DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

East 7th St. and Arcade St. – St. Paul and Maplewood
ESABA – Asian Entrepreneur Meeting
May 25, 2022

Presentation overview

- Project team
- Project overview and schedule
- Previous engagement
- Design concepts overview
- Questions and answers

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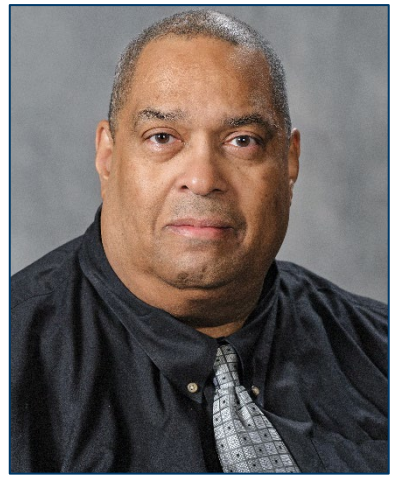

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Project overview

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MnDOT's goal is to improve safety for all users along East 7th St. and Arcade St. between I-94 in St. Paul and Roselawn Ave. in Maplewood.

Design and engineering is underway and construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2024.

Improvements to East 7th St. and Arcade St.

- Road resurfacing
- Sidewalk repairs
- Sidewalk curb ramps and driveways updates
- Safety improvements for all users
- Lighting improvements
- Signal improvements
- Bus stop improvements

Additional improvements

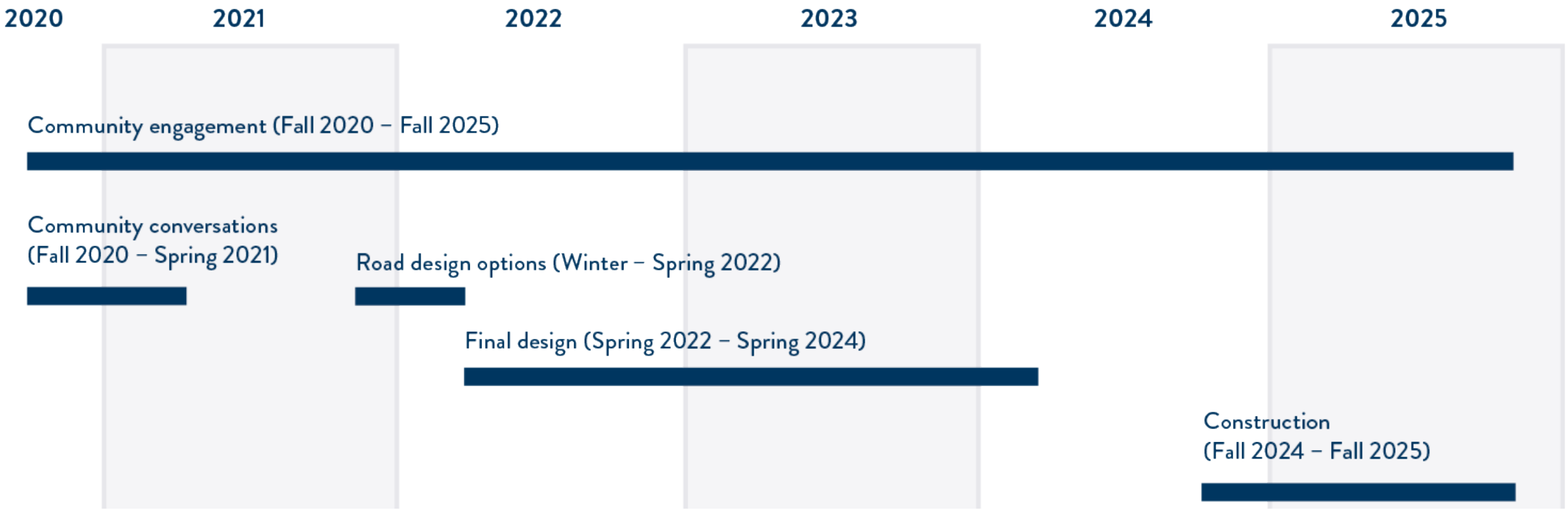
2021 Federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant

Provides funds to support the community vision of better access for all.

The RAISE grant allows additional improvements:

- Landscaping and pedestrian lighting
- Stormwater drainage improvements
- Additional improvements for people who walk and roll
  - Additional bike and pedestrian trail between Wheelock Pkwy. and Frost Ave.
  - Sidewalk between Wheelock Pkwy and Larpenteur Ave.

Project schedule



2020-2021 Community engagement: What we heard

View the engagement summary report:
talk.dot.state.mn.us/e7tharcade/news_feed/what-we-heard-from-the-community

Previous community engagement

Engagement activities

- Virtual public meetings
- Community organization presentations
- Business discussions
- Business outreach
- Online survey
- Interactive map
- Safe Routes To School partnership

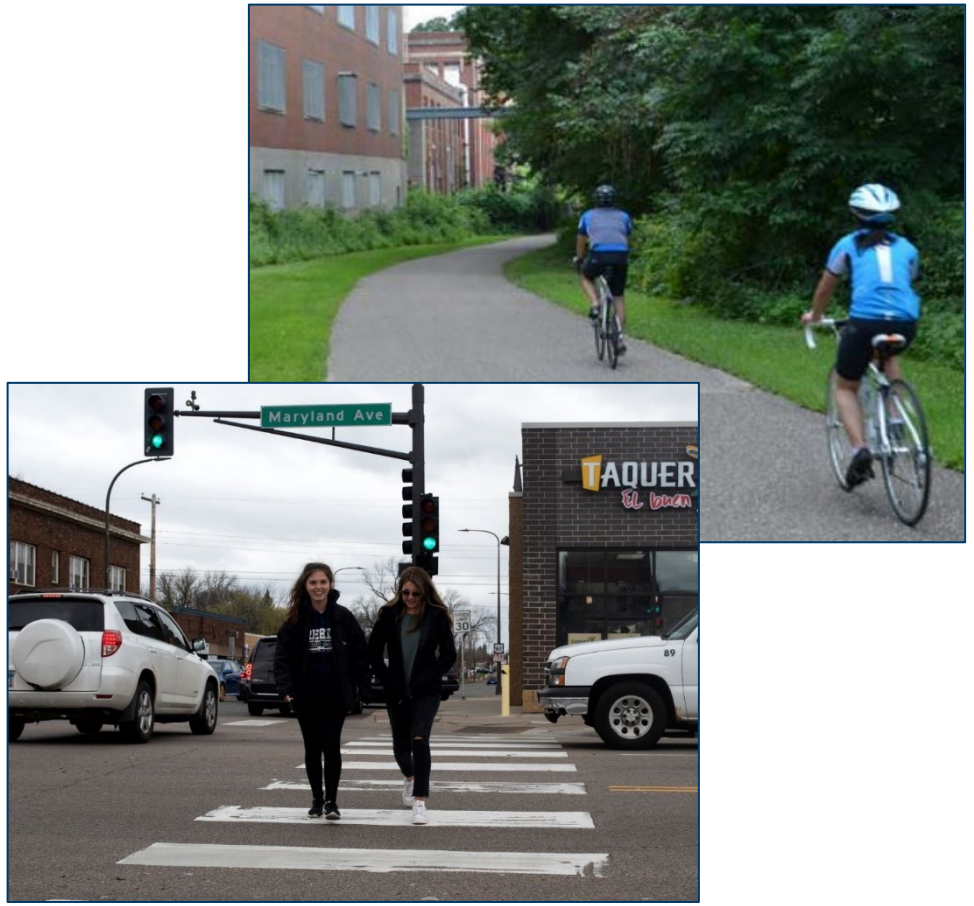
Previous communications and outreach

Communications and outreach

- Mailed postcard
- Emails
- Community-designed poster
- Social media
- Multicultural advertising
- Sidewalk decals
- Community organization support
- Business owner discussions

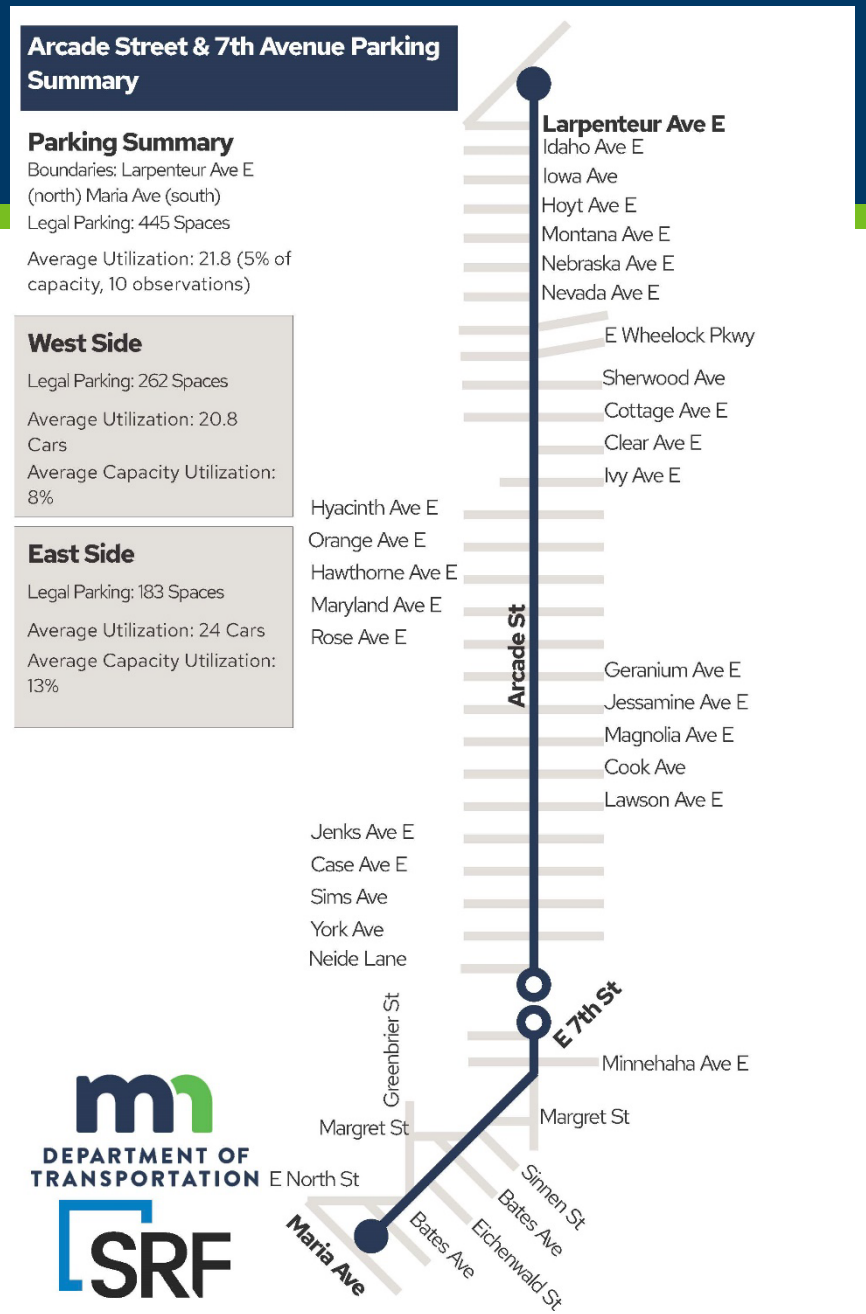
What we heard

- Improve pedestrian safety, crossings and walkability
- Greater buffer between pedestrians and vehicles
- Street beautification
- Reduce vehicle speeds
- Reduce lane confusion
- Consider lane reduction
- Improve parking



Parking study

- Parking utilization study (March-April)
- Purpose of the study was to understand how parking is being used on the project corridor
- 10 counted timeframes
- Things that affect parking:
  - Transit stops
  - Bike lanes



