

# RICE STREET VISIONING STUDY

## Community Engagement Summary



**Frogtown Creative Arts Festival**  
815 UNIVERSITY AVE, SAINT PAUL

September 21  
2 - 9 p.m.

**Marydale Festival**  
542 MARYLAND AVE W, SAINT PAUL

September 28  
Noon - 5 p.m.

Attendees were asked to write or sketch their vision for Rice Street. This is a summary of what the project team heard from the community.

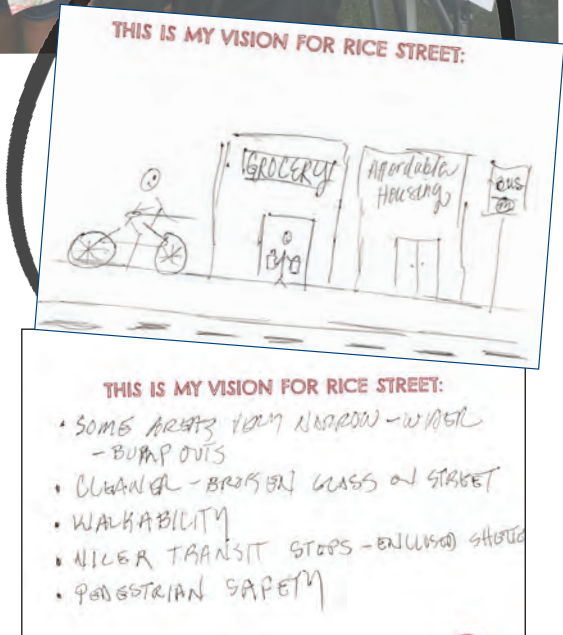
## COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

affordable housing expanded transportation  
economic development family and youth activity  
jobs and small businesses  
safer biking and walking  
public health and safety community identity  
community gathering space grocery options

restaurant options  
visual arts

50  
written comments  
received

100+  
attendees  
engaged



## ENGAGEMENT SO FAR



2 pop up meetings



2 neighborhood association meetings



INPUTiD comments on the project website

## WHAT'S NEXT?

We Are Here!

