

Newsletter

COMMUNITY WORKS

Community Conversations

Hennepin County and the Community Advisory Committee for the Minnehaha-Hiawatha Community Works project invite you to join us at one of four Community Conversations in May.

Hennepin County and local partners are collaborating on how to focus public investments in the Minnehaha-Hiawatha Corridor from the Midtown Greenway to Minnehaha Parkway.

Over the last year, we have gathered great community input on how to improve the community's quality of life. Now, we would like your input on identified issues, solutions, and desired outcomes for the corridor.

Everyone is welcome to join us as we talk about how our neighborhood develops, how we get around, and how we enhance our sense of community.

Format: Workshops will begin promptly with a presentation on important information learned to date. Then, attendees will break into small discussion groups based on the specific topic area of most interest: **mobility, economic development, land use/housing, natural resources, or social/cultural resources.**

After a facilitated discussion, participants may move to a small group discussion on another topic. By the end of the meeting, you will have the chance to share your thoughts on several topics.

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Hennepin County Community Works

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Join us at a workshop convenient to you!
May 13, 14, 18, or 20

There are four "Community Conversations" open to everyone - community members, area businesses, and property owners:

Wednesday, May 13 – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church
4101 - 37th Avenue South

Thursday, May 14 – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2730 East 31st Street

Monday, May 18 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Longfellow Park Recreation Center
3435 - 36th Avenue South

Wednesday, May 20 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Northrop Urban Environmental School
4315 - 31st Avenue South

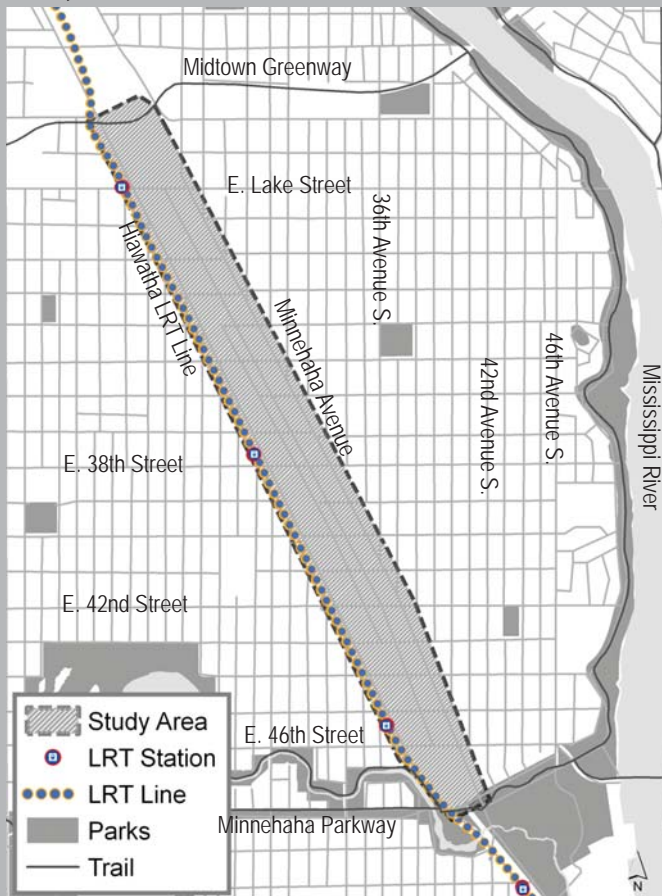
We will also have one "Community Conversation" specifically with business owners, held in partnership with the Longfellow Business Association:

Thursday, May 14 – 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
CWA Hall
3521 East Lake Street

The Strategic Development Framework

In April 2008, Hennepin County Community Works launched a two-year process to develop a *Strategic Development Framework* for the Minnehaha-Hiawatha Corridor to guide county, city, and other revitalization investments. These capital investment decisions will be community-driven and based on a close collaboration among all stakeholders. A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) serves as a “steward” of the community involvement process and works directly with the consulting team the County has hired to lead this program.

Study Area



Examples of Community Works Capital Investments

Hennepin County Community Works investments are based on the following principles:

- ◆ Strengthen communities through connections
- ◆ Maintain and improve natural systems
- ◆ Build relationships for effective planning and implementation
- ◆ Stimulate employment development
- ◆ Enhance the tax base

Here are examples of County capital investments in other corridor revitalization efforts that support these principles:

- ◆ Develop pedestrian and bike trail connections to stabilize neighborhood property values and increase employment base.
- ◆ Acquire substandard properties and replace with “aging-in-place” housing, greenspace, and connections to schools and waterways.
- ◆ Acquire properties to allow roadway redesign to include transit, pedestrian, and bike improvements and facilitate mixed-use redevelopment at key intersections.
- ◆ Install utility infrastructure to enable development of higher density residential and job centers near planned high-frequency transit stations.
- ◆ Create community linkages such as corridor streets, neighborhood connectors, on-street bike lanes, greenways, and parkways.

Community Advisory Committee Members and appointing entity

Jamie Buss, Council Member Schiff
Judy Corrao, Council Member Colvin Roy
Steve Krause, Longfellow Business Association
Marcea Mariani, Longfellow Community Council
Lisa Middag, Commissioner McLaughlin
Sam Newberg, Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood
Karl Stoerzinger, Corcoran Neighborhood Assoc.
Dan Swenson, Longfellow Business Association
Greg Toltzman, Longfellow Community Council