
MINNETONKA BOULEVARD TRAIL PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

DECEMBER 17, 2019



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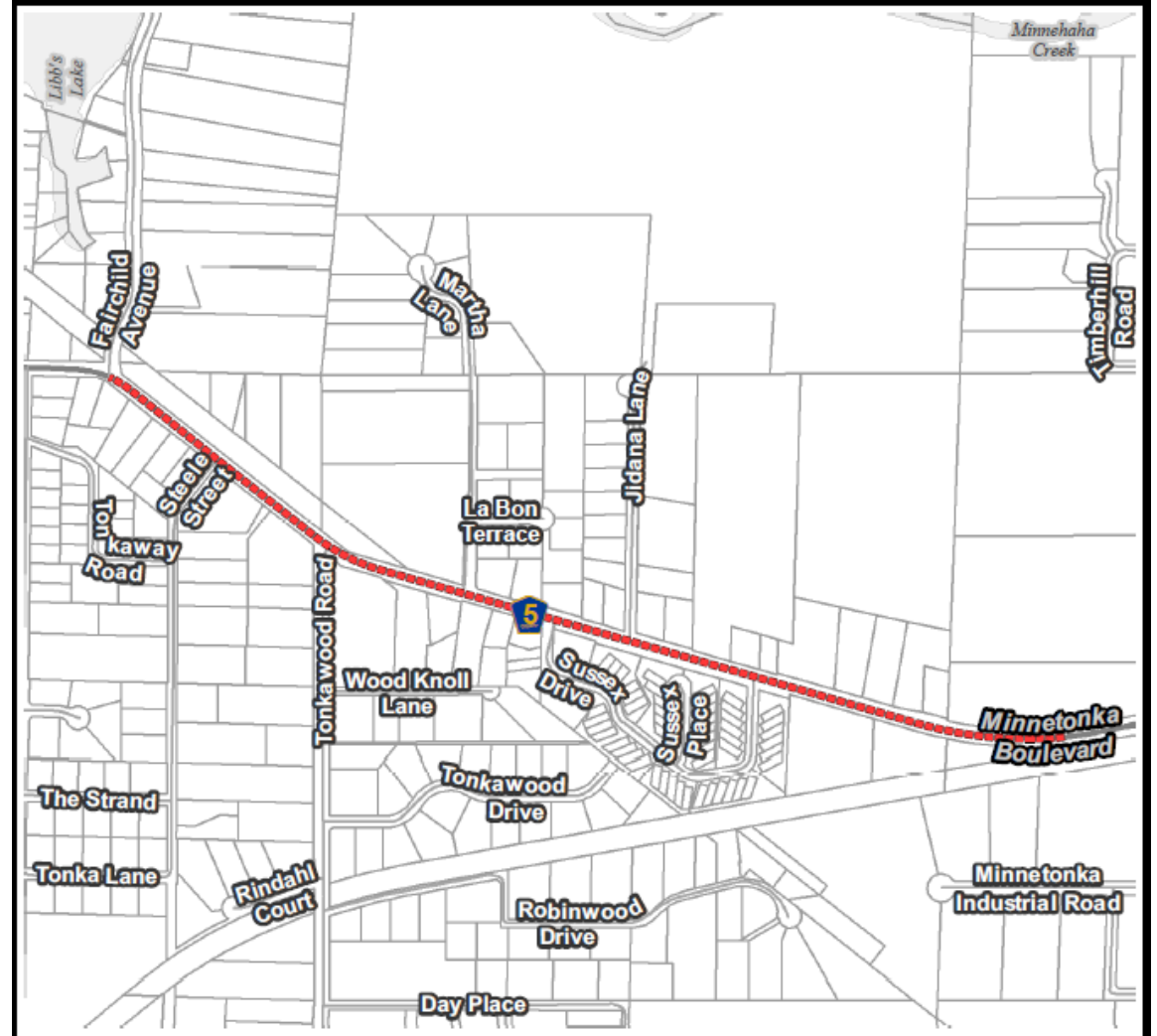
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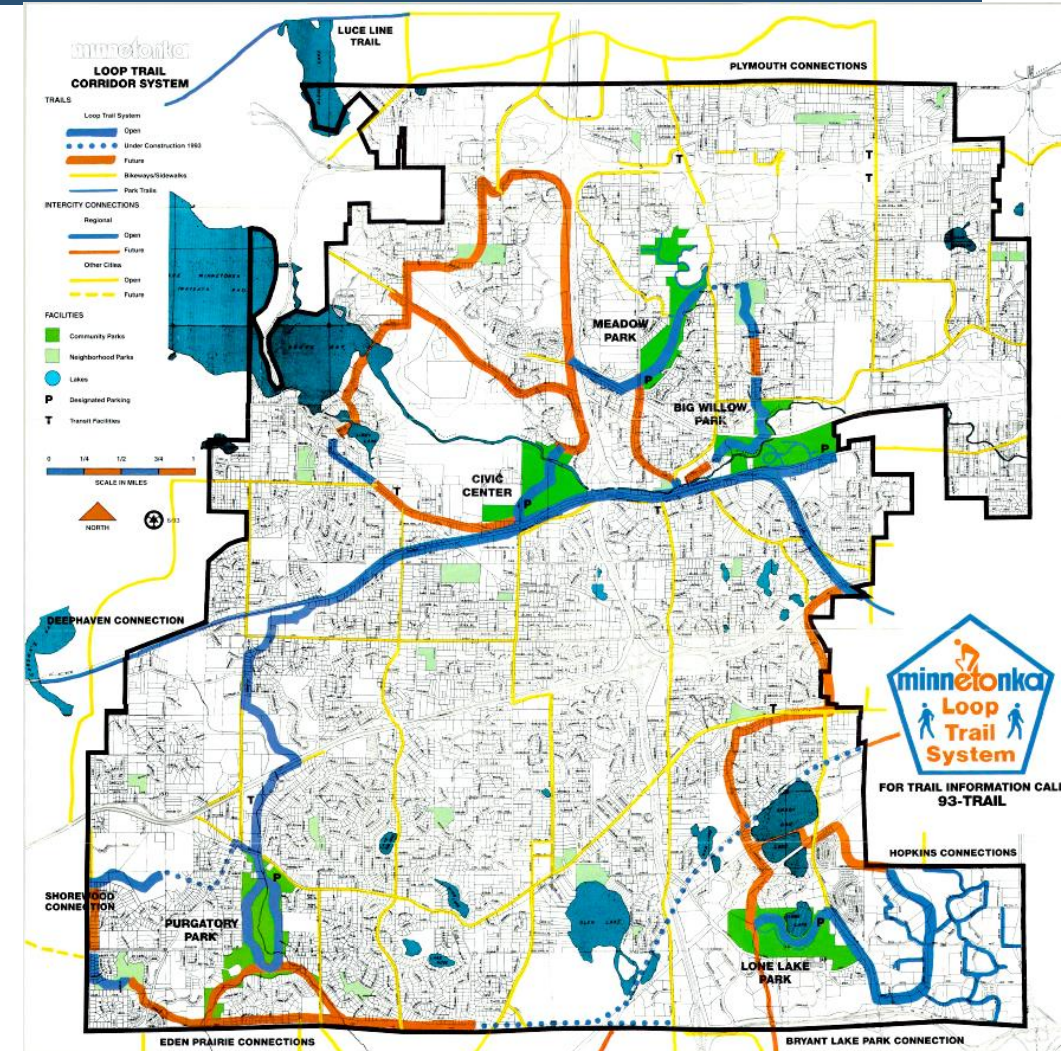
AGENDA

