

# Hopkins Crossroad Trail Cedar Lake Road to Oak Knoll Terrace N.

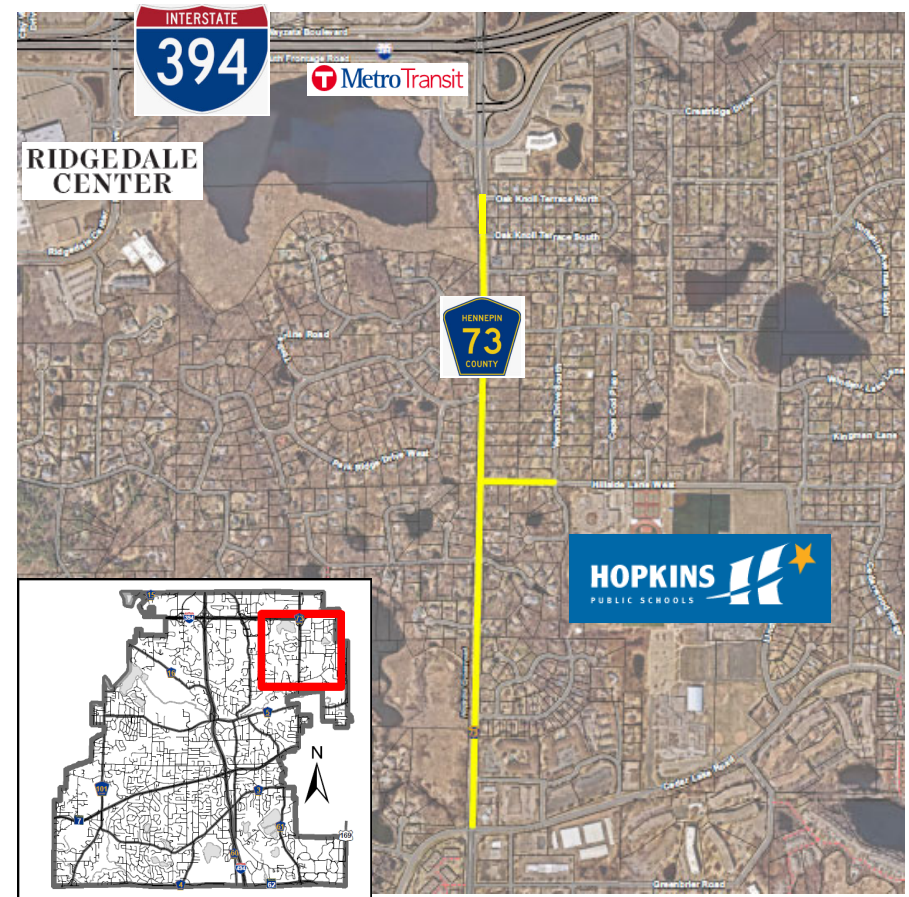
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Informational Meeting #2  
August 3, 2022



# Hopkins Crossroad Trail Project

- 1.2 miles of new trail
  - East side of Hopkins Crossroad
- High priority
  - Critical safety improvement
  - Major multi-use transit corridor
  - Alternative transit access to 3 schools and 3 religious institutions
  - Completes a missing trail connection
  - Close to Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Plymouth
  - Sustainable
- Environmental Improvements
  - Stormwater drainage and sediment capture
  - Increased stormwater treatment



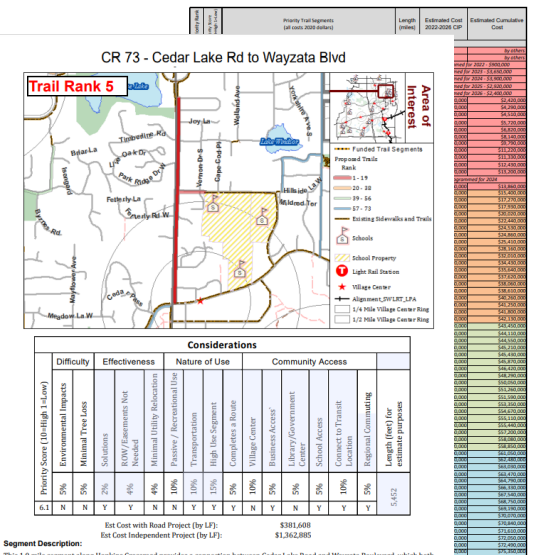
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- Tier 1 Corridor on Met Council's Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) plan
- Aligns with the Hennepin County 2040 Bicycle Transportation Plan
- High priority segment in Minnetonka's Trail Improvement Plan