Design concepts overview

Design definitions

Rolling
The use of the sidewalk while on wheels: roller-skates, rollerblades, skateboard, scooter, wheelchair, or stroller

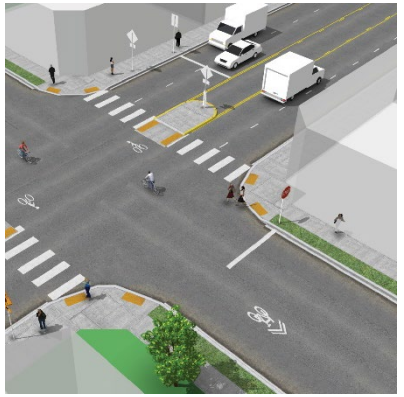


Photo credit: https://nacto.org/

Center median refuge
A protected space in the center of the street to help people cross

Photo credit: Michele Weisbart via pedbikesafe.org

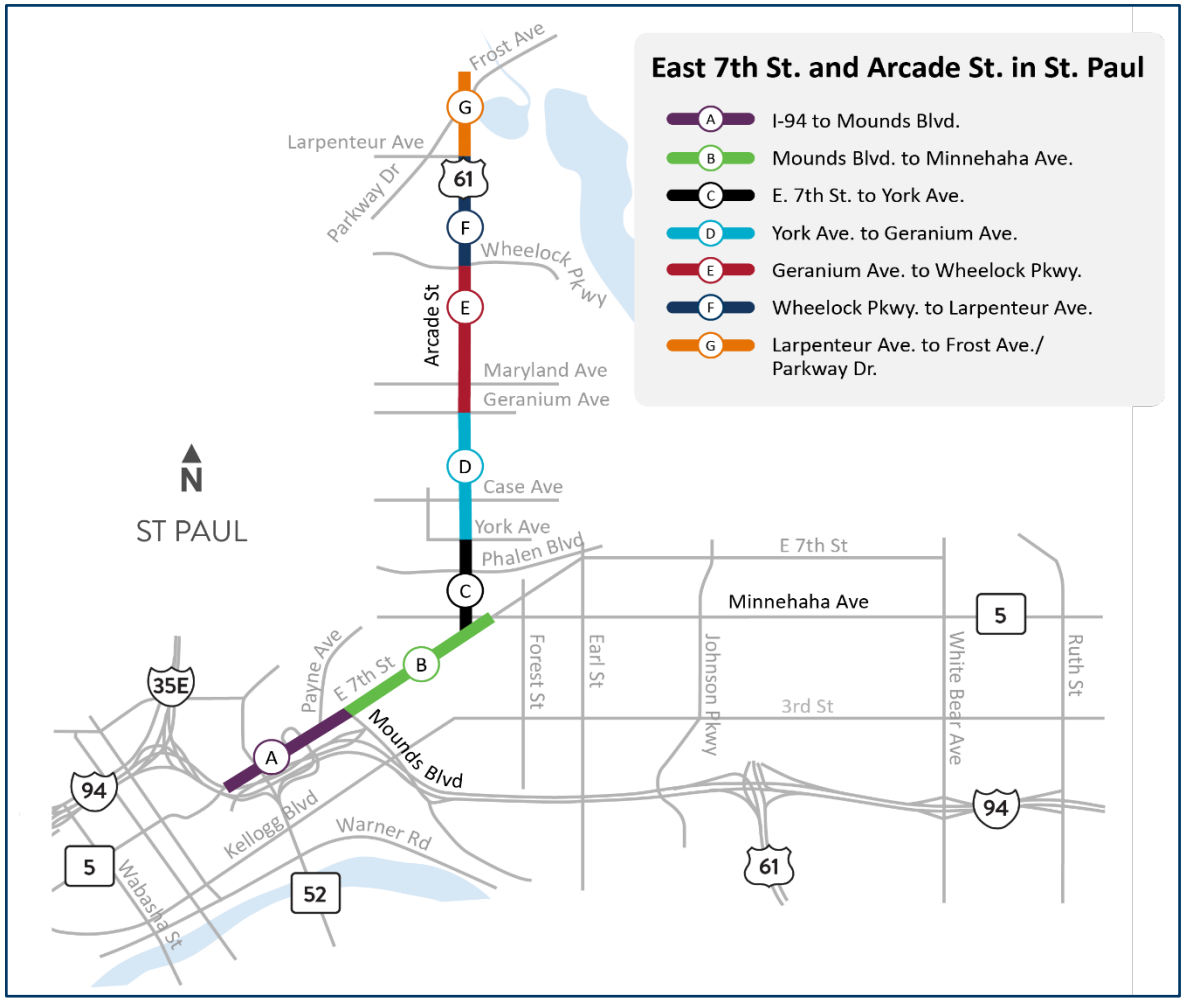
Curb bump-out
An extension of the curb at and near intersections to improve safety for people walking and rolling: increases visibility to drivers, improves view of oncoming traffic and decreases crossing distance

Lane reduction
A type of “road diet” that reduces the number of driving lanes to improve safety and increase space for other uses

Design concepts: Sections

- East 7th St. and Arcade St. are split into seven sections

- Design ideas vary depending on:
  - Neighborhood character
  - Property uses
  - Road design
  - Adopted plans for walking, biking, rolling and transit



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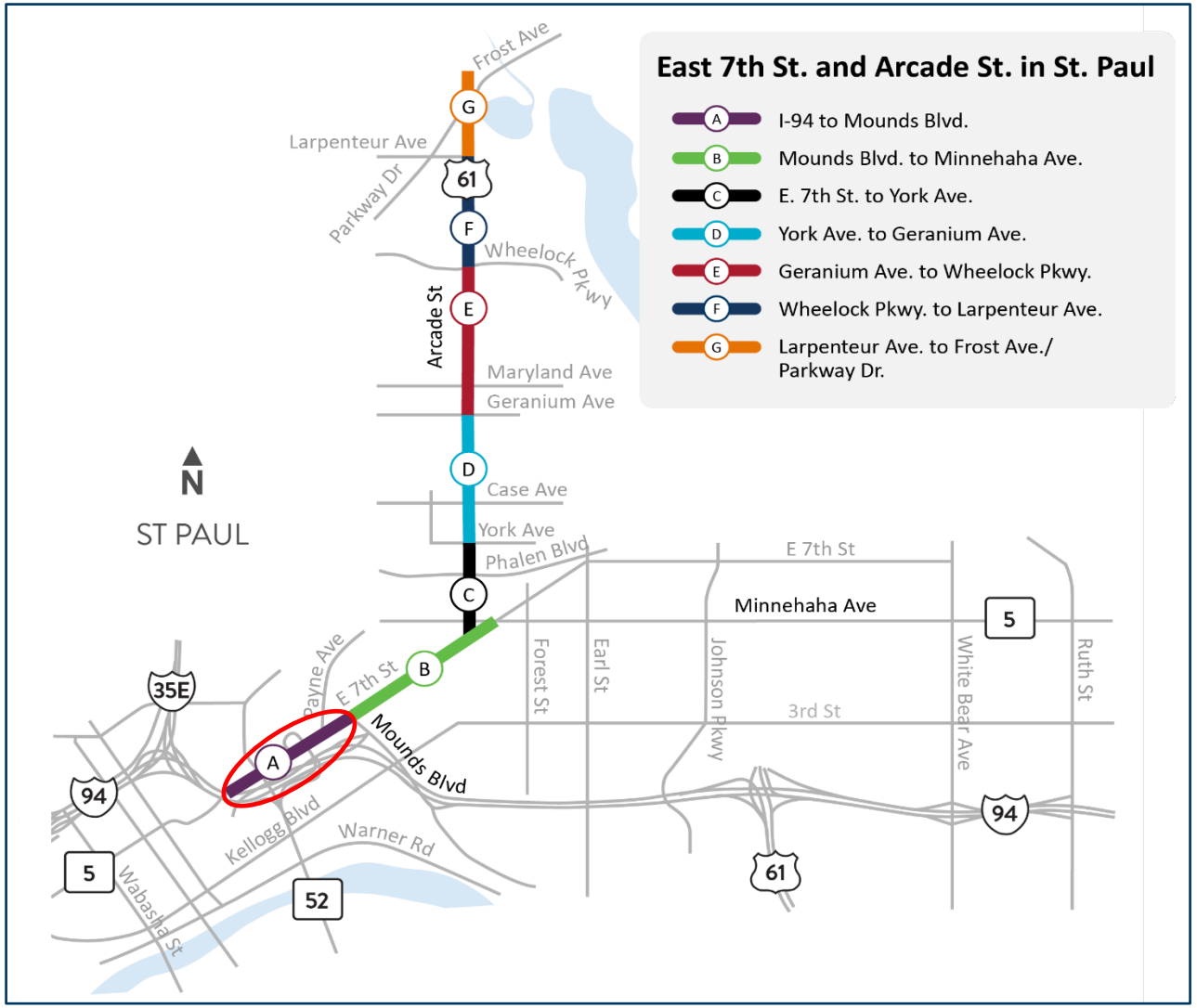
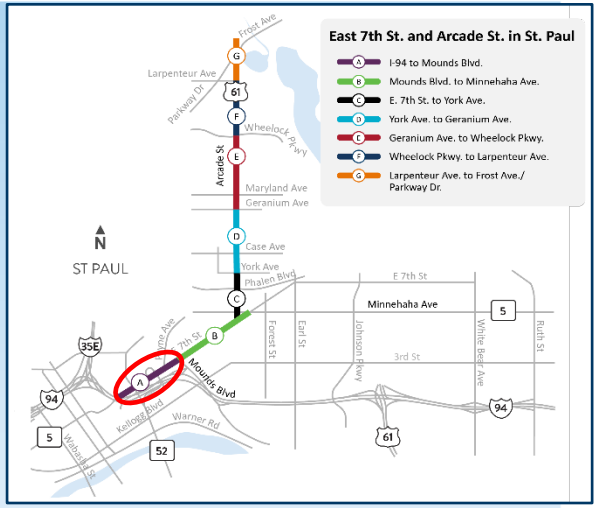


