

Rice Street Visioning Study

 **Rice Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Wheelock Parkway**

Overview

Ramsey County and the City of Saint Paul are working to create a community vision for Rice Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Wheelock Parkway. The purpose of the Rice Street Visioning Study is to:

- Promote economic growth and community investment while maintaining and providing business opportunities.
- Create an inviting environment.
- Enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety.
- Maintain and improve transit service.
- Continue to increase vehicle safety.

Engagement

Inclusive community engagement is very important to the success of the study. Input from the public has helped shape the project every step of the way and will continue to do so.

Gather feedback on Rice Street

October 2019-October 2020

Share potential designs

November 2020-June 2021

Introduce top three designs

July 2021-October 2021

Share recommended design

November 2021-December 2021

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Develop a construction timeline

2022 and beyond

Project area



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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 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 transit project.
- + More flexibility to accommodate on-street parking.

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.