- Project History
- Existing Conditions
- Proposed Improvements
- Construction Impacts
- Schedule

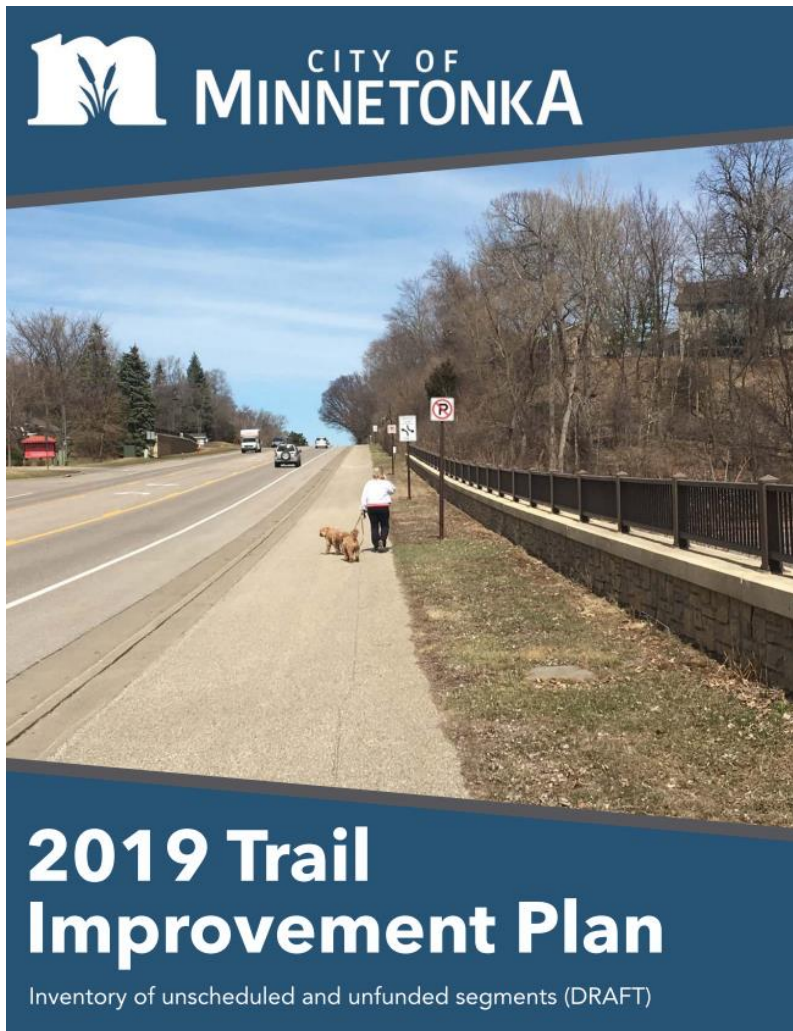


EXISTING MINNETONKA TRAILS

- Mid 1980's established looped trail system
- Focus on recreation & providing connections between the 5 community parks
- Minnetonka currently has ~90 miles of trails and sidewalks as well as Lake Minnetonka LRT, MN River Bluffs LRT & Nine Mile Creek Regional Trails
- Local trails & walks are maintained by the city
- Trails are the most popular amenity & are repeatedly requested for expansion - annual community survey



TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PLAN



- Identified 71 trail segments totaling 42 additional miles
- Segments prioritized for implementation
- Gas franchise fee adopted in 2018 to more aggressively fund trail expansion
- Goal is to improve safety, connectivity & mobility options

FUTURE TRAIL SEGMENTS

Minnetonka Trail Improvement Plan 2019 - 2023

Trail Construction

Year

- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023
- 10 Yr Plan 2024 - 2028

