



66th Street reconstruction

County Road 53 in Richfield

Hennepin County, in coordination with the City of Richfield, is rebuilding 66th Street (County Road 53) between Xerxes and 16th avenues. The new road is designed to be safer, more livable and welcoming while balancing potential impacts to residents and businesses along the corridor.

Features of the reconstruction

When complete, 66th Street will offer:

- New pavement for a smoother ride
- Safer roads with raised concrete medians
- New turn lanes in key areas
- New sidewalks and trails with a boulevard buffer
- New paths to use when bicycling
- Better stormwater management
- Improved accessibility for people with disabilities

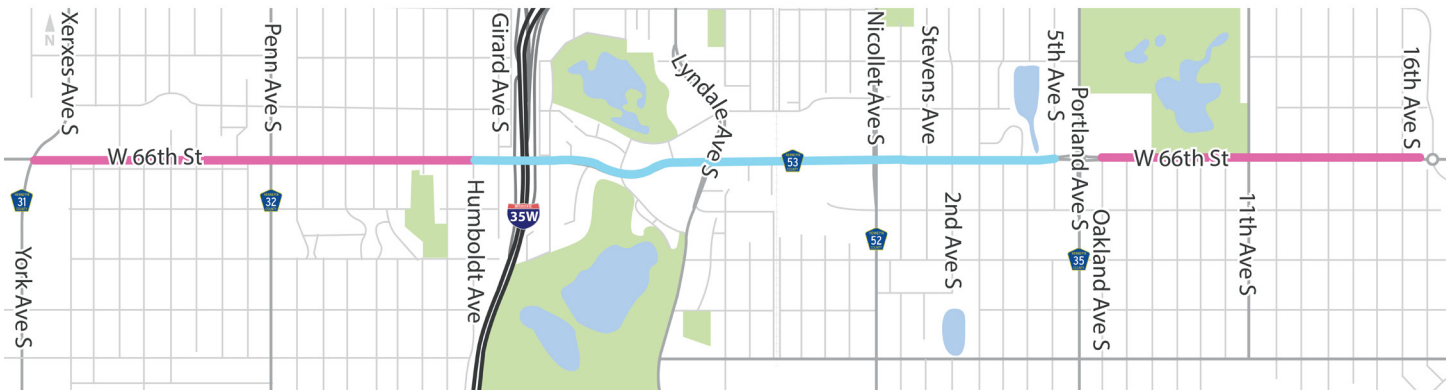
After the roadwork is completed, the City of Richfield will launch its landscaping efforts.

Spring 2018
project
overview



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Construction phases



Spring–Fall 2017

- Major street and utility construction complete
- Restoration and completion of some sidewalks, driveways and streetscaping between:
 - Xerxes and Humboldt avenues
 - Oakland and 16th avenues

Spring–Fall 2018

Major street and utility reconstruction between Humboldt and 5th avenues

Spring–Summer 2019

Restoration and completion of some sidewalks, driveways and streetscaping in the 2018 work areas

Travel considerations

We will be working to maintain access for residents and businesses as much as possible during construction, and will provide signed detours for any closures that are needed. In general, we expect the following:

- At least one pedestrian access route will be maintained at all times.
- One lane in each direction will be provided for vehicle traffic during the majority of the work. Be aware the 66th Street may have a gravel surface in work areas.

Also, be aware that short-term full closures of one or two blocks will occur. Typically, these are no more than five days each and may occur back-to-back and over the weekends as the contractor moves down the road. We will contact residents and businesses in the immediate area in advance.

Business access

Residents will still be able to access businesses along the corridor. We will also be working with individual businesses one-on-one to make sure they are aware of the construction activities nearby so as to make sure their clients and customers can still get the goods and services they need.

Bus service

In order to maintain local service to residents during the 66th Street reconstruction, buses will be temporarily routed to local streets during major construction in 2018. A map with the changed routes and bus stop locations is available at www.hennepin.us/66street.

Additionally, Metro Transit will have some bus stops temporarily closed during utility work and other activities as needed. The best way to stay updated on bus stop closures on your route is to visit Metro Transit's Rider Alerts website: www.metrotransit.org/rider-alerts.

Project illustrations



View from Vincent Avenue looking east

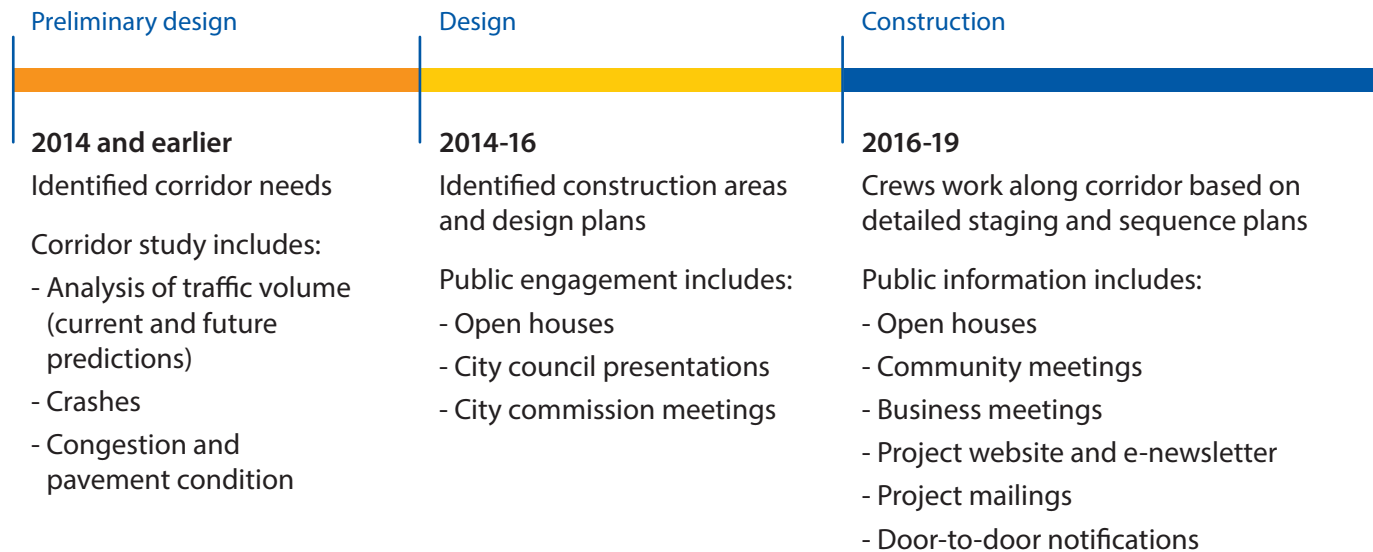


View from Humboldt Avenue looking east



View from 13th Avenue looking east

Community involvement and engagement



About this area

66th Street is a county road that spans the entire east-to-west length of the City of Richfield, as well as into a portion of Edina.

The corridor includes a mix of commercial and residential land use. 66th Street is often used as an alternative from Highway 62 and other nearby connections. On an average day there may be anywhere from 12,000 to 22,000 vehicles on the road.

In addition to personal vehicle traffic, the corridor attracts a variety of travel modes including buses, bicyclists, pedestrians and high frequency buses. The nature of the corridor coupled with aging infrastructure and safety concerns made reconstruction of 66th Street an important priority for Hennepin County and local partners.

Learn more and sign up for project updates at www.hennepin.us/66street

Contact information: **612-444-3186, 66street@hennepin.us**

Please contact us at any time with questions or concerns. If you call and we are not available to answer immediately, please leave a message. We check messages regularly during business hours and as we are able overnights and on weekends. We will get back to you quickly.

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