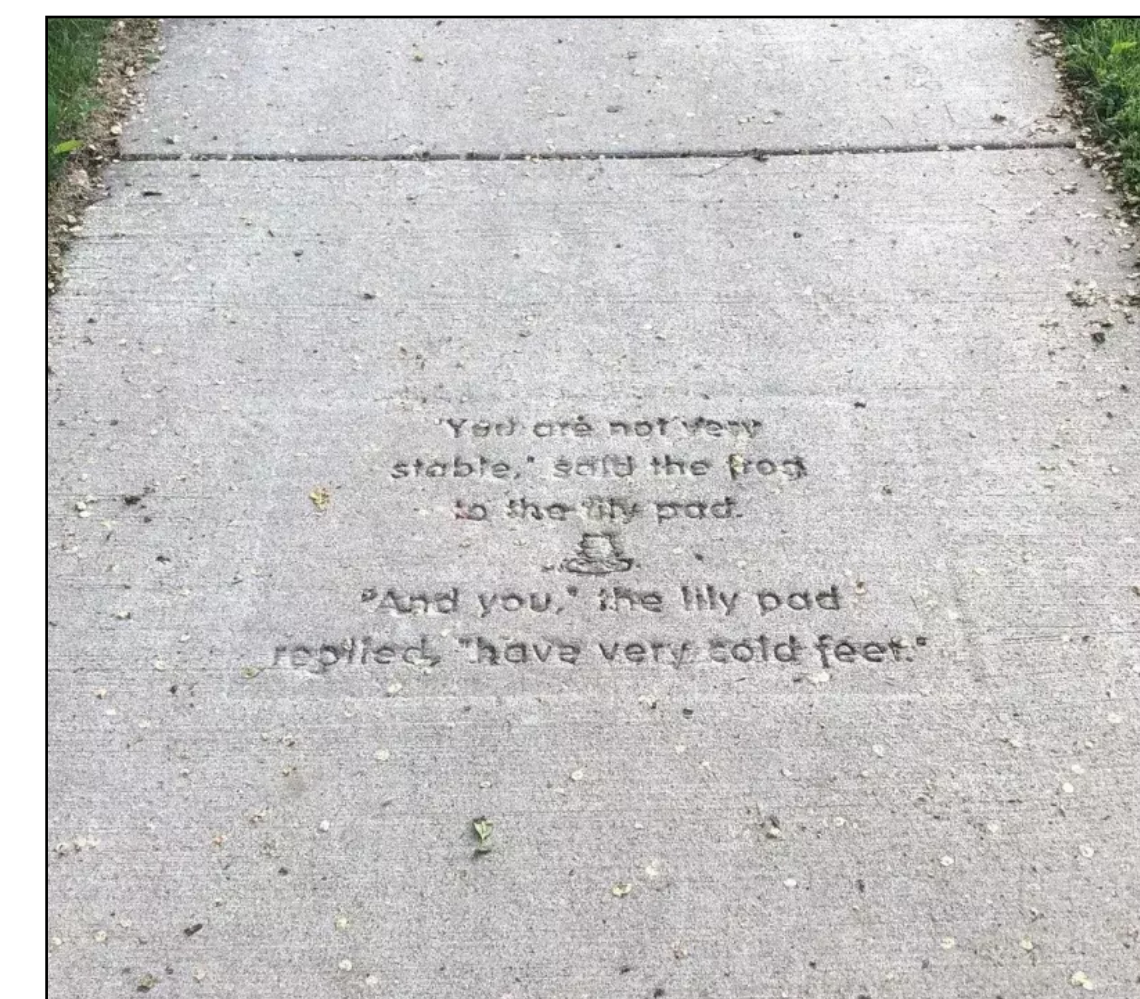
Murals



Bus shelter art



Public games



Sidewalk poetry



Sculptures

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Rice Street streetscape design elements

Check out some features that will be included in the final design.



Addition of trees, flowers, shrubs, and grasses



North End bike racks will be saved and reinstalled



Decorative lighting will be saved and reinstalled



North End banners will be saved and reinstalled

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Landscape design

Thanks to your feedback in the landscaping survey, the plantings and boulevards will reflect your favorite options.

Here are some selected plantings!



While ~100 trees need to be removed for construction, over **300 new trees** will be planted. In addition, **3,900 flowers** will be planted!



Japanese Tree Lilac



YOUR TOP CHOICE

Sugar Maple



YOUR TOP CHOICE

Purple Coneflower



Blue Flag Iris



YOUR TOP CHOICE

Salvia



Feathered Reed Grass

Check out the project layout to see where landscape elements will be placed.

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Future parking on Rice Street

What did the engineering team need to consider when designing where to put parking? On-street parking needs to meet modern design standards. In addition, the parking space will be re-purposed in order to fit the new pedestrian, bike, transit, and other facilities.

Parking availability ultimately comes down to fitting it within the project footprint.

Some spaces have enough room for both turn lanes and parking.



Other spaces are tight. In these cases, adding space for parking may eliminate the space for the center turn lane or may not fit at all.



22
proposed
parking
spaces

Check out the project layout to see where proposed parking is located.

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Construction resources

Business and property owner toolkit

The Rice Street project team is creating a toolkit as a resource for businesses and property owners seeking additional information and/or assistance during this time. This guide will be refreshed periodically throughout the project as new information becomes available. Check out some of the resources the guide will provide below!