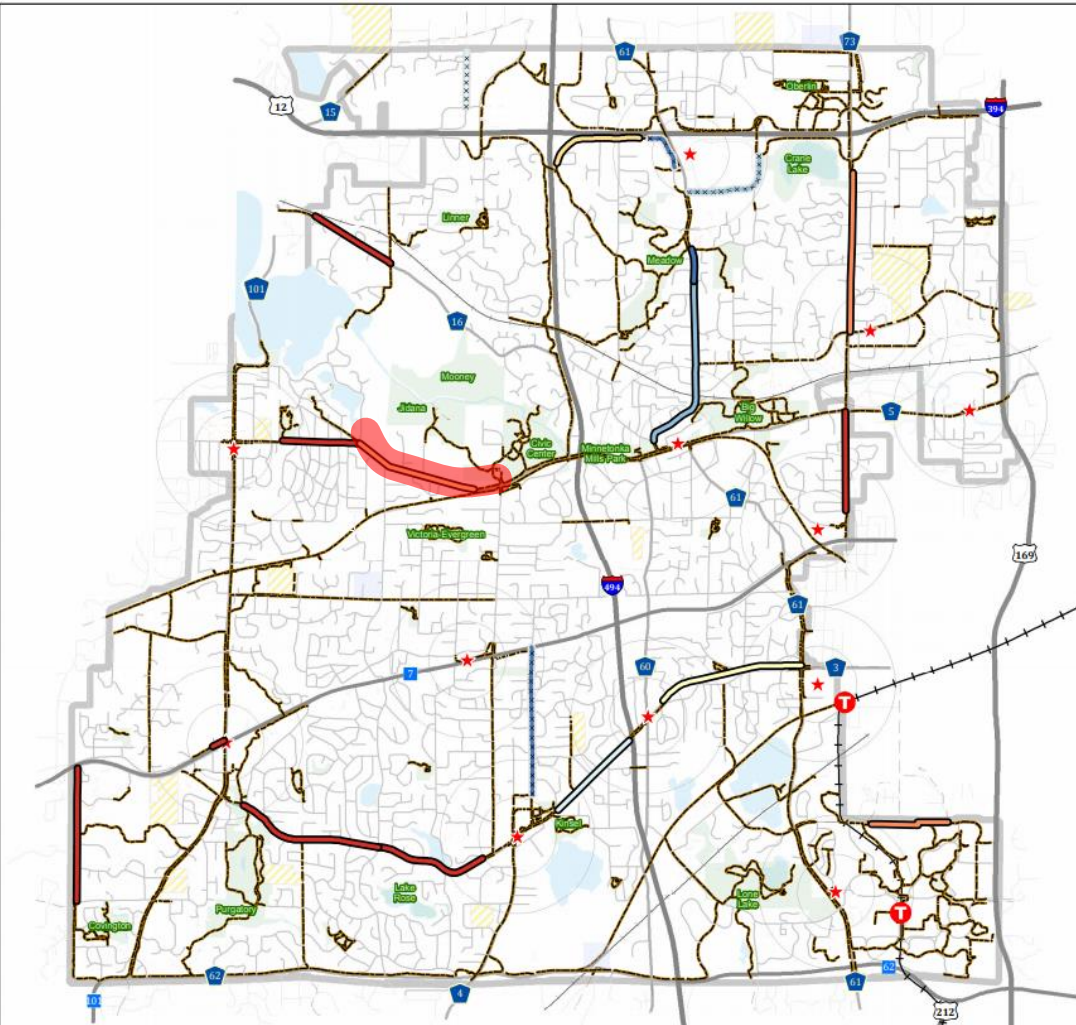
Street Construction w/ Trail

Year

- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- Light Rail Station
- Village Center

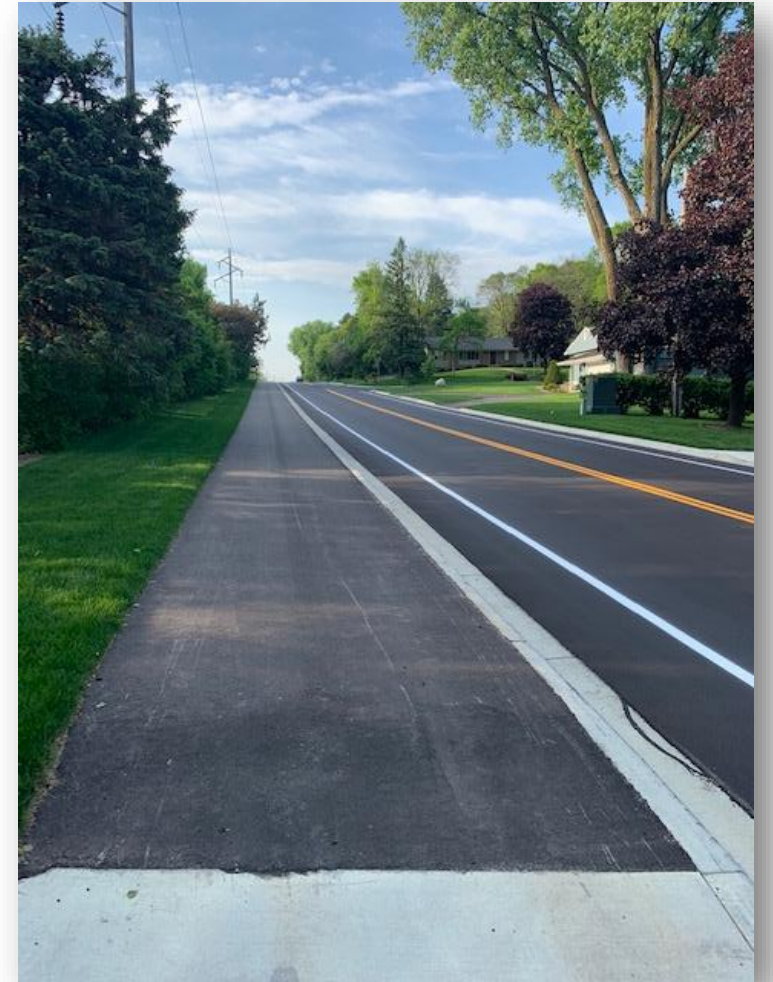
Existing Sidewalks and Trails

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- School Property
- 1/4 Mile Village Center Ring
- 1/2 Mile Village Center Ring



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Trail Improvements
 - 8' paved, multi-use trail along the north side of Minnetonka Boulevard
 - Concrete curb & gutter added to trail side
 - Retaining walls added where required
 - Retain roadway shoulder for service vehicles and road cyclists
- Utility Relocation
 - Storm Sewer & Watermain relocations where necessary
- Overhead Utility Burial



