



WAYZATA BOULEVARD CORRIDOR STUDY


ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY - FEBRUARY TO MARCH 2023

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Wayzata is leading the Wayzata Boulevard Corridor Study and looking to transform the area into an even more welcoming, safe and connected corridor for the Wayzata community. This phase of engagement provided multiple opportunities to share project updates and gather input to inform strategies and recommended actions. Input received at pop-ups and the open house was closely aligned and summarized below.

 <p>WHAT ENGAGEMENT OCCURRED?</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Pop up Events</p> <p>February 16 & March 2, Lunds-Byerlys</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Open House Event</p> <p>March 14, Wayzata Community Room</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Engaged 100+ Community Members</p> </div> </div>
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 <p>ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW</p>	<p>This phase of engagement opened the conversation with community members to dig into the specific improvements and recommendations for the Wayzata Boulevard Corridor Study. Two pop-up events were held at Lunds-Byerlys to gather to interact with community members, inform them of the project, and gather input. A community Open House was held from 4 to 6pm at the Wayzata Community Room on March 14, 2023. The community open house included a short presentation at 4:15 and 5:15 and attendees were able to engage with a number of activities in the room. Online attendees were also welcomed via Zoom.</p>
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 <p>WHAT WERE THE COMMON THEMES?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development and built environment along Wayzata Boulevard create an opportunity to maintain the charm and services needed for the community. It should have its own identity. • Infrastructure to support movement by all modes (e.g., walking, biking, and driving) is important, but the safety for everyone must be prioritized. • Enhancing the plantings, landscaping and green spaces along the corridor, along with access to parks and recreation, is desired.
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 <p>WHERE ARE INVESTMENTS WANTED?</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Additional Sidewalks and Trails</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Improved Crossings for Bikes and Pedestrians</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Increased plantings and landscaping</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Investments in Parks and Open Spaces</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Improvements to sight-lines</p> </div> </div>
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ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

Open House attendees were asked to create their own vision statement for Wayzata Boulevard by filling in the blanks or creating their own statement. The following statements were created.

Statement 1

Wayzata Boulevard is a corridor that is **traffic heavy** and **polluted** and is designed for **cars and buses**.

Wayzata Boulevard is a corridor that is **safe** and **walkable** and is designed for **pedestrians and locals**.

Wayzata Boulevard is a corridor that is **greener** and **quieter** and is designed for **shopping, eating, and slower travel**.

Wayzata Boulevard is a corridor that is **safe** and is designed for **children in the neighborhood to walk to school and families to bike down to the trails**.

Wayzata Boulevard is a corridor that is **safe** and **easy** and is designed for **walking and driving**.

Wayzata Boulevard is a corridor that is **safe** and **pedestrian friendly** and is designed for **directing traffic through or to the lake and restaurants**.

Statement 2

Wayzata Boulevard is **defining** to the community, serving as **service businesses** and **residential housing**.

Wayzata Boulevard is **main corridor** to the community, serving as **family** and **neighbors**.

Wayzata Boulevard is **necessary** to the community, serving as **a through-way** and **a beautiful site**.

Statement 3

The identity of Wayzata Boulevard is showcased through **safety** and **availability**.

The identity of Wayzata Boulevard is showcased through **upgrades under development, commercial east of Central Avenue**.

The identity of Wayzata Boulevard is showcased through **median trees** and **controlled speed**.

The identity of Wayzata Boulevard is showcased through **too little green space, unpleasant sidewalk right up against to busy road**.



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Open House attendees were asked what investments they would like to see made to the public realm or streetscape along the corridor. The following ideas were generated.

Connecting people to destinations within the community.



No bike lanes on Wayzata Blvd between 101 and Bushaway. Way too dangerous! This is a main route in and out of Wayzata.

Fully connected sidewalk system

Functionality of road (still need to get to businesses)

Not need a car to get around, that way we can journey instead of being in a metal box (car)

Safe for pedestrians as a priority over bikes and traffic speeds

Creating places and spaces for people to connect.



Festivals and community events that close the street for bikes and peds only.

Fewer cars and more bikes will lead to greater independence for children using parks and school.

Connect to the Big Woods

Enhancing the sense of place and identity for Wayzata and the Wayzata Boulevard corridor.



Have reasonable rent rates for vendors. There is virtually no where to sit and have coffee west of 101.

Creating a safe and welcoming environment.



Intersection of Benton and Superior

Crossing of Central - scooters

Don't reduce traffic lanes. If you do, it will be congested and dangerous as Lake Street is now

Outdoor Cafes

Ped Safety. Ped crossings west of Central

Reduce traffic lanes to one each way for safety and making left turns easier. All 6 roads connect are 1 lane

Slow traffic down

Traffic Calming

The easier it is to drive "level of service" the more people will drive it. No speed limit increase has ever permanently decreased traffic. Lower speeds, safer streets.



ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

Open House attendees were asked to design their own Wayzata Boulevard between Central and Bushaway Rd. They were providing a figure of the existing design and were provided various design elements to create an updated roadway design.