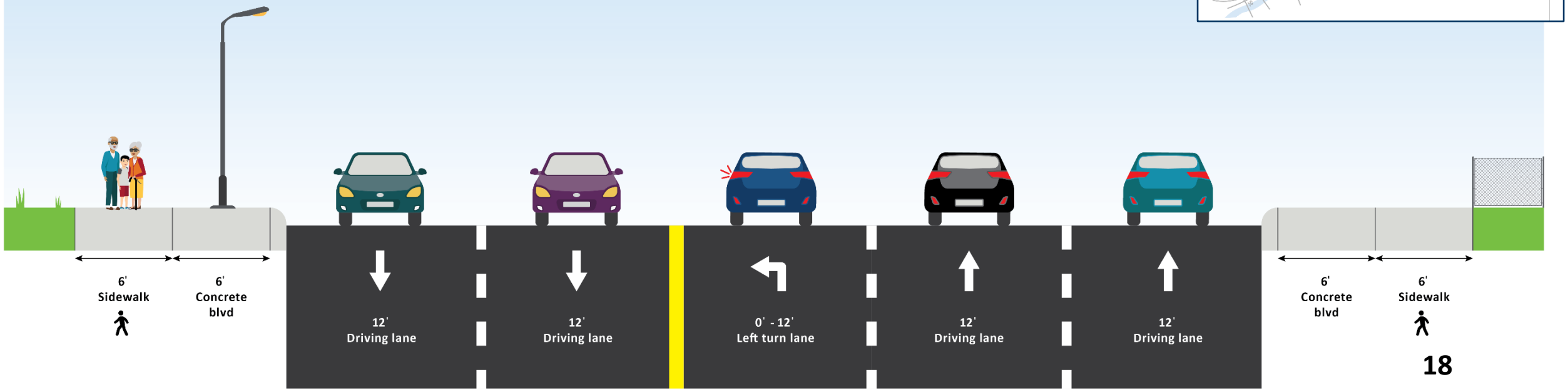
Design concepts – Section A

E. 7th Street

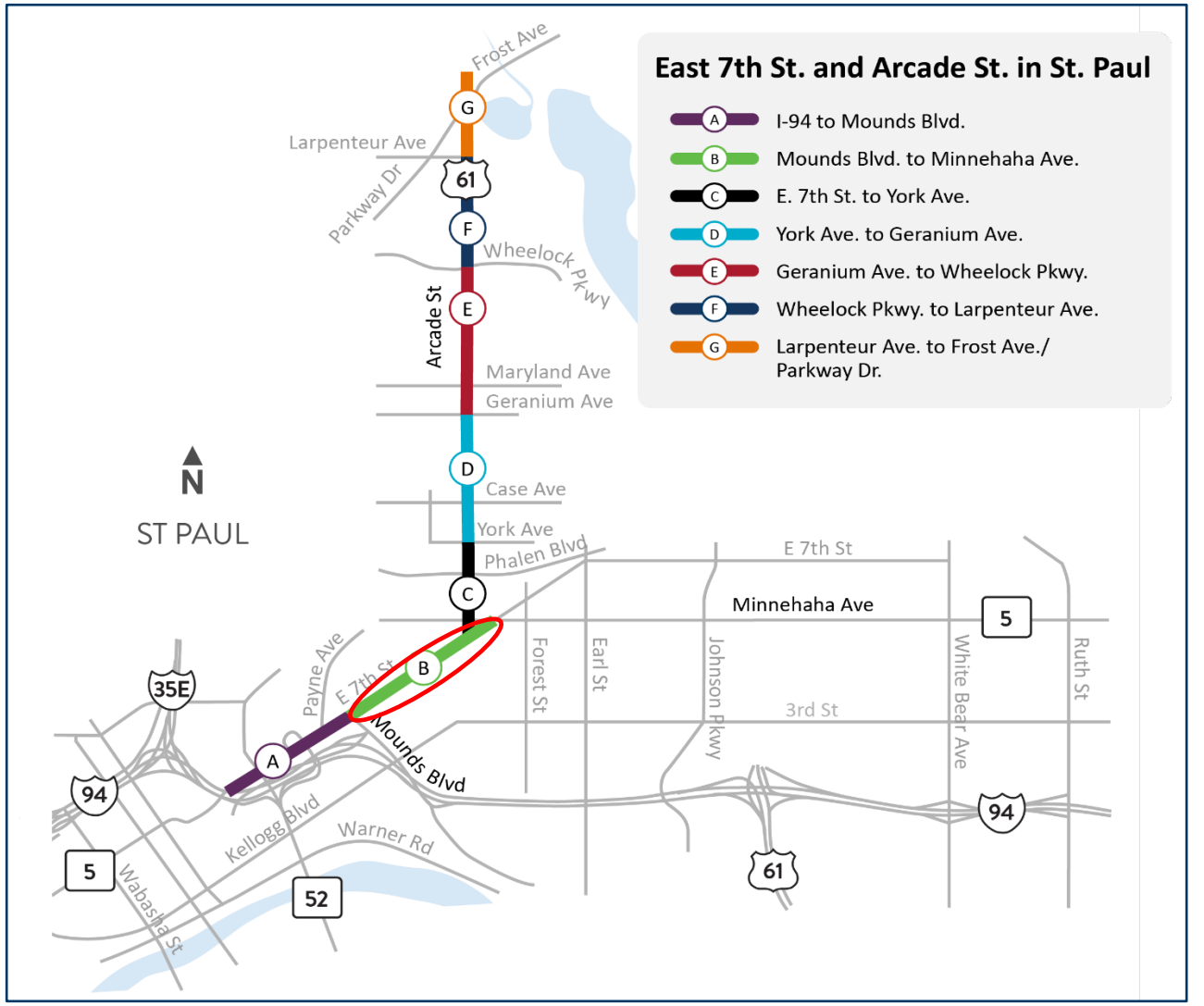
Between I-94 and Mounds Blvd.

Existing conditions





Section B: East 7th St. between Mounds Blvd. and Minnehaha Ave.



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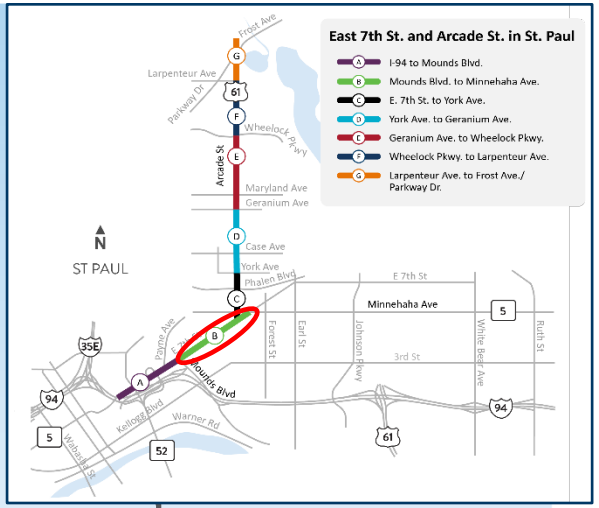

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Between Mounds Blvd. and Minnehaha Ave.

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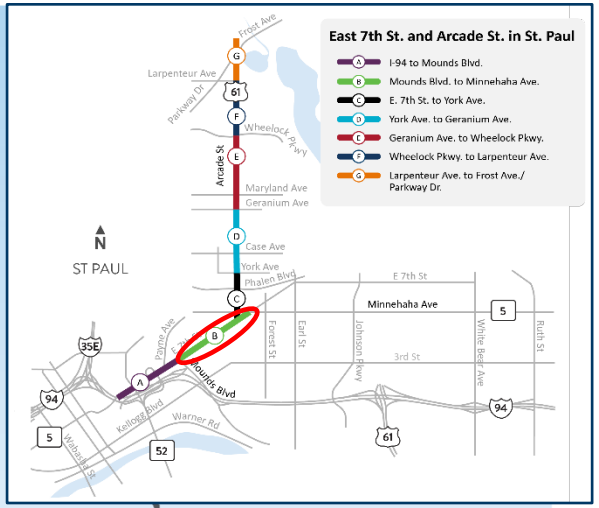

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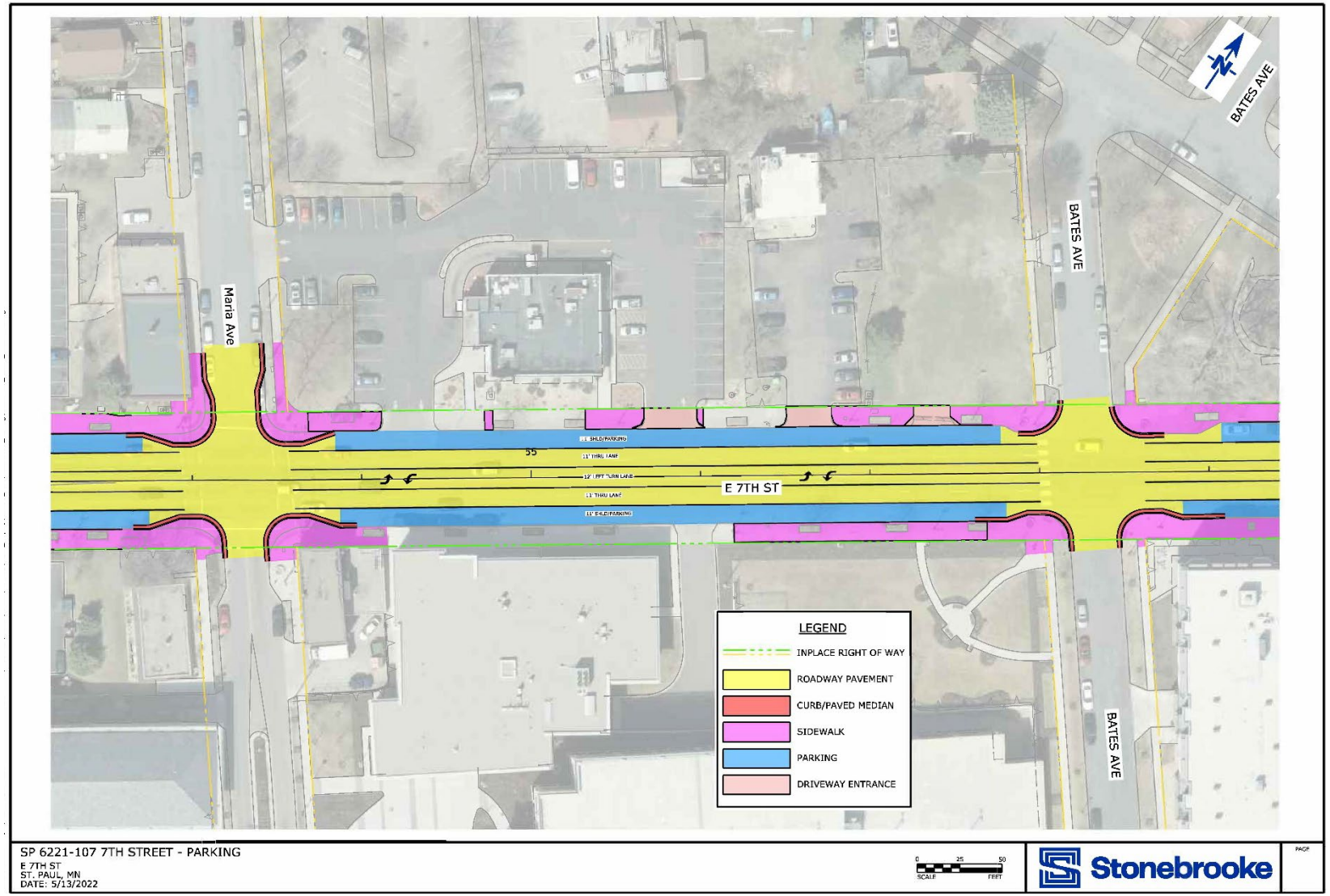

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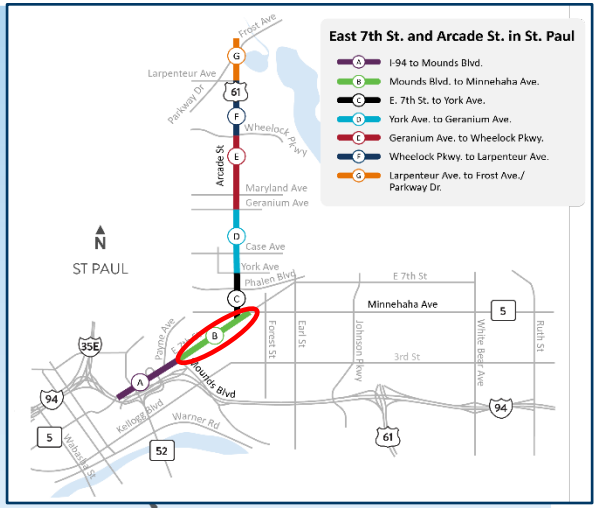