PROPOSED TRAIL SEGMENT ALIGNMENT CONSIDERATIONS

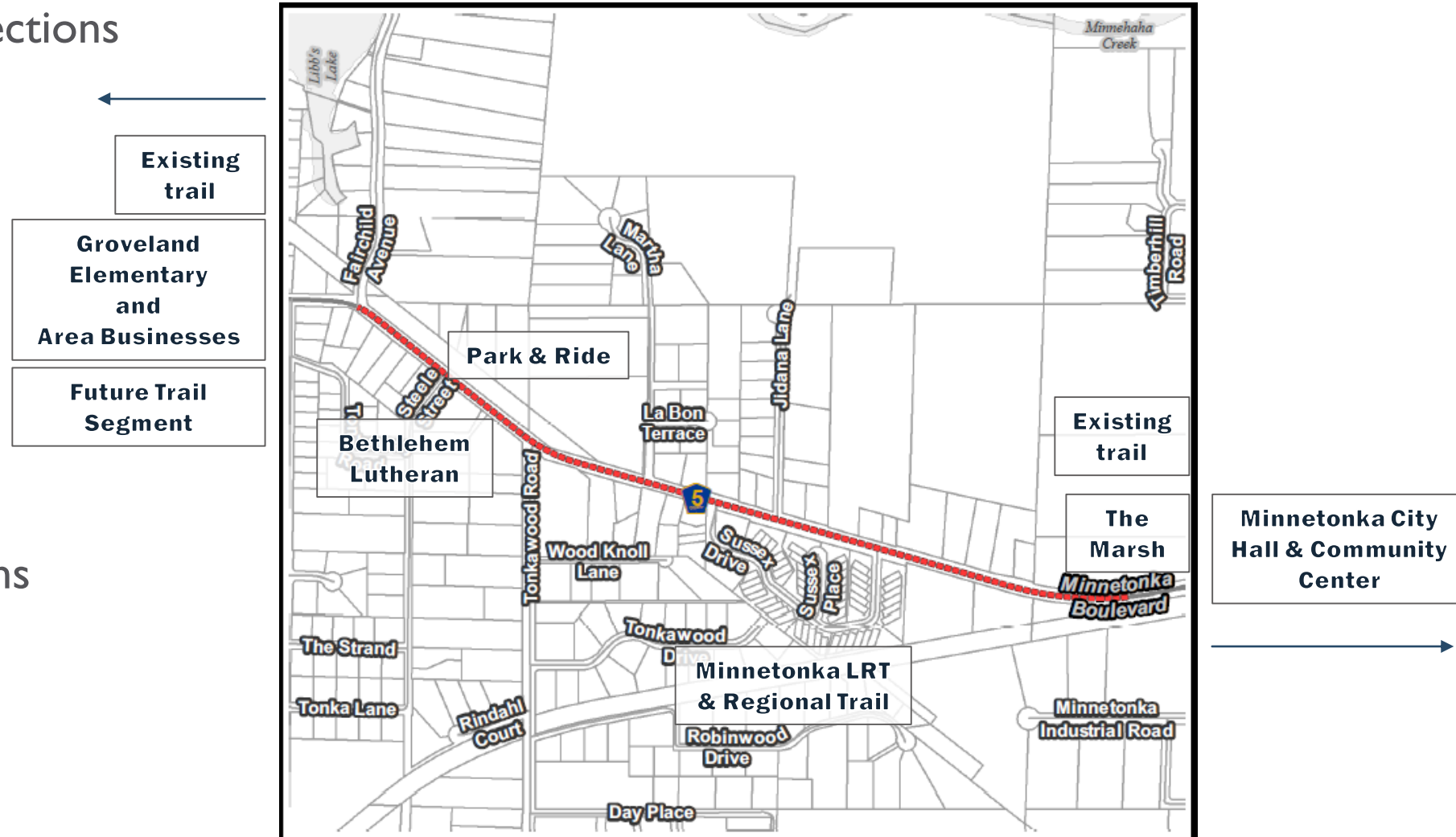
- Existing & future connections