People



Involving youth and community

Learn how to stay informed, as well as specific opportunities for youth



Jobs for area residents

Learn how to get the training you need to work on projects like Rice Street



Addressing traffic and public safety

Learn how new facilities will provide safer routes for all residents

Business



Business operations needs

Funding to support ongoing business operations



Financing and growing business

Find finance solutions to improve your or expand operations



General business advice

Get assistance needed to help make your business a success



Certifying your business to work on the project

Learn how to certify your business to contract on Rice Street and other projects



Scan to explore the Business and Property Owner toolkit

Property



Improving your property

Access funding and guidance to improve your building and upgrade equipment



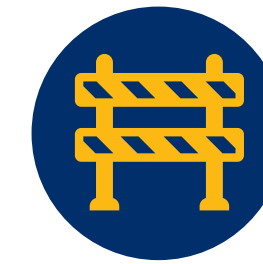
Redeveloping your property

Start planning and financing to transform your property



Taking care of utility connections

Learn about opportunities and resources to upgrade utility connections



Directing traffic during construction

See how and when traffic and access points will change



Parking and loading changes

Understand changes to on-street parking, during and after the construction period

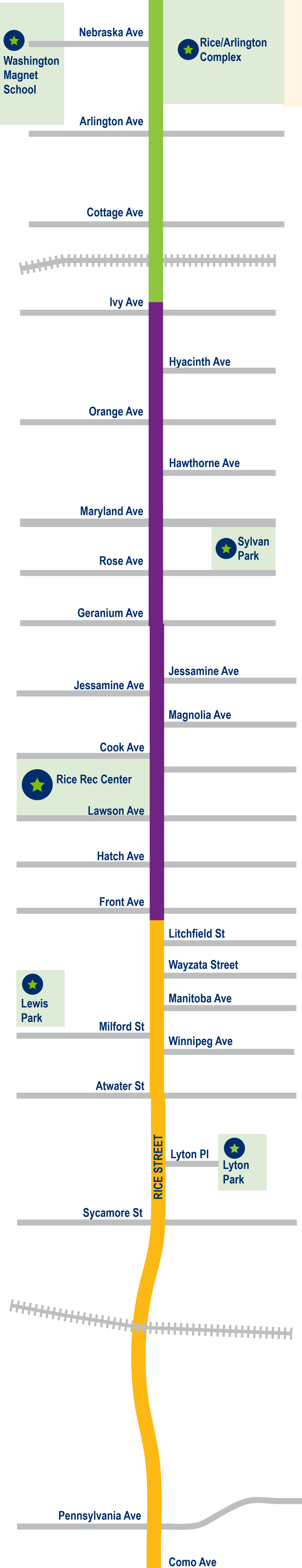
Share more about your business

We are seeking additional information on your business to understand how to accommodate you in the final design of the roadway and during construction. Please take the project survey in the link below.



Take the business survey!

www.surveymonkey.com/r/RiceStreetBusiness



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Construction

Timeline

Stage 1: Wheelock Pkwy. to Ivy Ave.

Anticipated construction timeline: June - November 2024

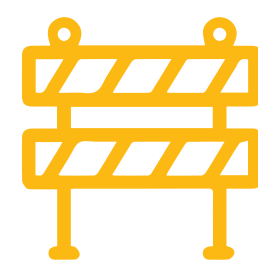
Stage 2: Ivy Ave. to Front Ave.

Anticipated construction timeline: April - November 2025

Stage 3: Front St. to Pennsylvania Ave.

Anticipated construction timeline: April - November 2026

Key facts



Each stage will be closed to traffic



Traffic will be detoured to 35E



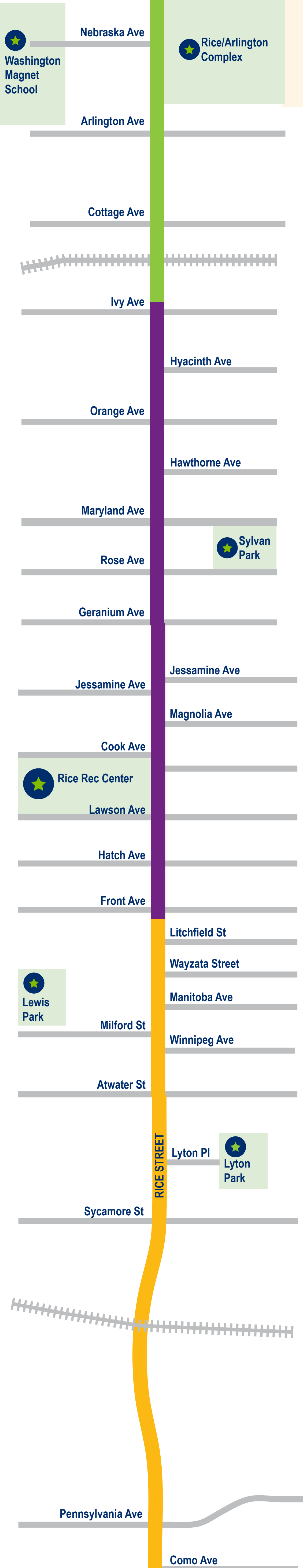
Businesses and resident access will be maintained



You may notice tree removals and preparation work 1-3 months before road closures



The best way to stay up to date is by signing up for text or email notifications on the website



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Construction Communication

Several communication outlets will be utilized during construction to share current activities, impacts, and milestones with the public. The project team will ensure messaging is clear, consistent, and timely.



You



Website Updates

ramseycounty.us/RiceStreetStudy

Weekly updates, detour maps, staging information, and more will be found on the website.



Email Updates

ramseycounty.us/RiceStreetStudy

Sign up for project email updates on the project website!



Scan me and sign up for email updates!



Project Team



Facebook Posts

[@RamseyCountyMinnesota](https://www.facebook.com/RamseyCountyMinnesota)

Construction updates will be shared on Facebook.



Videos

Stay tuned!

The project team will develop a video about the construction timeline, closures, and detours before construction begins.