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with categories like COMMUNITIES, PARKS, TRANSPORTATION, WASTEWATER & WATER, HOUSING, and PLANNING. The main content area is titled "REGIONAL BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK". It includes a sub-header "Chapter 7: Bicycle and Pedestrian Investment" and a list of goals for the RBTN, such as establishing an integrated network and providing a "backbone" arterial network.



## Hennepin County 2040 Bicycle Transportation Plan: Making bicycling safe and comfortable



**Segment Description:**  
This 1.6 mile segment along Hopkins Crossroad provides a connection between Cedar Lake Road and Wayzata Boulevard, which both currently have sidewalks. The route provides access to Metro Transit route 615 bus stops, the Cedar Lake Village Center, Tanglen Elementary School, and the Hopkins Junior and Senior High Schools. Utility relocations are anticipated, and coordination with Metro Transit for bus stop facilities should be pursued. Existing land use along this corridor is primarily residential with some commercial at either end.



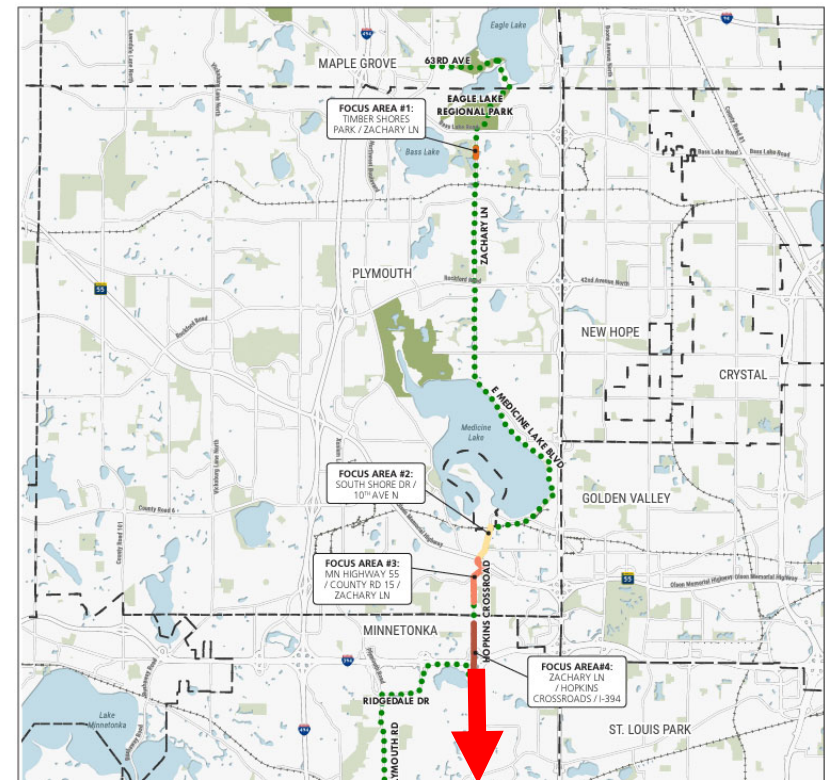
# Connections

- Population within 1 mile: 20,836
- Employment within 1 mile: 12,365
- School Connections:
  - LH Tanglen Elementary School
  - Hopkins North Junior High
  - Hopkins High School
- Religious Institutions:
  - Adath Synagogue
  - Chabad Center for Jewish Life (Planned)
  - Sharei Chesed Congregation