**Open House**  
October 29, 5 - 7 p.m.  
Washington Technology Magnet School

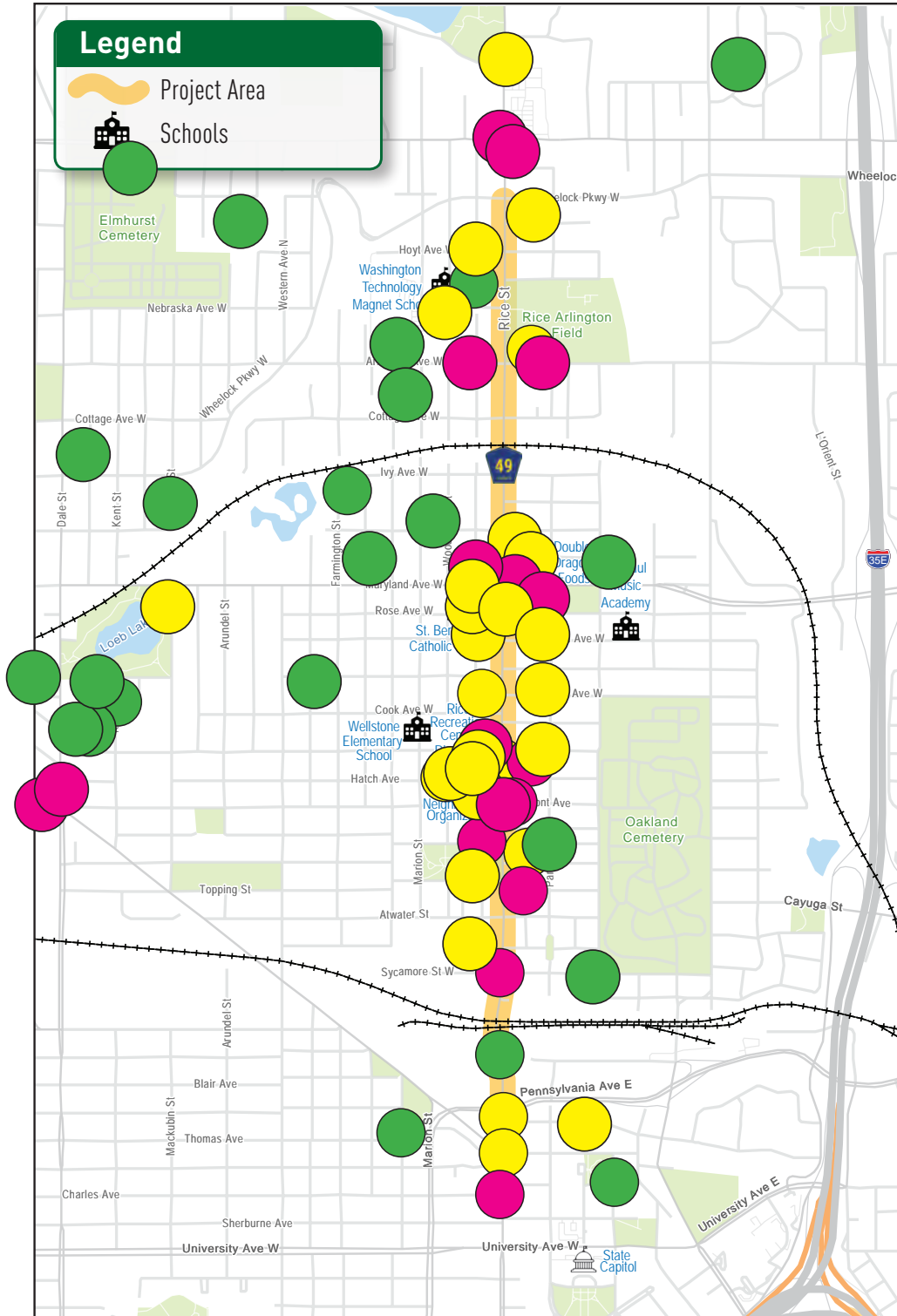
**Public Engagement**  
Sept 2019 - Oct 2021

**Preliminary Design**  
Apr 2020 - Aug 2021

**Implementation**  
2022 and beyond

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## HOW DO YOU USE RICE STREET?



My home



My destination



My areas of concern



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## THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

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- Youth Activity along Wash. Tech Corridor.
- Displacement of small businesses
- ~~Now~~ Addressing crossings on South End (S&A More)

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

- MORE SIT DOWN RESTAURANTS
- I LOVE LIBRARIES
- GOOD GROCERY STORES

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

Bigger park!

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

Jobs & businesses for the people who live their  
Community-based safety rather than policing

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

- More sit down Restaurants

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

- Remodeling or rebuilding old buildings - get rid the old run-down ones
- Affordable housing - people are getting priced out with units (high \$) - pay check to pay check

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

- \* More Business Opport.
- \* Economic Development

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

MORE ASIAN RESTAURANTS!

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

- Community Gathering Space..
- Interface with sidewalk.
- Transportation.
- Between Canal & Sycamore - narrow lane.

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

MORE FAMILY OWN BUSINESSES  
more virtual ARTS  
more youth activities

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

I DON'T GO UP TO RICE BECAUSE OF SAFETY. I WANT CRIME REDUCED. WE USED TO GO UP TO THE NORTH END FOR FOOTBALL & PARKS.

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

Options that are new fuel to entering a business or spending money.  
Parks, Gardens, Splash Pads - Family Activities

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## THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

To be able to bike!  
Walk and feel safe

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

Two lanes + a  
turn lane so that  
it's safer to cross  
— especially for KIDS!

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

4-3 road diet  
safer biking and walking  
• Bike lanes  
• Medians as crossing shelters

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:



THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

Involve <sup>up</sup> kids in the community  
People come together on  
community safety - short term  
Need to make it pedestrian-  
friendly / safe, walkable

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

\* Walk more  
\* COOL BUSINESSES  
\* Better Public Trans.