- Existing regional trail

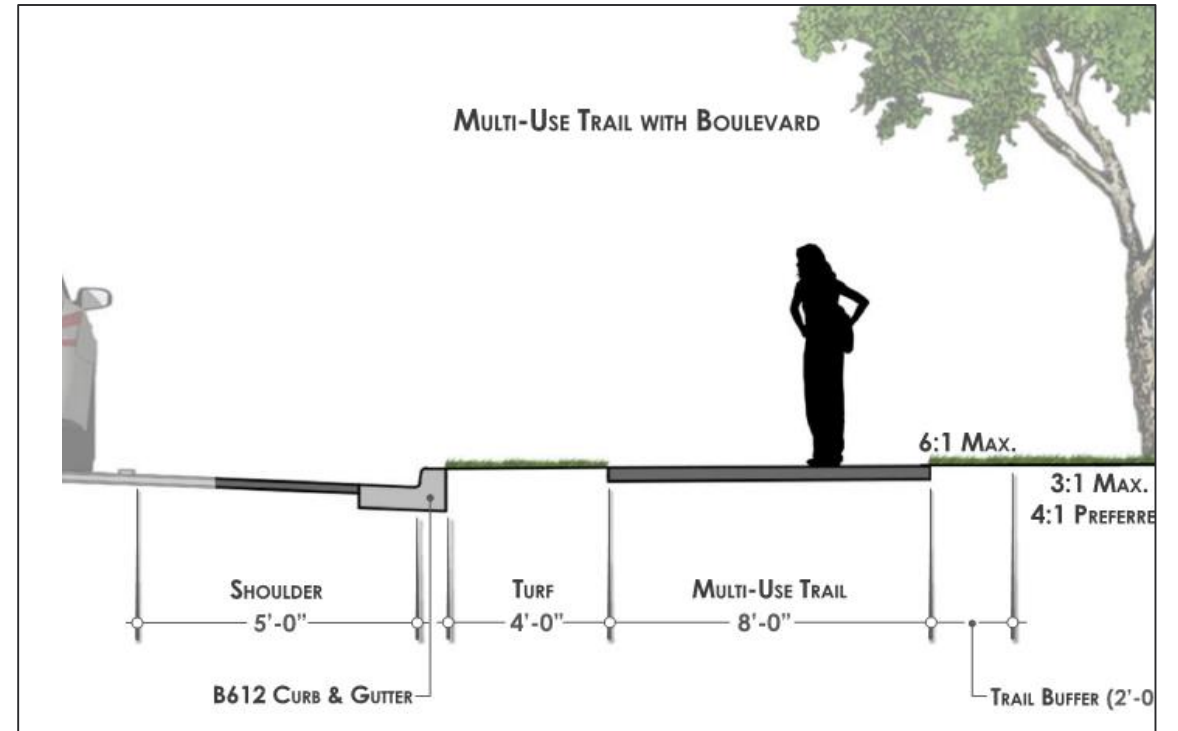
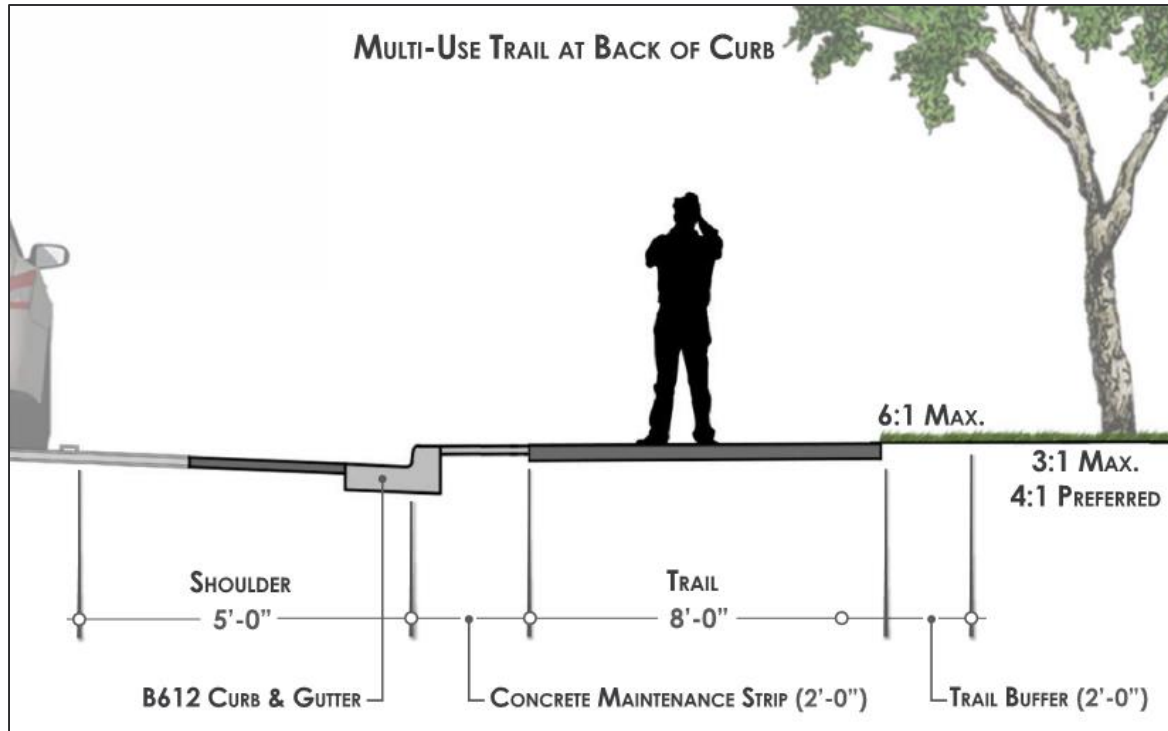
- Environmental impacts