# Connections

- Metro Transit Park & Ride at Wayzata Boulevard
- Connection to future Eagle Lake Regional Trail
- Bus Routes:
  - Hopkins Crossroad (Route 615)
  - At Cedar Lake Road (Route 9, 643, 663)
  - At Wayzata Boulevard (Route 645, 652, 673, 679)



 Hopkins Crossroad Trail Location



# Safety & Sustainability

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- Safety Improvements
  - Off-road paved trail for all users
  - Shoulders for on-road bikers
  - Crossing refuge at Live Oak Drive
  - Year-round maintenance including plowing
- Sustainability
  - Storm sewer and water quality improvements
  - Limited tree impacts
  - Burial of overhead power
- Partnership with Hennepin County
  - Shared design elements
  - Coordinated projects



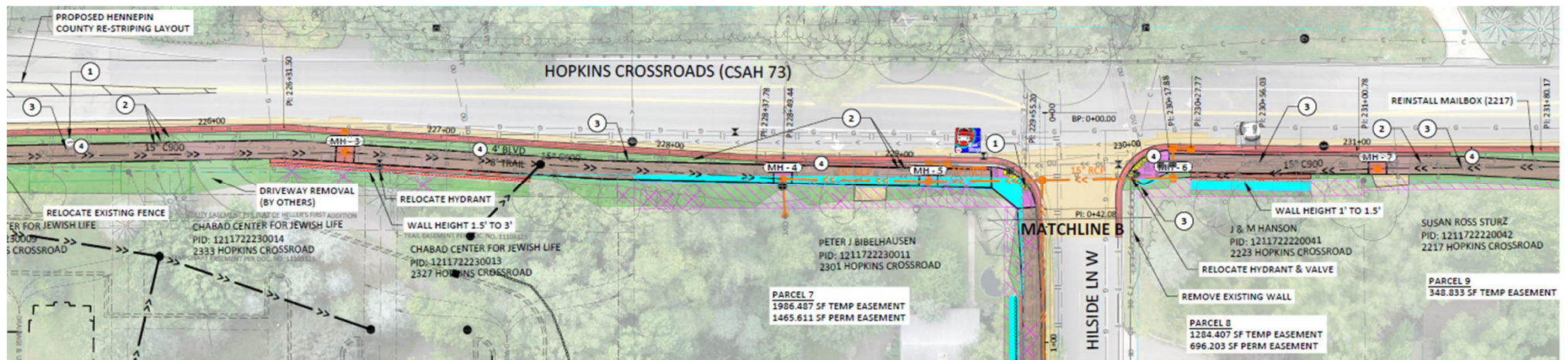
*Existing conditions –  
Hopkins Crossroad  
(looking north)*



