



RAMSEY COUNTY

Rice Street

Capitol Area
Reconstruction

Rice Street between John Ireland Boulevard and Pennsylvania Avenue



Overview

Ramsey County and the City of Saint Paul are working in partnership with the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board to design and construct a community-driven vision for Rice Street near the Minnesota state capitol from John Ireland Boulevard to Pennsylvania Avenue. This project is also being coordinated with Metro Transit's METRO G Line project. The purpose of this project is to:

- Improve pedestrian safety and access
- Improve bicycle safety and access
- Improve transit and multimodal operations
- Develop mobility hub around the Rice/University intersection
- Improve vehicle safety and operations
- Design for an enhanced and sustainable public realm
- Design for existing and changing land uses
- Utilize partnerships and have a transparent process



Project Area



Engagement

Inclusive community engagement is very important to the success of the study. Input from the public will shape the project every step of the way.

Gather feedback on Rice Street

Fall – winter 2024

Share potential designs

Spring – summer 2025

Introduce recommended design

Summer – fall 2025

Share construction timeline

Fall – winter 2026

Construction start

Anticipated start Spring 2027



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Recommended Design: Hybrid Bicycle & Pedestrian Features



North of University: Shared Use Path



South of University: Two-Way Cycle Track

Key Elements

- ★ One lane of traffic in each direction with a two-way left turn lane in the center
- ★ Two-way bikeway with a separate sidewalk from John Ireland Boulevard to University Avenue
- ★ Shared use path from University Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue, Two-way bikeway with a separate sidewalk from University Avenue to John Ireland Boulevard
- ★ Medians at Charles Avenue to provide pedestrians with a refuge island to only cross one direction of traffic at a time, and south of Fuller Avenue to keep drivers from driving around stopped buses
- ★ Boulevard spaces to allow for trees and greening

Community Priorities

- ⊕ Improved bicyclist and pedestrian safety
- ⊕ Design elements that help slow traffic
- ⊕ Space for trees and greening
- ⊕ Space for on-street parking north of University Avenue

City & County Considerations

- ✓ Supports county's commitment to an all-abilities transportation network
- ✓ More pedestrian and bicycle-focused use of space, consistent with city and county street design policies
- ✓ More ability to accommodate snow storage, an important consideration for city maintenance purposes