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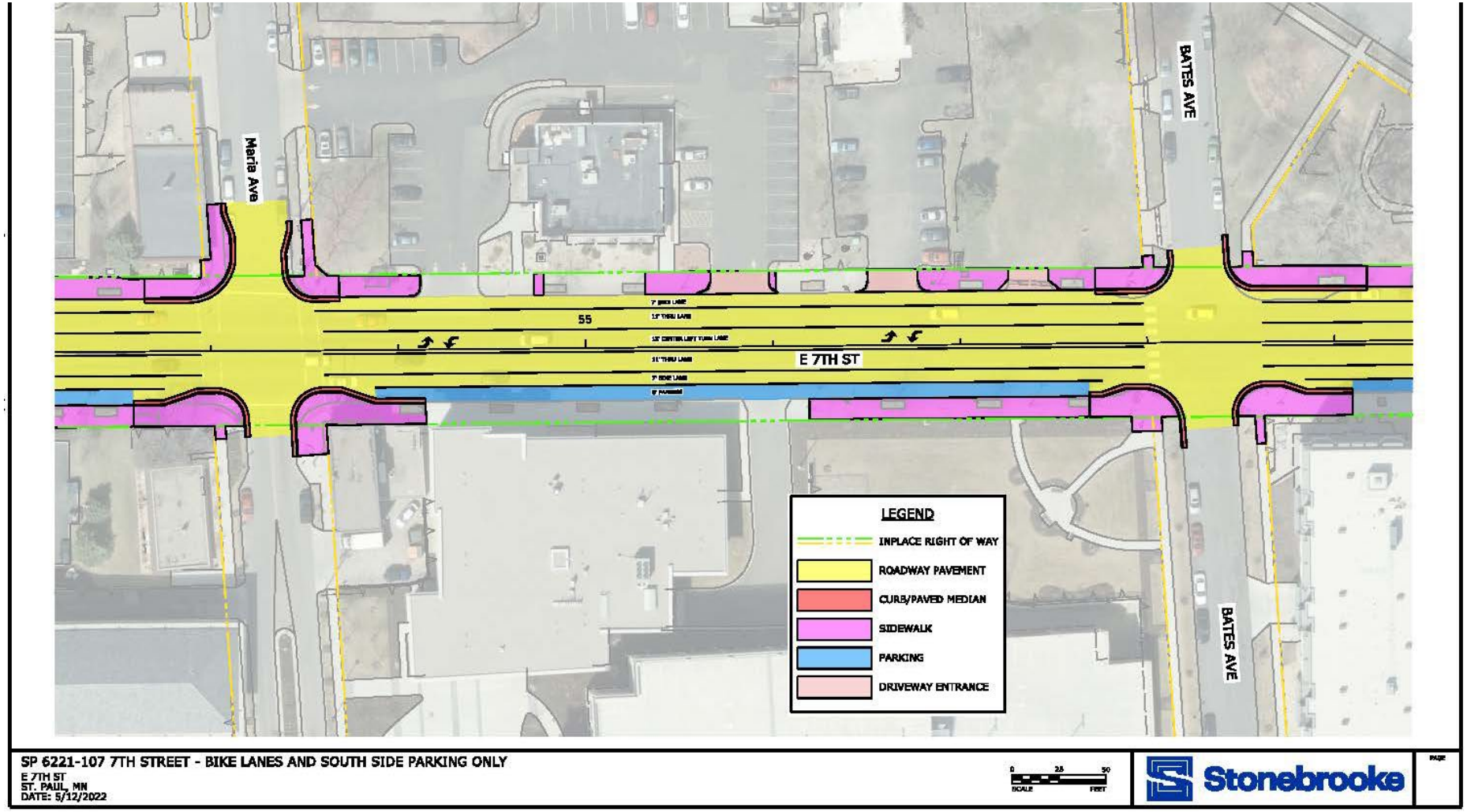


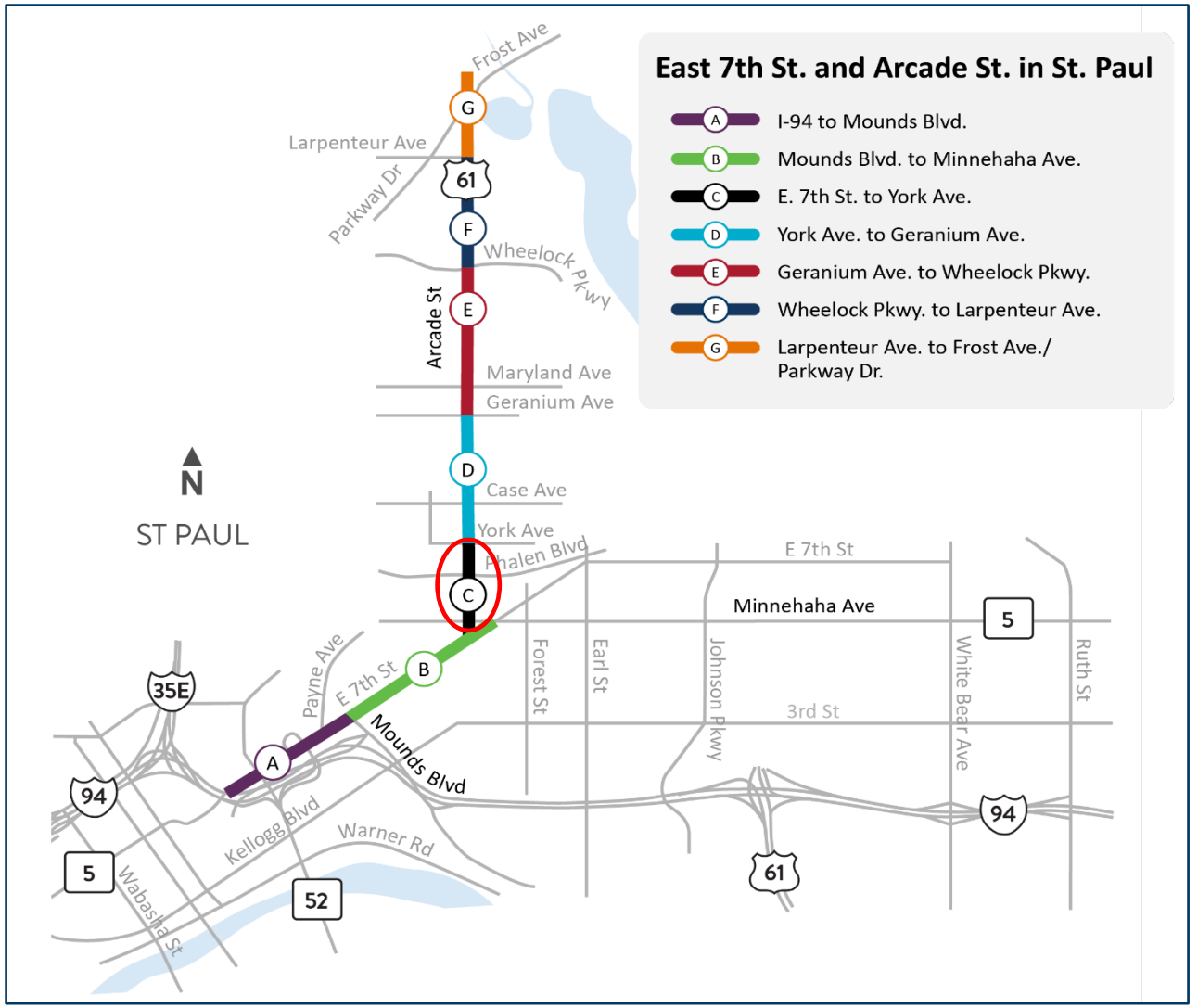
Section B: East 7th St. between Mounds Blvd. and Minnehaha Ave.

- Proposed design – 1A
  - Keep parking on both sides of the road
    - 105 total parking spaces
    - Predominately used Mon-Sat, noon-6 p.m.
  - Add bump outs at intersections
- Proposed design – 1B
  - Remove parking on one side of the road
  - Add bike lanes on both sides of the road

QUESTIONS

- What are your thoughts on the proposed designs?
- Which proposed design do you prefer?
- If 1B is preferred, which side of parking should be removed?

Section C: Arcade St. between East 7th St. and York Ave.



Design concepts – Section C

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Between E.7th St. and York Ave.

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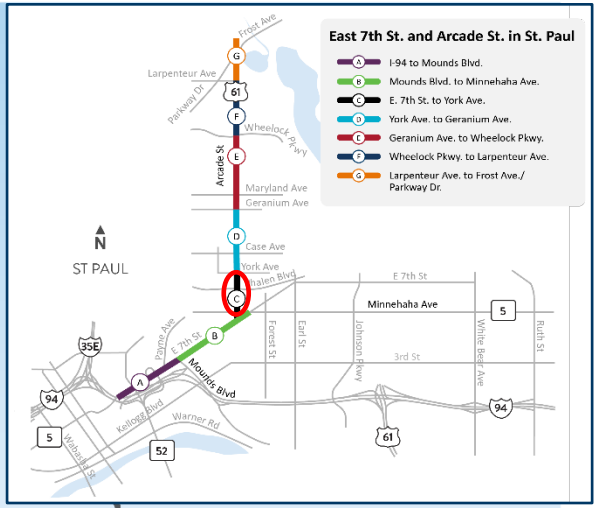

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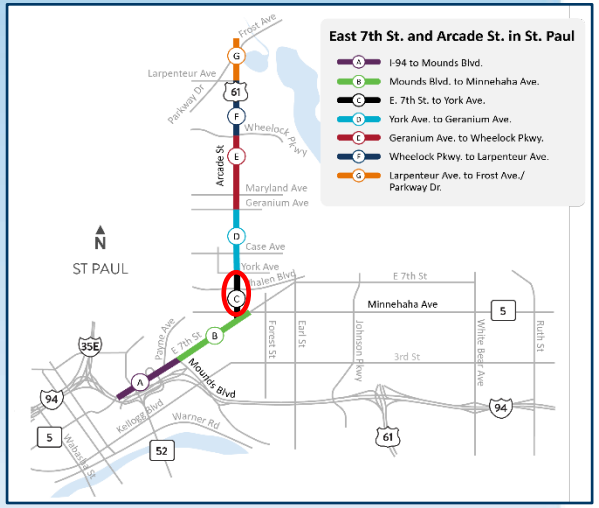

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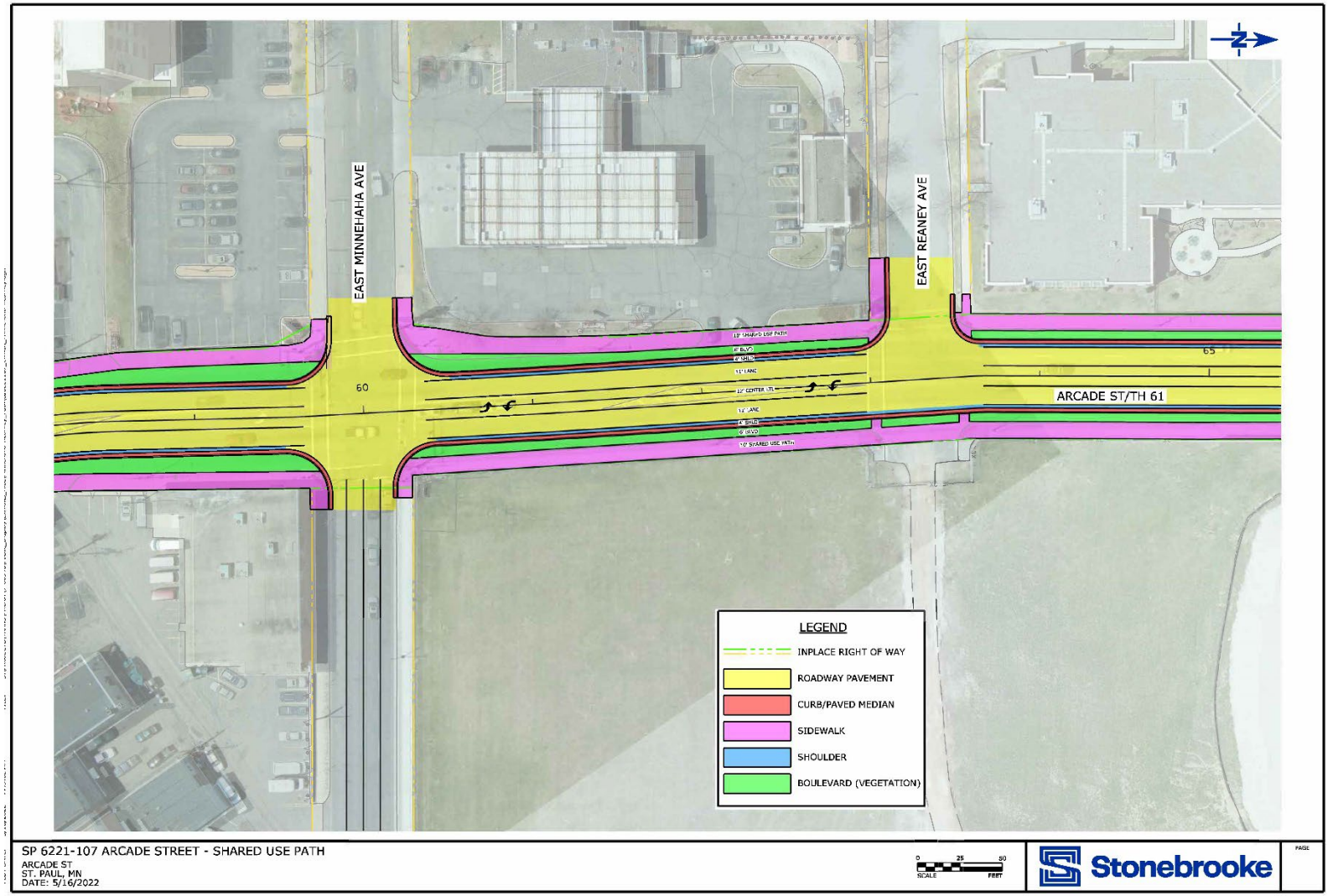

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Arcade Street

Between E.7th St. and York Ave.