*Example trail –  
Excelsior Boulevard*

# Hopkins Crossroad Trail

- Preliminary design and feasibility report complete
- Easement needs determined



# Proposed Improvements

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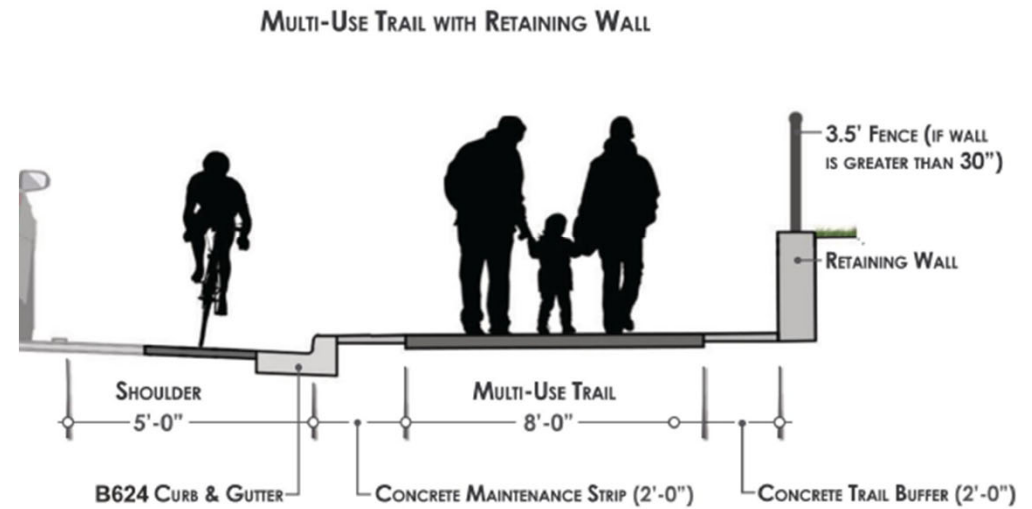
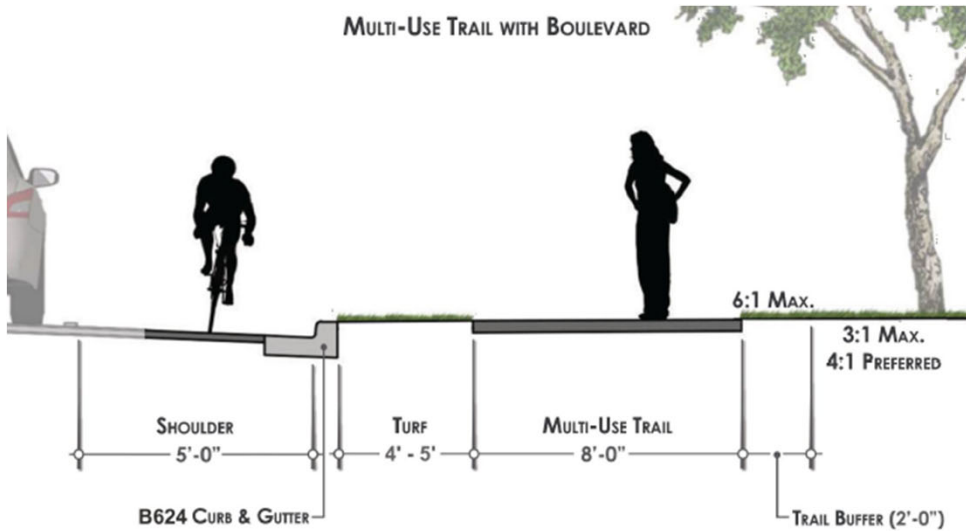
- Trail Improvements
  - 8' wide paved trail along east side of Hopkins Crossroad and south side of Hillside Lane West
    - 4'-5' boulevard and at back of curb
  - Concrete curb and gutter
  - Retaining walls
  - Retain roadway shoulder for service vehicles and road cyclists
- Utility Improvements
  - Storm sewer improvements, and minimal water main hydrant relocation
- Overhead power burial to accommodate trail
- Relocate mail boxes between trail and curb