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

- Expanded transit → possible  
BAT with Robot St  
- Crosswalks in ped.-oriented comm'l  
districts

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

Healthy living  
Crime address early intervention  
NOISE - want peace quiet  
Air quality - no smoking  
Investing in people + showing  
them they are valued

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

\* RICE STREET AREA  
To be able to ~~serve~~  
to kids



THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

Small business incubators for  
local ~~businesses~~ ENTREPRENEURS.  
A cultural center that anchors  
the community

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

I used to get Rice mixed up w/ Arcade: was  
disappointed and confused by the lack  
of clarity in what was offered (business-wise)  
on Rice. So an ~~idea~~ identity that  
let me know what I can expect:  
experiences on Rice would draw me  
especially if grounded in IPec commitments

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

\* Expanding transit service



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- MARYLAND - PPL GATHERING WIDELINE
- PARKING - LACK OF AVAILABILITY
- ARLINGTON PRICE CORNER NEEDS REDEVELOPMENT
- COFFEE CUP WAIT BACK
- TRAFFIC BOTTLE OF ARLINGTON
- DEVELOP COHESION (COMMUNITY ASSOCIATED)
- NO BIKE LANES
- 3 DRIVE LANES W LANE FOR PARKING
- IMPROVED WEATHER - CONSISTENT

### THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:



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- Bike scooters under develop
- More business
- Corporate Center
- More restaurants
- Walkable
- Pedestrian safety

### THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

Better / Safer Pedestrian Crossing  
Perhaps islands in middle of street  
not yellow lights

### THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

Eliminate places like The  
Lamplighter that exploit a  
vulnerable population of women.  
Safety for children so  
important too since there are  
businesses close to places like  
the Lamplighter Note: a child was  
kidnapped close to the lamplighter - a landmark

### THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

- Lanes hold people - slow
- More fences
- Cars can't stop for pedestrians
- Dark crosswalk
- More lights
- More security
- More patrol

### THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

Redeveloping some of empty  
buildings like Unique Furniture  
Co-working, maybe?

### THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

- PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
- GET ICE CREAM & THEN GO TO PARK
- COMMUNITY DESTINATIONS FOR RESTAURANTS,  
RETAIL & ENTERTAINMENT.

### THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

- more police officers
- decrease violence,
- Shootings
- safety

### THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

- NOISEY STREET
- PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CONCERN
- PARKING NOT CONVENIENT
- TRAFFIC CALMING
- WANT MORE WALKABLE
- SHOPS + RESTAURANTS CONVENIENT TO ACCESS
- LOCAL STORE
- CRITICISM - IDENTIFY WHITE LANDMARKS

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### THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

- 4-3 conversion, one double threat  
is too risky for non-vehicular  
traffic (-ped/bike/etc.)
- more green space
- ways to slow traffic through engineering

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## THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

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Community Arts

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

More social services for our residents - Youth are our Future

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

Ability to safely walk/bike to all of the wonderful businesses.  
Road diet. Safer community surrounding.  
Art.

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

- Covered w/ PARKING - PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND SIGNS - CONFUSING
- PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
- GOOD CROSSWALKS w/ SIGNALS FEELING CHAS TO STOP FOR PEDESTRIAN

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

Coffee Shop  
Destination spot w/ from diverse Business (from our community (Hmong, Karen, Nepali))

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

- SOME AREAS VERY NARROW - WALKER - BUMP OUTS
- CLEANER - BROKEN GLASS ON STREET
- WALKABILITY
- NICE TRANSIT STOPS - ENCLOSED STOPS
- PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

More ~~Safely~~ police in the community !!

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

GUN SHOT SPOTTER SYSTEM  
CAMERAS ALONG RICE

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

2 driving lanes  
1 turning lane <sup>especially</sup> <sub>Maryland + Rice</sub>  
bike lanes? or wider sidewalks

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

CROSSWALK ANYWHERE BETWEEN RICE & ARUNCATON  
WHEELLOCK  
MARYLAND  
STRIPPING SIGNAGE → BLINKING

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

Safer for pedestrians to cross 4 to 3  
More restaurants & shops

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

WHEEL CHAIR FRIENDLY CURB CUTS & SIDEWALKS

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

4-3 CONVERSION IS CRITICAL.  
4 LANES IS TOO DANGEROUS

THIS IS MY VISION FOR RICE STREET:

Increased walkability  
More trees & green spaces  
more community events