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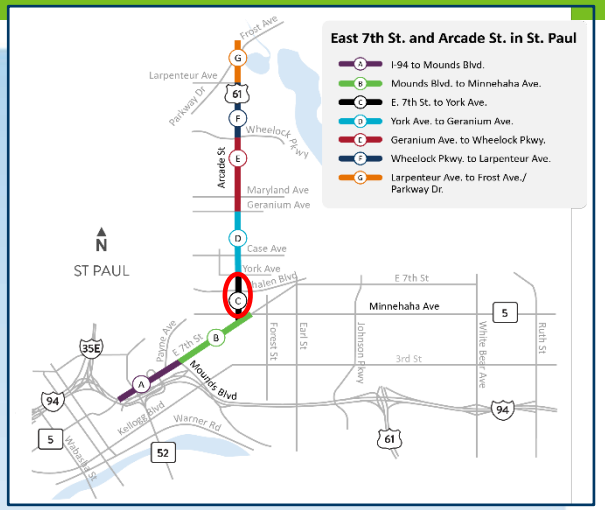

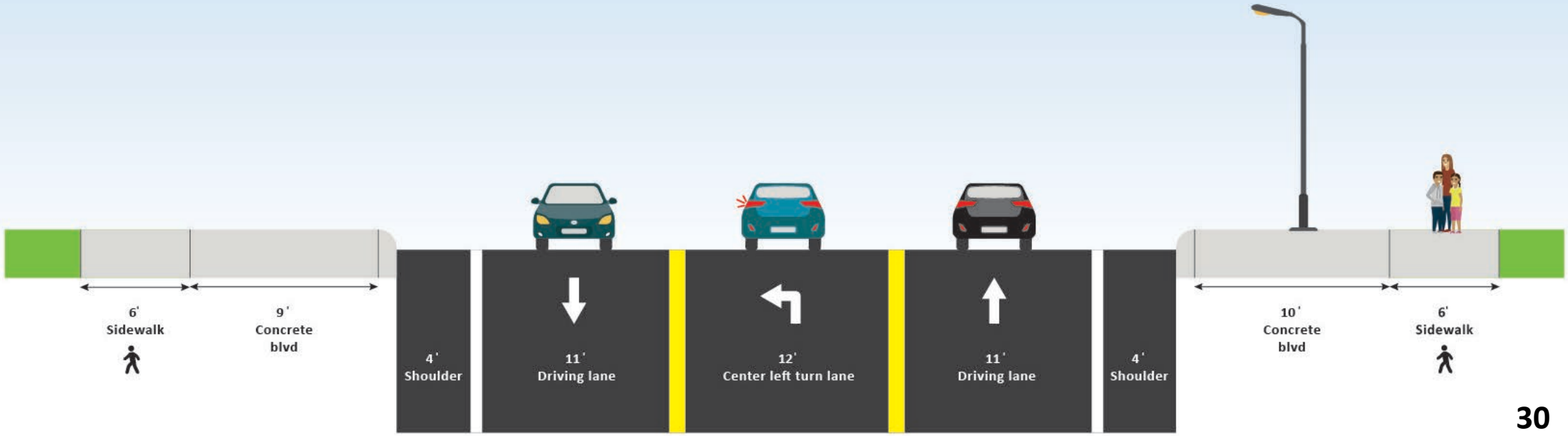

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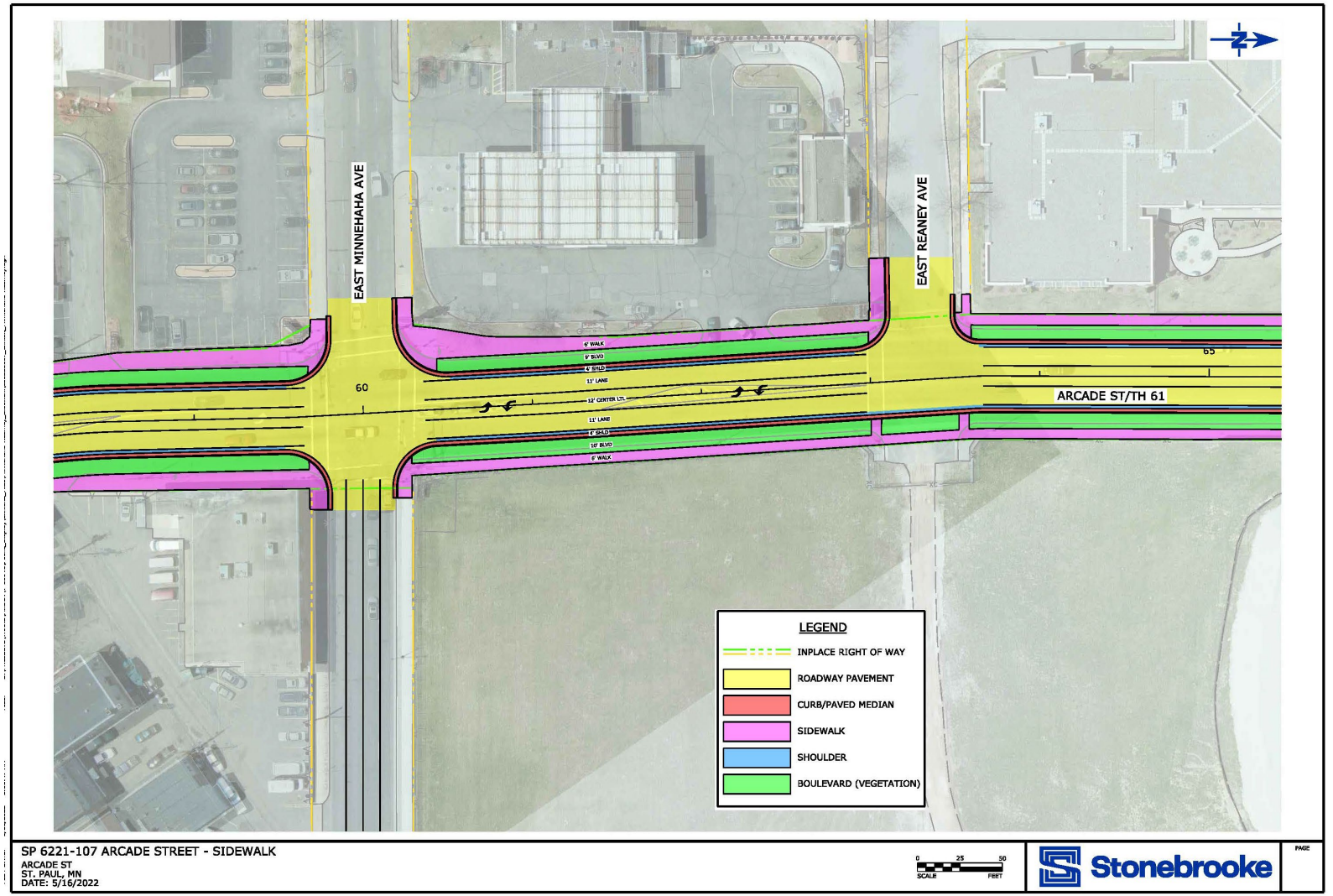


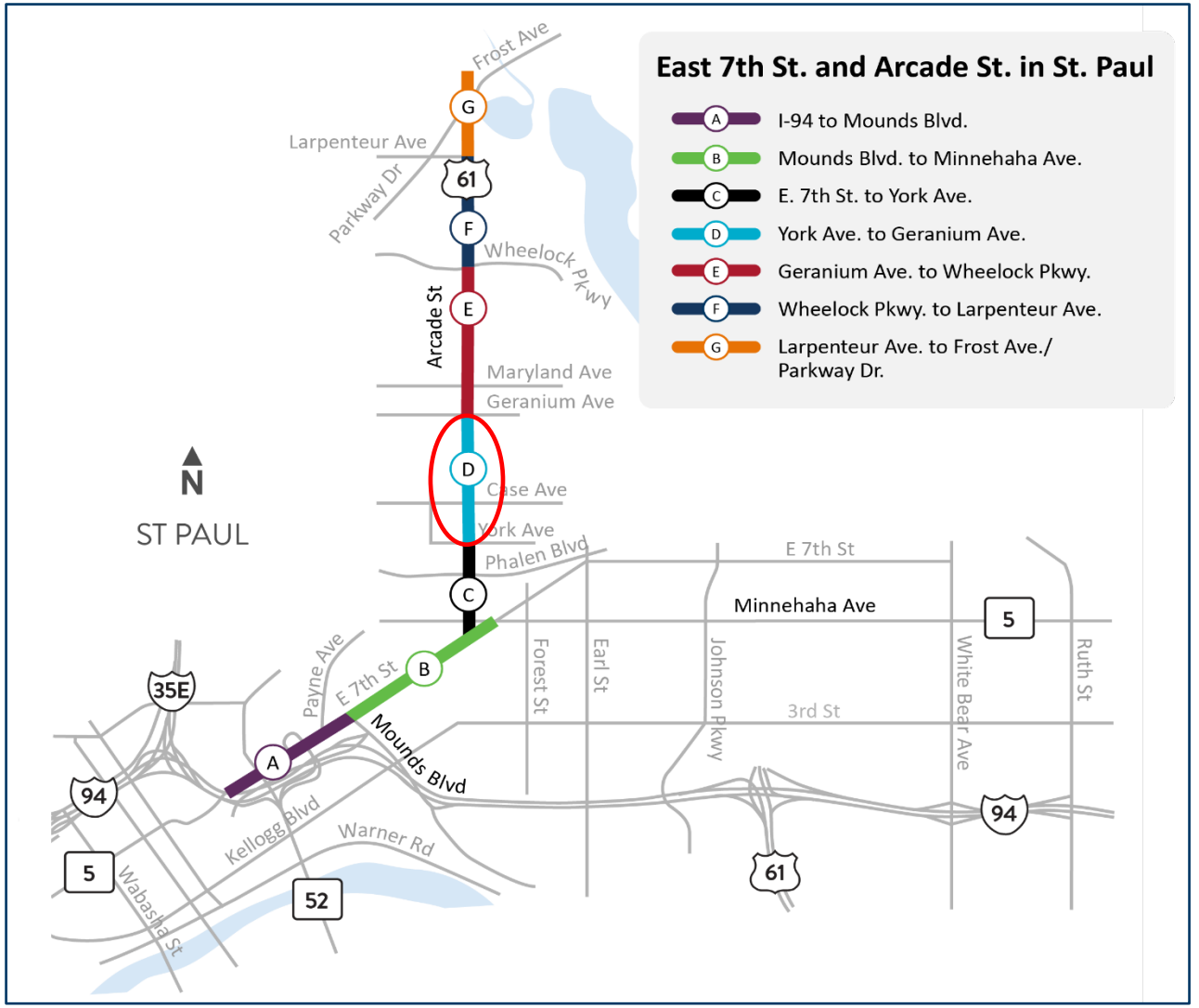
Section C: Arcade St. between East 7th St. and York Ave.