*New trail on Highland Road*

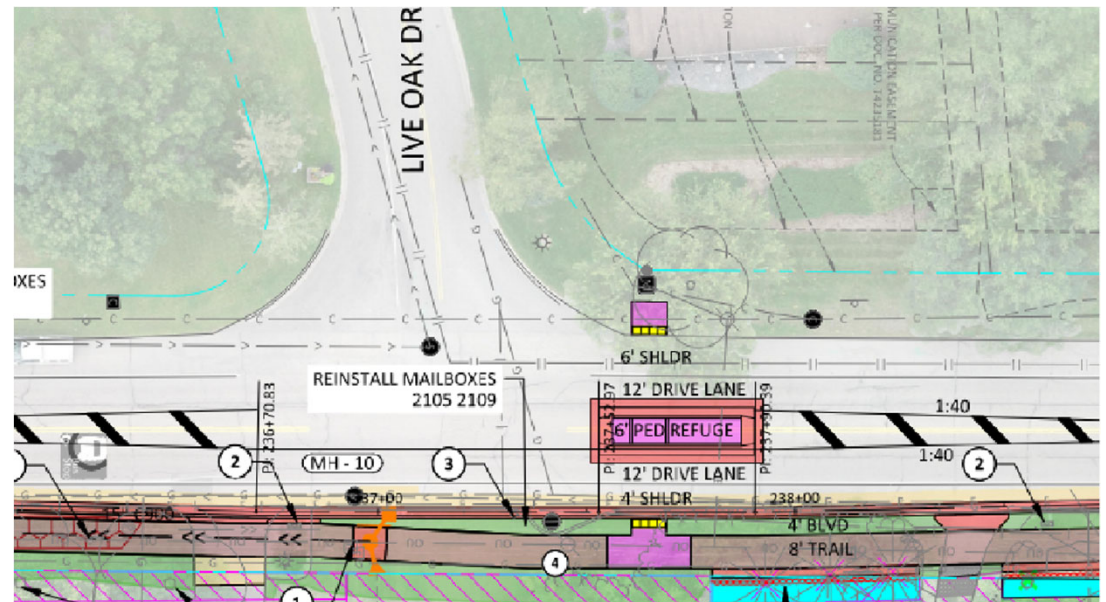


# Proposed Improvements



# Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing

- Median provides refuge for pedestrians
- Users only need to look one way at a time for oncoming traffic
- Median will help calm traffic
- Provides safe crossing for users to the west



# Maintenance Responsibilities

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- Trail owned by the city
- Future replacement by the city
- Snow removal completed by the city
- Ongoing maintenance by the city
- Grass behind trail maintained by homeowners



*New trail on Excelsior Boulevard*



# Construction Impacts

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- Property Access
  - Maintain accesses to neighborhoods and businesses.
  - Coordination to maintain garbage service, mail and busing.
  - Construction Hours
    - 7 a.m. -10 p.m. M-F
    - 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday
    - No work on Sundays or holidays
- Boulevard/Property Impacts
  - Tree/shrub removal
  - Driveways
  - Landscaping and rain gardens
  - Turf restoration
  - Sprinkler systems
- Easements



# Construction Cost and Funding

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- Estimated Total Project Costs
  - \$6.8 million
- Minnetonka was successful in receiving \$2.3 million from the Regional Solicitation with the Metropolitan Council in 2020
- City funds
  - Trail System Expansion Fund
  - Electric Franchise Fees
- Other grant opportunities



*New trail on Excelsior Boulevard*

# Schedule

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- Public Informational Meeting #1 December 17, 2019
- Public Information Meeting #2 August 3, 2022
- **City Council - Approve Feasibility Report** **August 22, 2022**
- Private utility burial and relocation Spring-Fall 2023
- **City Council - Consider approve plans and authorize bids** **Fall 2023**
- **City Council – Consider project award** **Winter 2024**
- Trail Construction Spring-Fall 2024
- Hennepin County Overlay Project Planned Following Trail Completion