- Destination points

- Schools
- Religious institutions
- Businesses
- Park & Ride



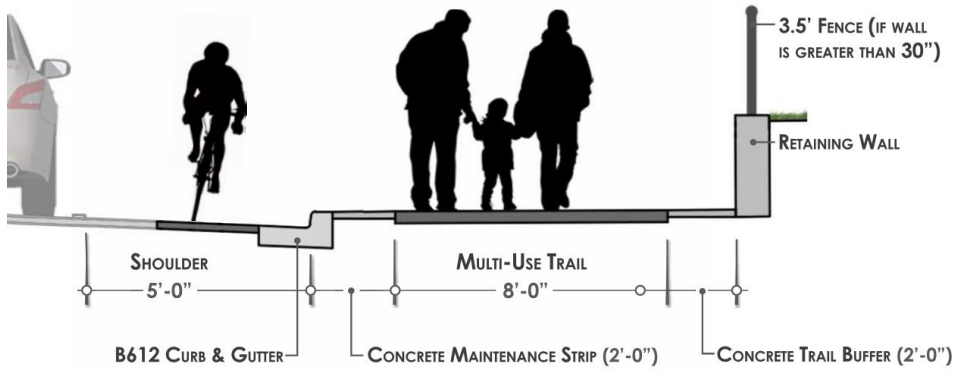
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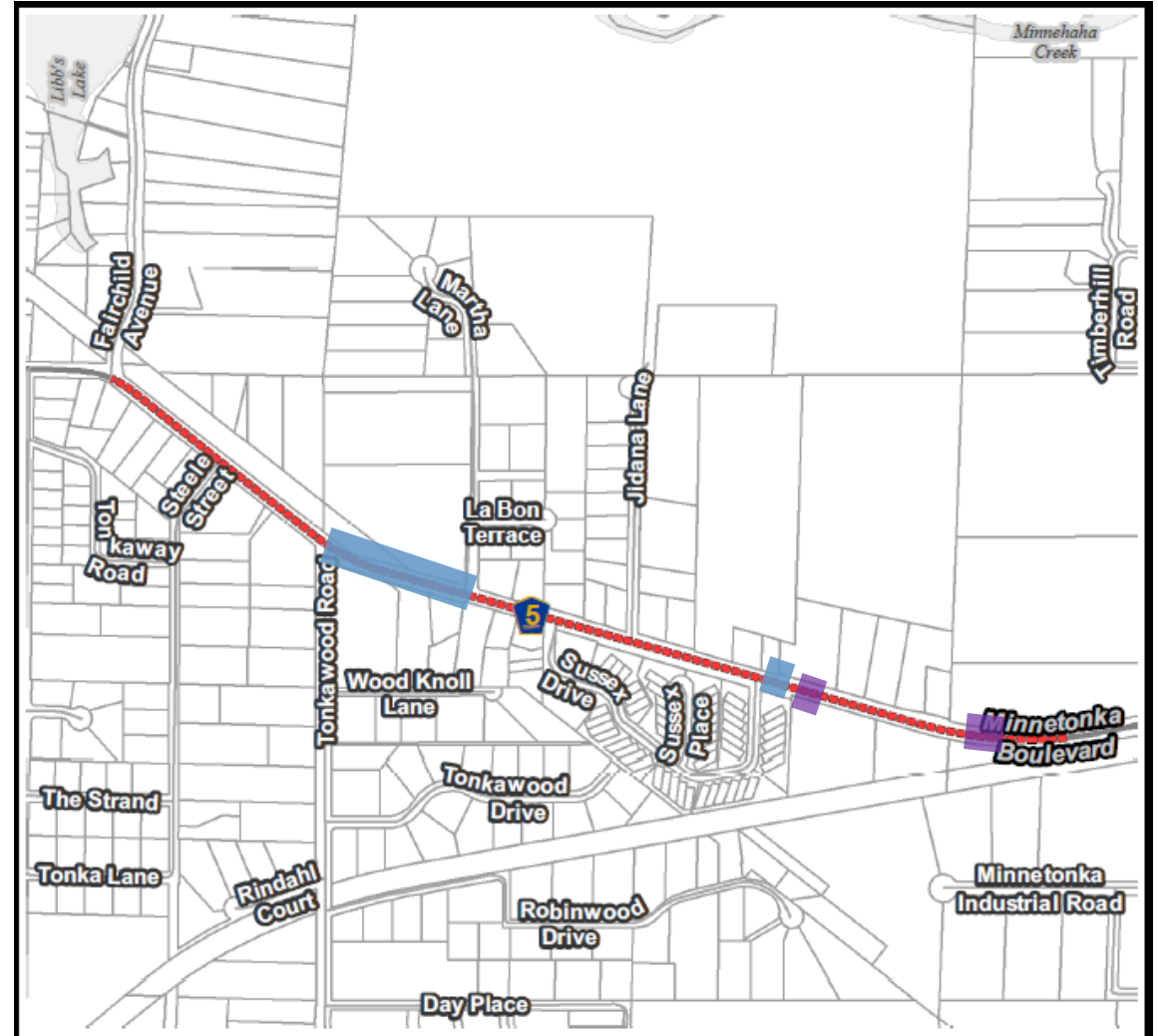
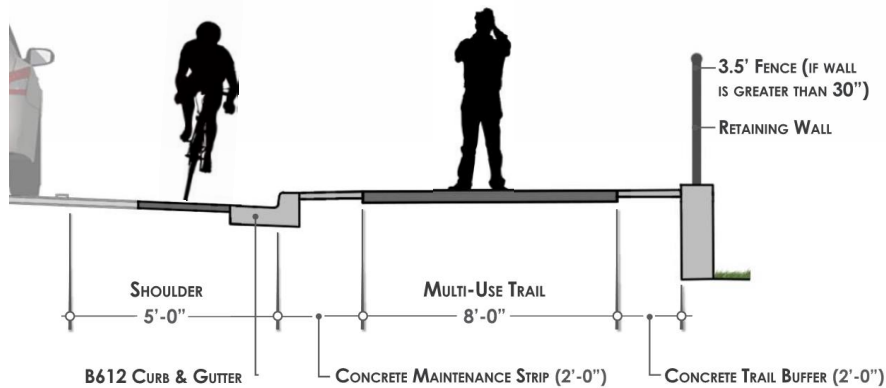
TYPICAL SECTIONS - WALLS

(Looking West)