- Proposed design – 1A
  - 4-to-3 lane conversion
  - Shared used path above the curb on both sides of the road
  - Remove all parking spaces
    - Nine total parking spaces
    - Parking only used on Saturday
- Proposed design – 1B
  - 4-to-3 lane conversion
  - Wider boulevard on both sides of the road
  - Remove all parking spaces

QUESTIONS

- What are your thoughts on the proposed designs?
- Which proposed design do you prefer?

Section D: Arcade St. between York Ave. and Geranium Ave.



Design concepts – Section D

Arcade Street

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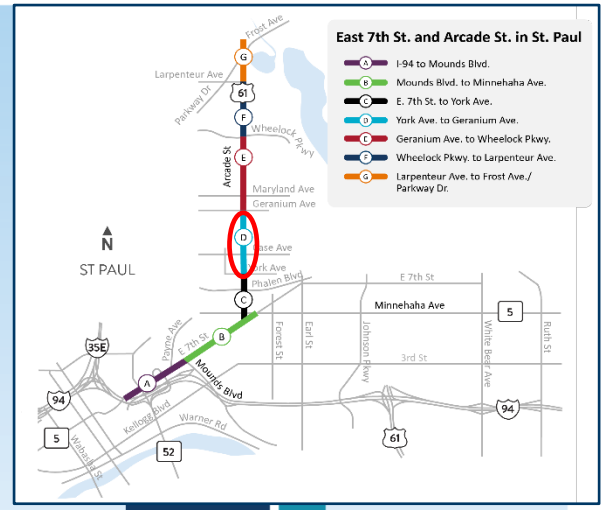
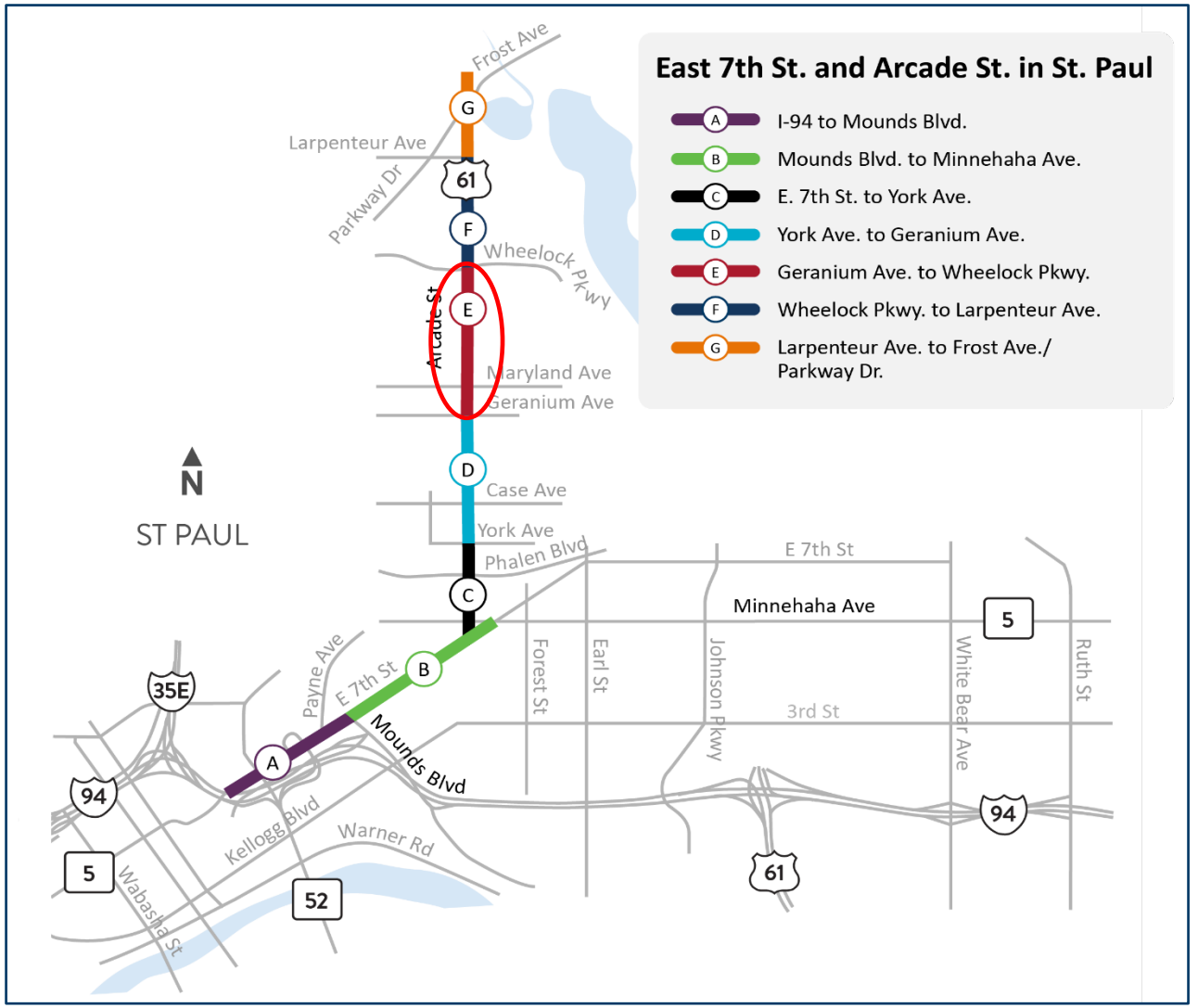


Section E: Arcade St. between Geranium Ave. and Wheelock Pkwy.



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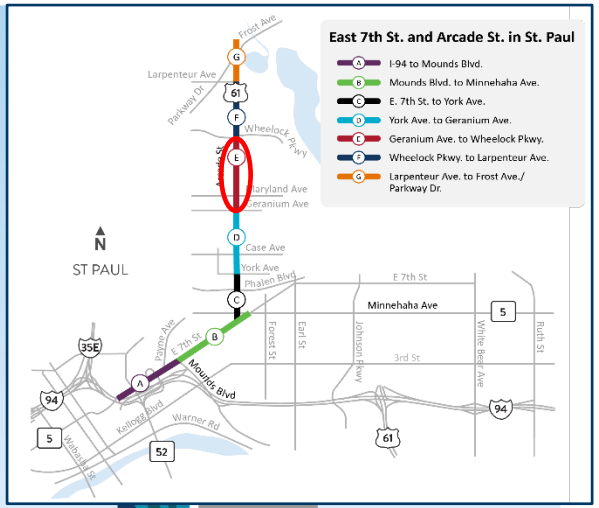

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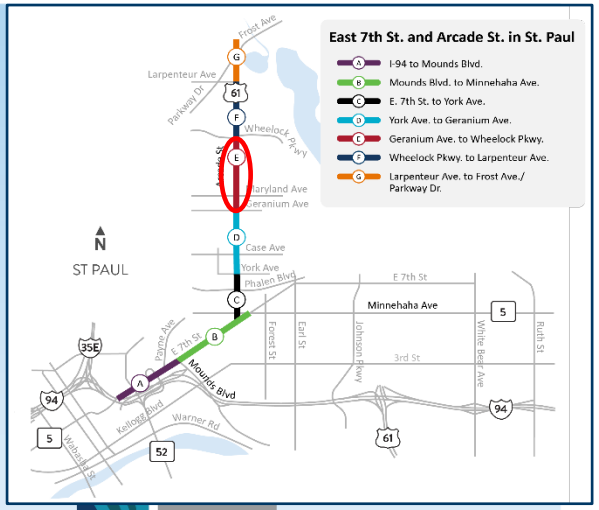

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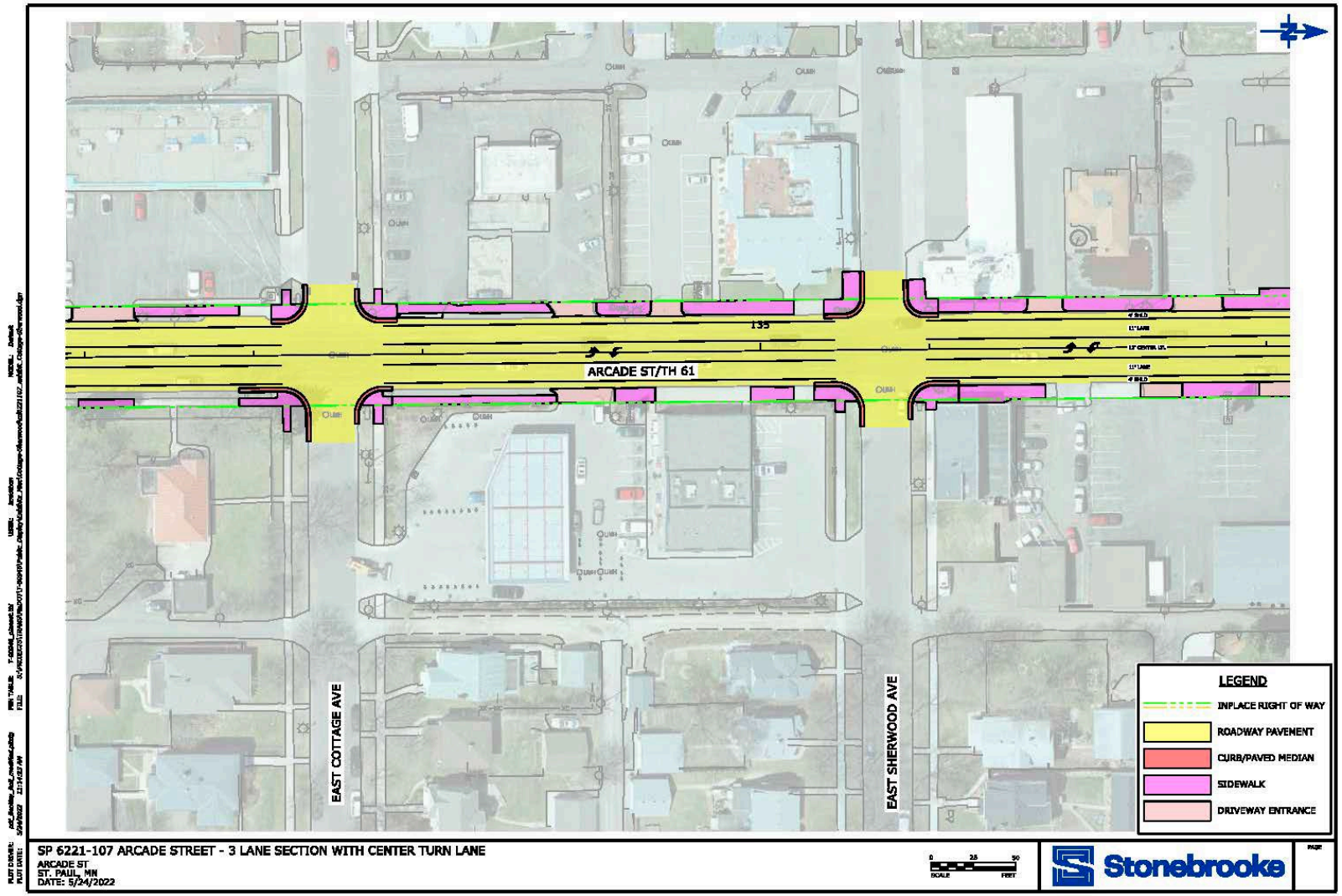