# Communications

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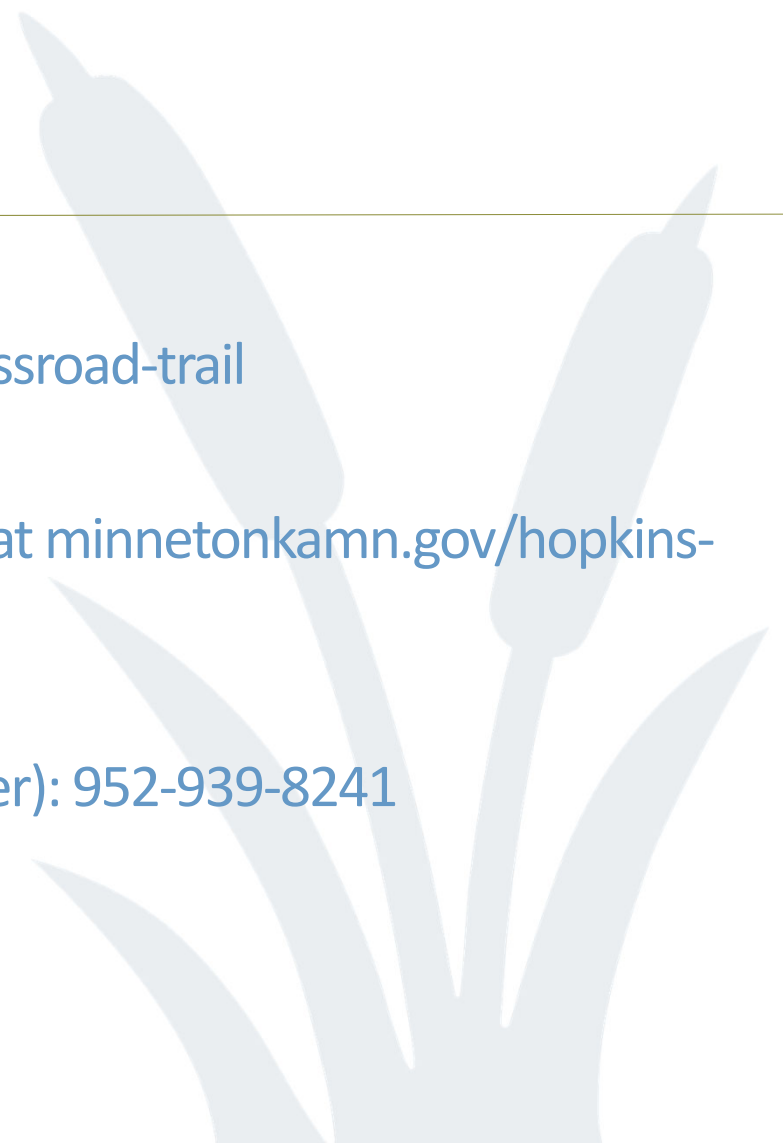
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# Stay Connected

- Informational meetings held on December 12, 2019 and August 3, 2022
- Email/Text Updates
- Newsletters
- Project Update Signs



## City council to consider Ridgedale Drive Trail project at Aug. 9 meeting

The Minnetonka City Council will meet on Monday, Aug. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

On the [meeting agenda](#), council will review the [Ridgedale Drive Trail Project](#) feasibility study, Xcel Energy agreement to bury overhead power lines, and consider moving forward with the final design.

Residents can watch the meeting live -- [details can be found here](#).

## PROJECT UPDATES

TEXT "MTKA EXCELSIOR-TRAIL"  
TO 468-311



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Hopkins Crossroad Trail Project  
Project website: [minnetonkamn.gov/hopkins-crossroad-trail](http://minnetonkamn.gov/hopkins-crossroad-trail) July 20, 2022

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**YOU'RE INVITED**  
You're invited to an informational meeting for a proposed multi-use trail on the east side of Hopkins Crossroad between Cedar Lake Road and Oak Knoll Terrace. See reverse side for map of the proposed project area.

This project was previously discussed at an informational meeting on December 17, 2019. As the preliminary design has progressed, updates will be shared. Please join us to learn more about the proposed project, ask questions and provide input.

**Wednesday, August 3, 5-6 p.m.**  
**Community Room, Minnetonka Community Center**  
**14600 Minnetonka Blvd.**

Email [engineering@minnetonkamn.gov](mailto:engineering@minnetonkamn.gov) to RSVP.

If you cannot attend the meeting, contact Assistant City Engineer Chris Long to discuss the project by phone, email or at your property. All information presented at the meeting will be posted on the project website.

**WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?**  
We're proposing to construct an eight-foot-wide, multi-use bituminous trail for pedestrians and bicyclists. This plan also includes burial of overhead power and cable lines in this corridor. Project goals include improving safety, mobility and connectivity along Hopkins Crossroad.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE**

- 2023 – Bury overhead power and cable lines
- 2024 – Construct trail

**POTENTIAL PROJECT IMPACTS**  
Projects of this nature can be disruptive. Proposed impacts may include limited and alternative access to businesses and homes, driveway and retaining wall construction, and tree removal. The city will work to minimize these impacts as much as possible as plans are finalized.

**IF THIS PROJECT IS APPROVED, WILL I BE ASSESSED?**  
No. These types of improvements are primarily funded through the Trail System Expansion Fund, as well as other funding opportunities through Hennepin County and other agencies.

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