

PROJECT #2: BIKE LANES ON 1ST AVE NE



1st Ave NE serves as an important north/south corridor through Northeast Brainerd. This historic street, which includes a rail spur, has enormous development and redevelopment potential. 1st Ave NE connects the neighborhood with the commercial node on Washington Street.

Today, 1st Ave NE is excessively wide and is inhospitable to anyone not traveling in an automobile, particularly pedestrians. The width of the travel lanes, the low volume of traffic and the absence of parked cars induce drivers to operate beyond neighborhood-speeds. Surface markings on 1st Ave NE have been neglected for many years. In most places they have faded to the point where they are imperceptible. This project constitutes routine maintenance to reestablish these markings only with a more neighborhood-friendly design.

Two alternatives are contemplated. The first would establish dedicated bike lanes between the automobile driving lane and the parking lane. The second would establish bike/pedestrian lanes curbside of the parking lane. The second alternative would provide a badly-needed option for pedestrians but may be more confusing for drivers since so few people currently park on the street.

Immediate Objectives

1. Improve the safety for bikers operating on H Street.
2. Improve safety for pedestrians crossing H Street.
3. Reduce automobile speeds along H Street.

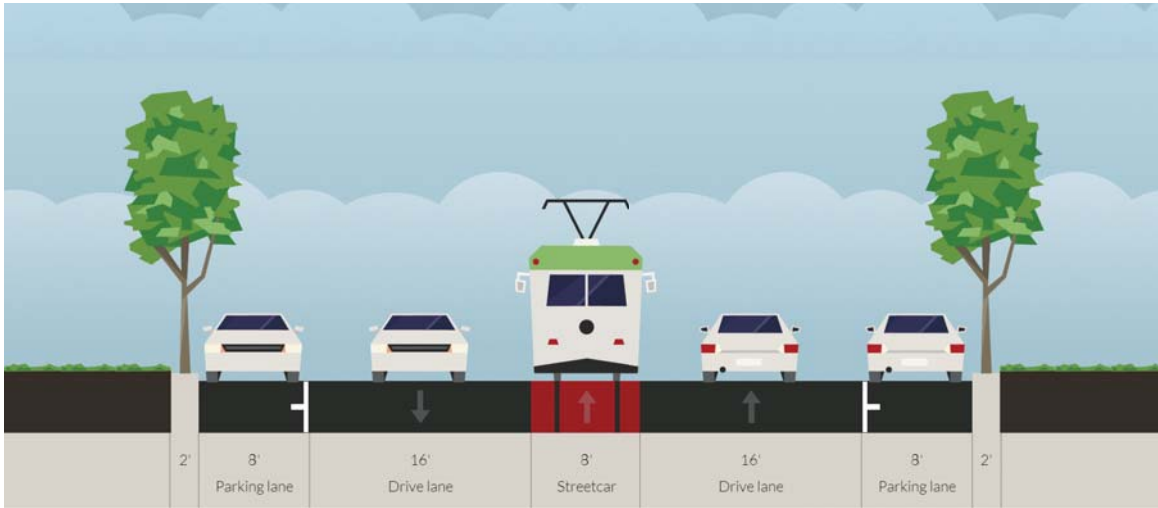
Project Improvements

1. Reestablish parking lanes using white paint.
2. Establish bike lanes using white paint.

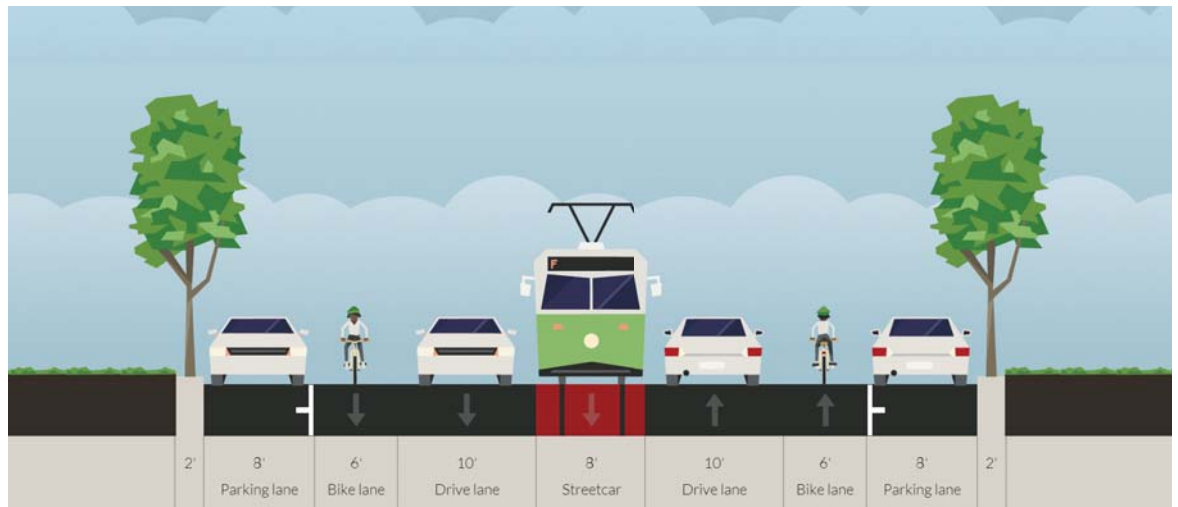
Project Cost
\$5,875

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Existing 1st Ave NE (pavement markings absent)



Improved 1st Ave NE (bike lane only alternative)



Improved 1st Ave NE (bike/pedestrian lane alternative)