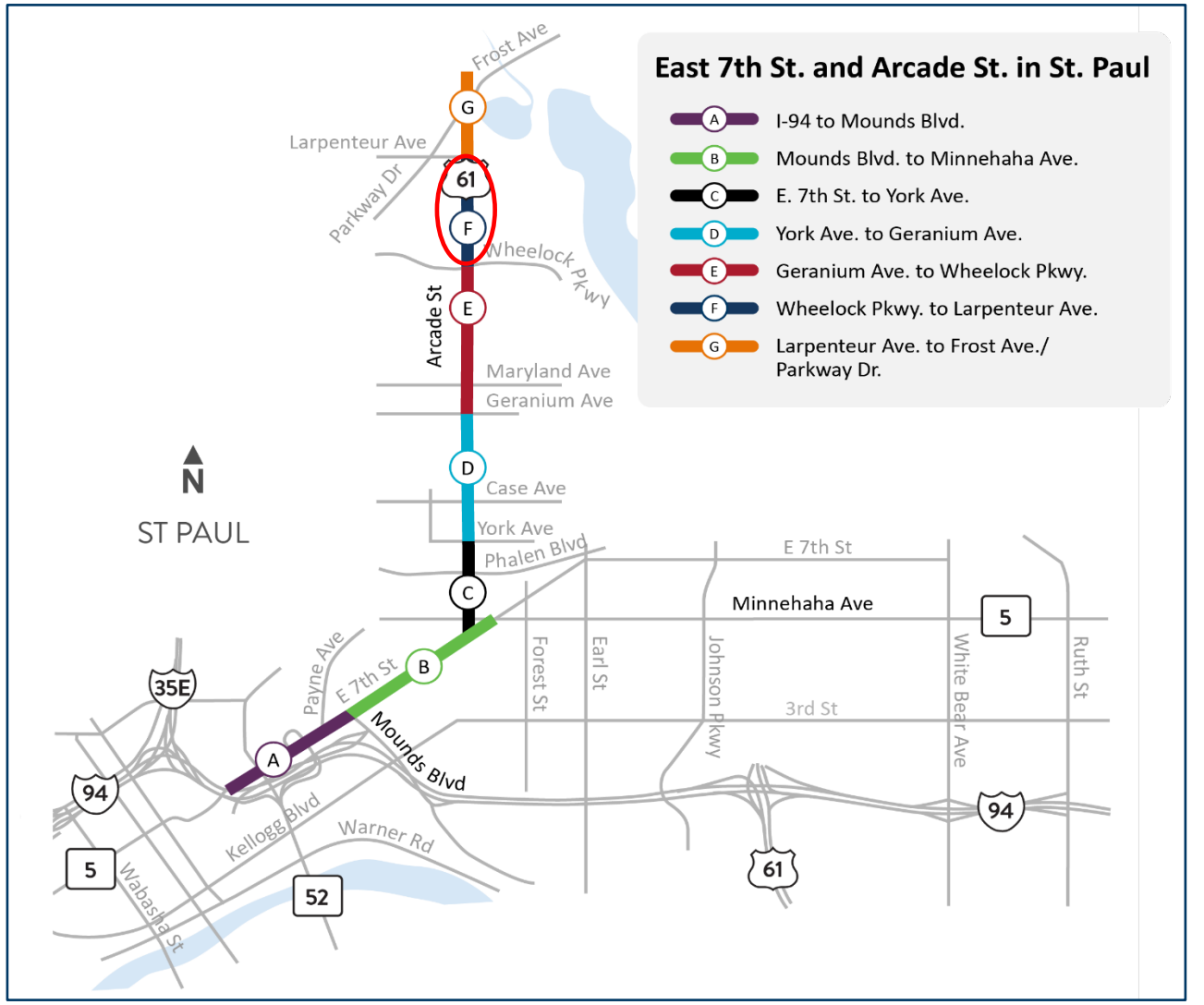
Section E: Arcade St. between Geranium Ave. and Wheelock Pkwy.

- Proposed design
  - 4-to-3 lane conversion
  - Remove all parking spaces
    - 141 total parking spaces
    - Parking only used around Maryland Ave.

QUESTIONS

- What are your thoughts on the proposed design?
- If parking was removed, what are your concerns?

Section F: Arcade St. between Wheelock Pkwy. And Larpenteur Ave.



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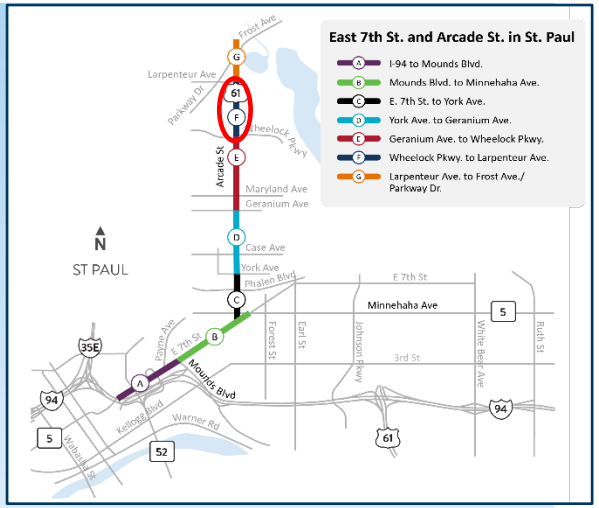

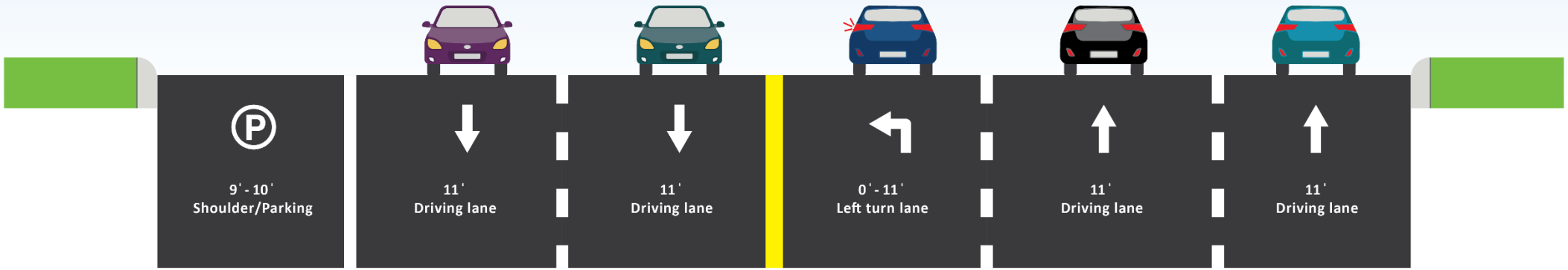

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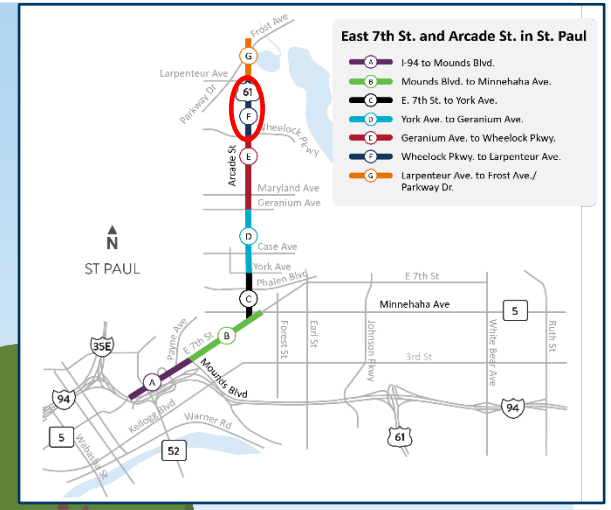