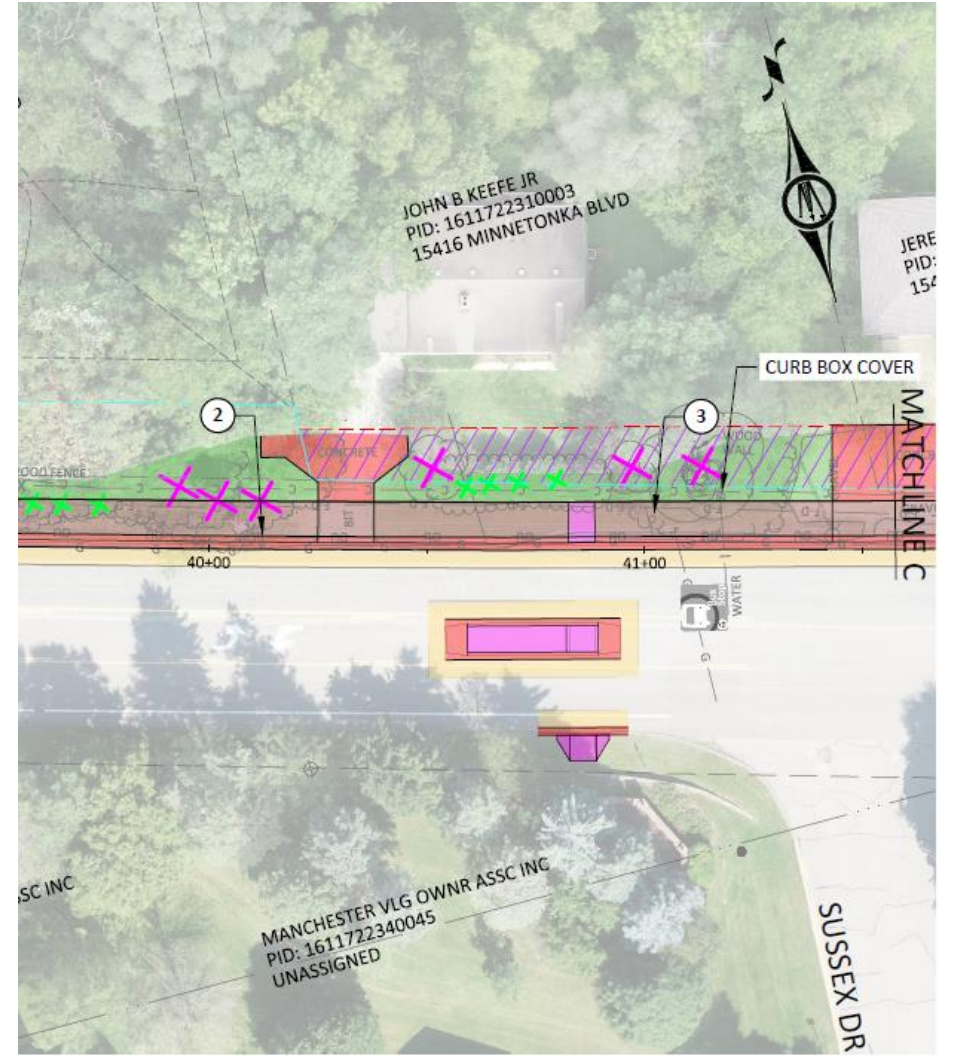
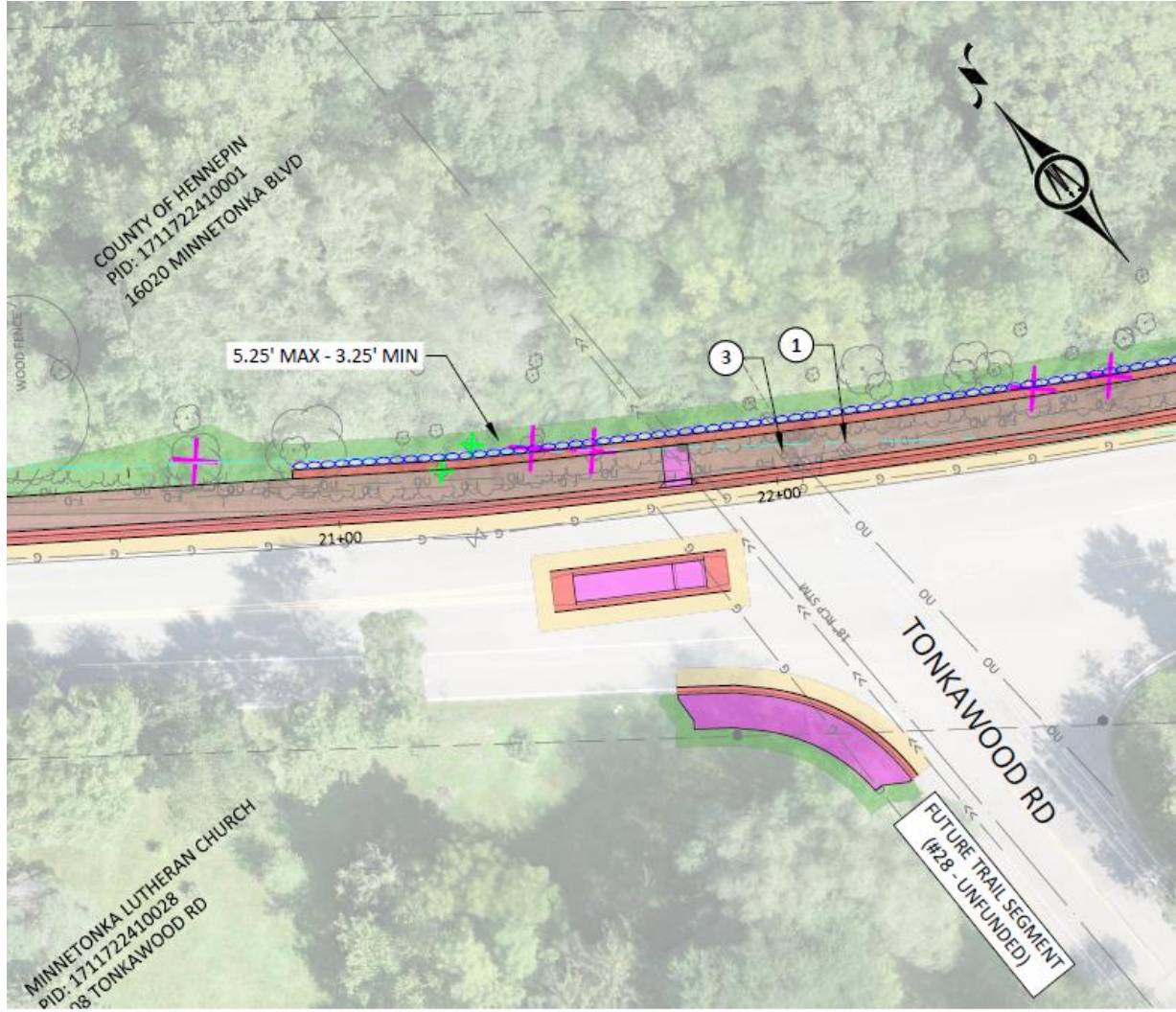
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ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS



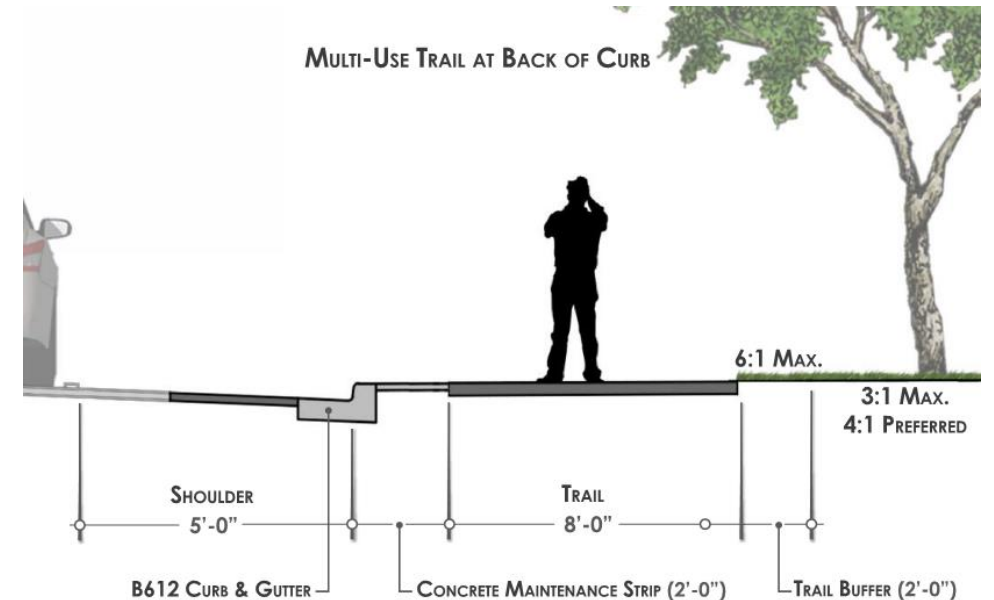
CROSSWALKS

- Existing crosswalk at Park & Ride
- Other crosswalks on the corridor will not be marked
 - Minnetonka Boulevard is a busy road
 - False sense of security for pedestrians
 - Unexpected markings create unsafe conditions for drivers
 - Not shown to reduce crashes



MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintenance expectations
 - Trail owned by the City
 - Future replacement by the city
 - Snow removal completed by city
 - Ongoing maintenance by the city
 - Grass boulevards & grass areas behind trail maintained by homeowners, as today



OVERHEAD UTILITY BURIAL

- Utility lines proposed to be buried
- City has funds budgeted and is coordinating with Xcel to determine what is feasible
- City will assist in burying services to homes
- New or existing poles for services not buried



POTENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

- Property Access
- Construction phasing plan to be developed to maintain suitable accesses to neighborhoods
- Minnetonka Blvd Traffic will shift during construction, but access will be maintained
- Inconvenience related to garbage service, mail, and bussing
- Construction Hours
 - 7am -10pm M-F
 - 8am - 6pm Sat
 - No work on Sundays or Holiday weekends

CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS (CONT.)



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- Design intent to minimize tree impacts, though some are necessary
- Shrubs/brush along road



CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

- Boulevard/Property Impacts
 - Driveways
 - Repair process
 - Reimbursement process
 - Landscaping and fencing
 - Mailboxes
 - Retaining Walls
 - Turf restoration (sod)
 - Pet containment/sprinkler systems
 - City process and reimbursement procedure



BEFORE & AFTER – WOODHILL RD



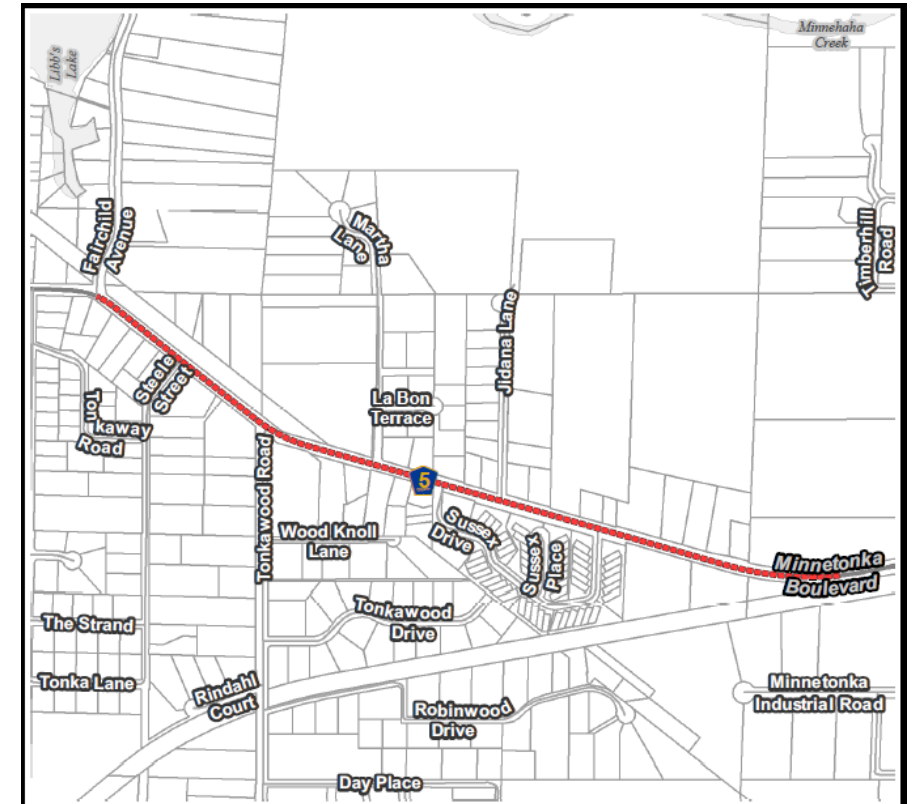
SCHEDULE

- Public Informational Meeting
- Preliminary Design / Feasibility Completed
- Start of Construction

December 17, 2019

Early 2020

Spring 2022



COMMUNICATION

- Subscribe to email updates: minnetonkamn.gov/mtkablvdtrail
- Project notices mailed to residents as needed
- Watch for signs in the project area
- Contact city staff with questions or feedback



2017 PROJECT UPDATES

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MINNETONKA BLVD TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

Questions/Comments?



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