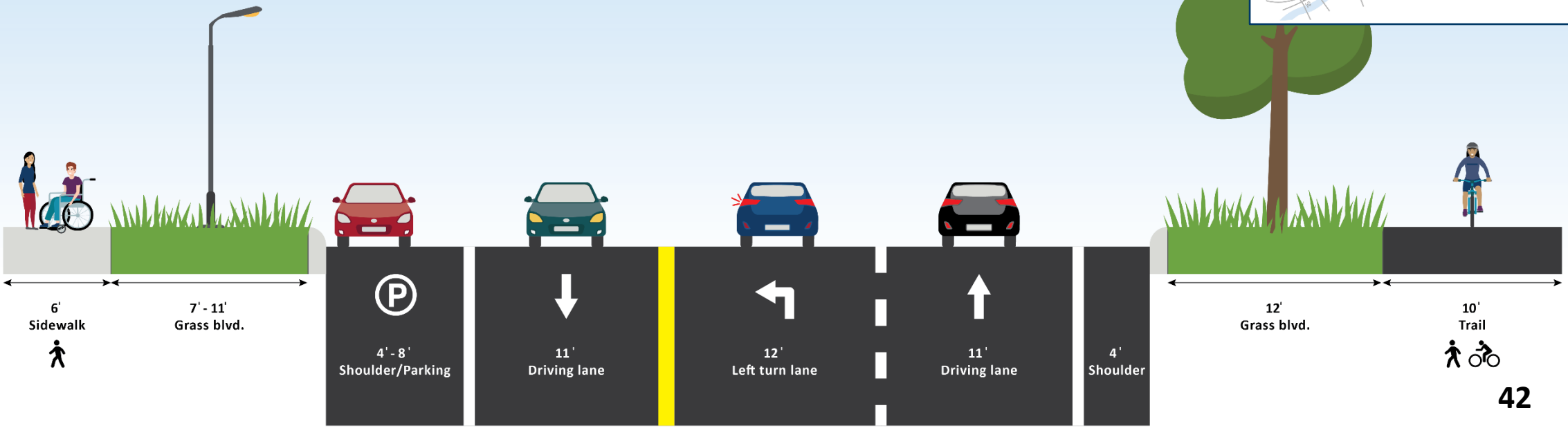

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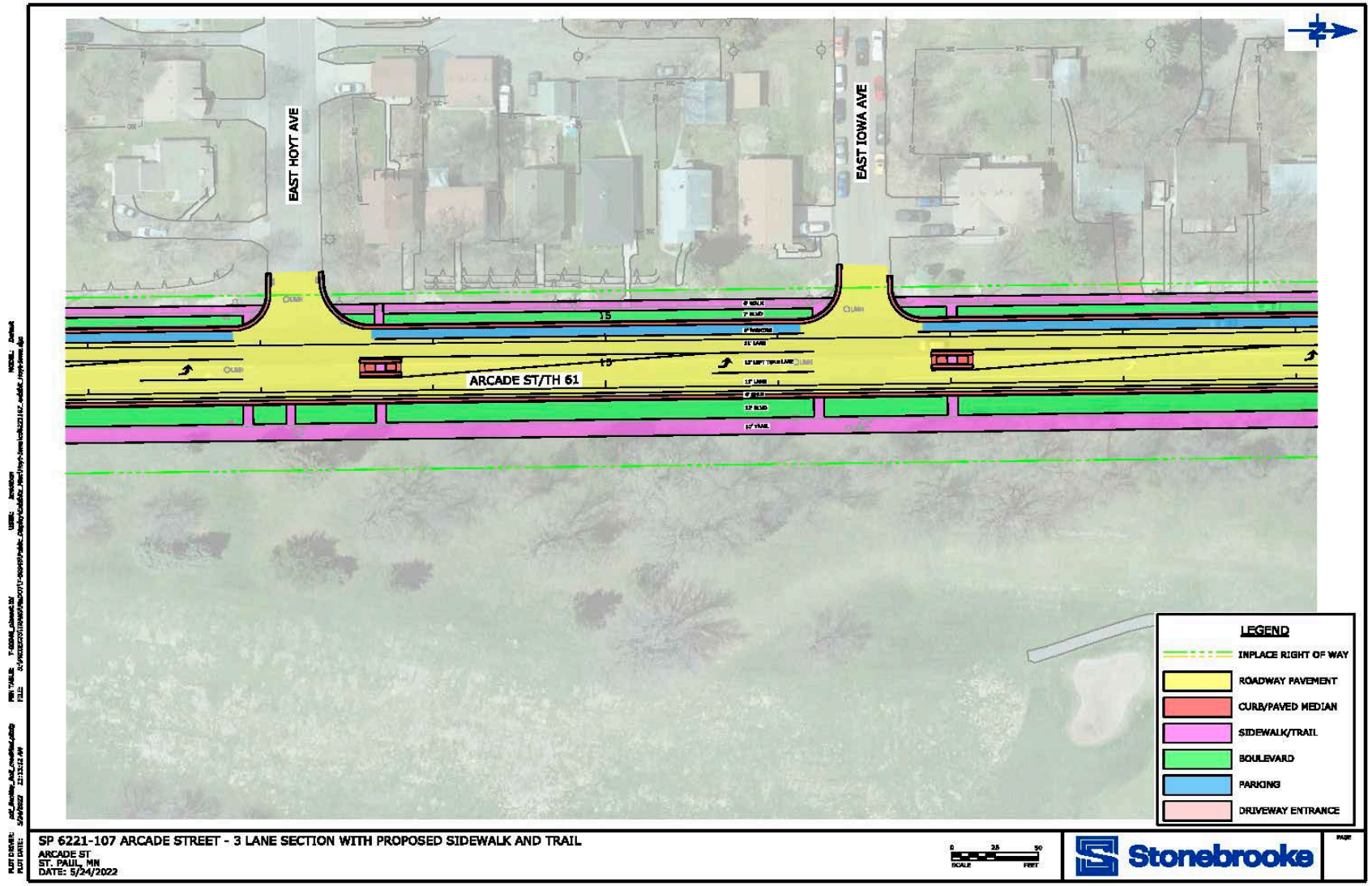


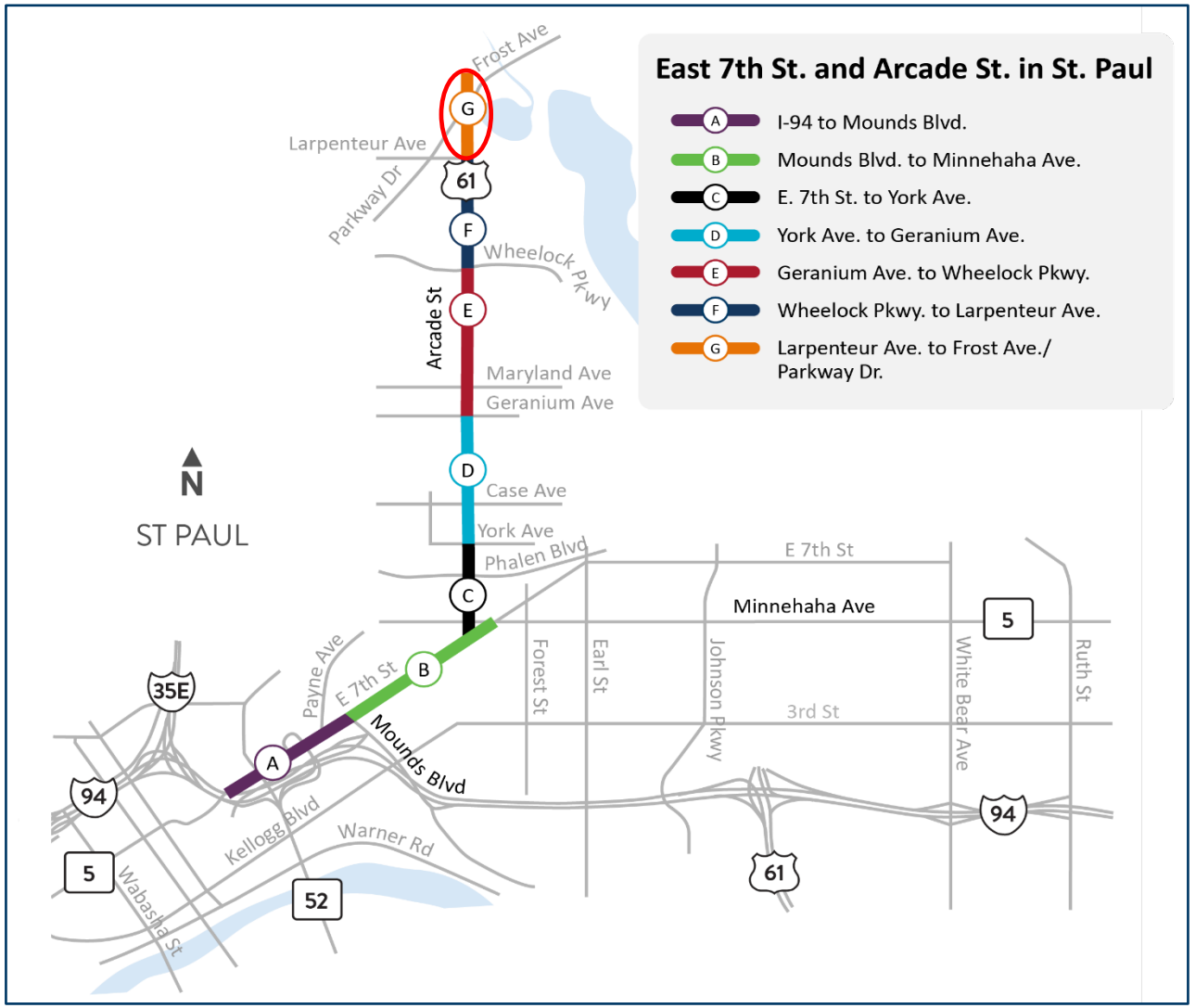
Section F: Arcade St. between Wheelock Pkwy. And Larpenteur Ave.

- Proposed design – 1C
  - 5-to-3 lane conversion
  - Keep or remove all parking
    - 62 total parking spaces
    - Parking only used once during the parking study

QUESTIONS

- What are your thoughts on the proposed design?
- If parking was removed, what are your concerns?

Section G: Arcade St. between Larpenteur Ave. and Frost Ave./Parkway Dr.



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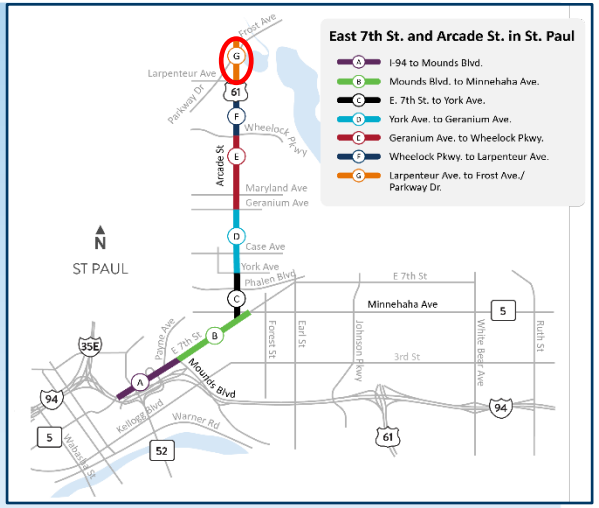

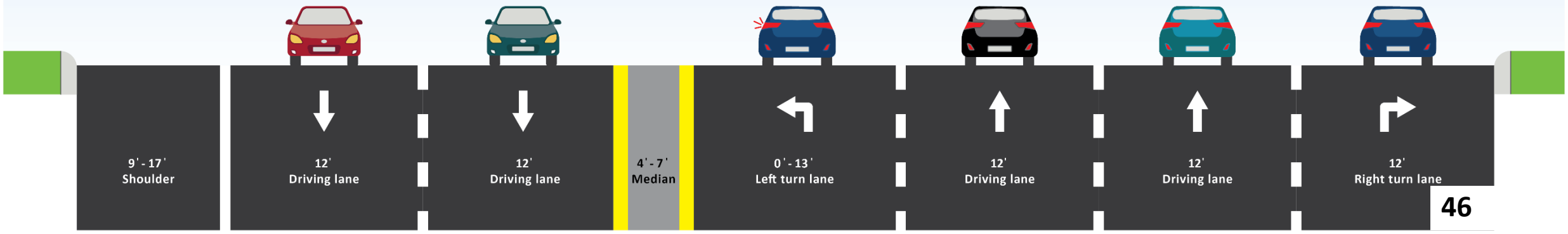

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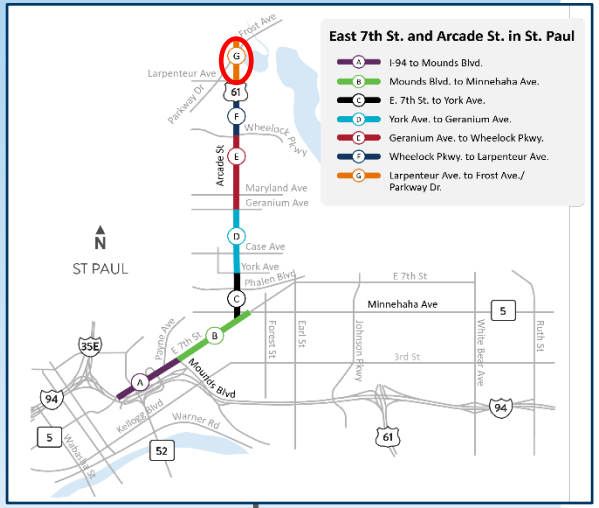

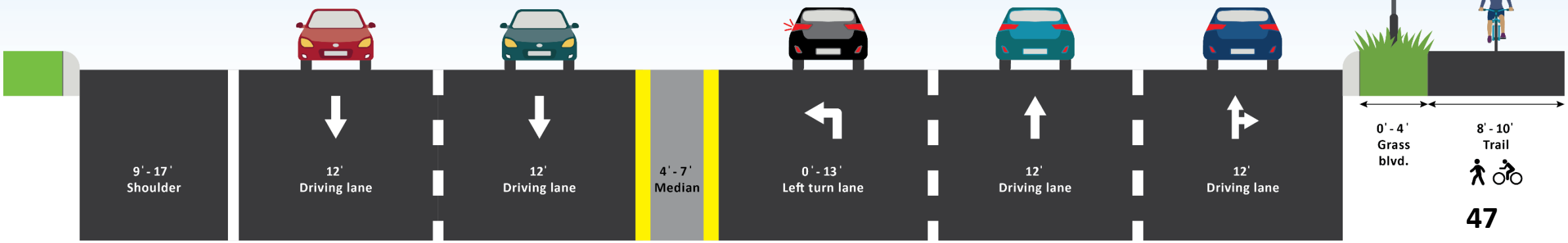

Next steps

- May 2022 – Outreach with community organizations and businesses.
- Mid-June 2022 – In-person public information meeting and pop-ups to view proposed final design including potential design changes for the Arcade St. and Maryland Ave. intersection
- Spring 2024 – Submit and approve final design plans
- Fall 2024 – Construction

Questions & Answers

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Project webpage

talk.dot.state.mn.us/E7thArcade

Visit the project webpage and sign up to receive email updates

Provide additional comments through an online survey posted on the project webpage

Other nearby projects

- **Highway 5/Minnehaha Avenue and Stillwater Road**
  mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy5stpaul-maplewood/
- **I-94 and I35E**
  mndot.gov/metro/projects/i94-i35e-stpaul/index.html
- **Highway 3/Robert Street**
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- **Kellogg/3rd Street Bridge**
  stpaul.gov/projects/public-works/pw2021kellogg3rdbridge
- **Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project**
  metrotransit.org/gold-line-project
- **Purple Line BRT Project**
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Thank you!

Have additional follow-up questions?
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