

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

38th & Chicago Interim Winter Design Options Engagement Summary

Interim Design Principles

1. Provide space for mourning/reflection
2. Increase public visibility & safety
3. Preserve public art
4. Improve business/residential/transit access
5. Interim design, not a return to normalcy

Long-term Commitment



1. City Council passed resolution declaring racism as a public health emergency.
2. Revised 2020 City budget that included additional resources for visioning
3. 38th Street Thrive - 38th Street Designated as a Cultural District
4. Renaming Chicago Ave (37th St – 39th St) to George Floyd Perry Place.
5. Accelerating funding to reconstruct 38th/Chicago in conjunction with Metro Transit D-Line bus rapid transit project.

Existing Conditions

38th St E and Chicago Ave are currently barricaded between Park Ave and Elliot Ave; and between 37th St E and 39th St E

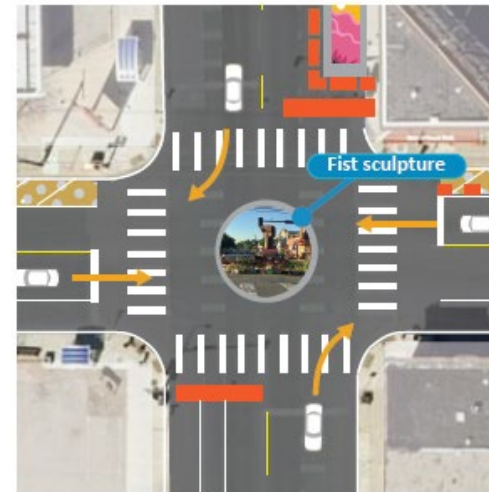


Close up view of intersection

-  Traffic barricade
-  No parking

Interim Winter Design Option 1: Chicago Ave, Converging One-Ways

In option 1, the fist sculpture remains in its current location while allowing east-west traffic along 38th St. This design option also accommodates southbound traffic for the north leg of Chicago Ave and northbound traffic for the south leg of Chicago.



Close up view of intersection

Pros

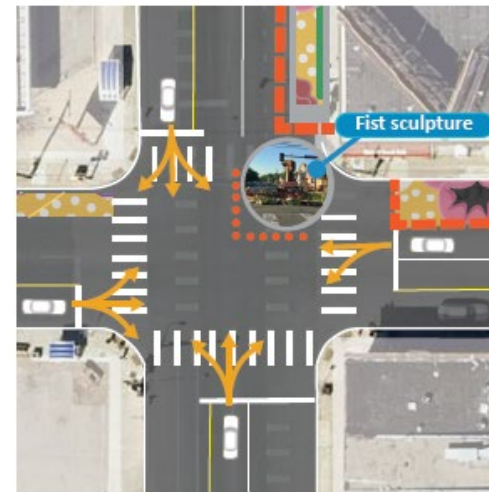
- Preserves public gathering space on Chicago Ave and limits amount of thru vehicle traffic
- Restores intersection service for Metro Transit route 23 and potentially route 5
- Does not require relocating the fist sculpture
- Improves business/resident access on 38th St and Chicago Ave

Cons

- Metro Transit route 5 would need detour routing before/after intersection
- Limited resident/business access on Chicago Ave
- Adds a level of complexity to vehicle movements

Interim Winter Design Option 2: Two-Way Traffic on 38th & Chicago

In option 2, the fist sculpture relocates to the northeast corner of the intersection. Two-way traffic would be allowed in all four directions (north, south, east and west).



Close up view of Intersection

Pros

- Restores intersection service for Metro Transit routes 5 & 23
- Improves resident/business access on 38th St and Chicago Ave
- Simplifies vehicle movements

Cons

- Less public gathering space preserved
- Requires relocating the fist sculpture

Engagement

- Staff from several departments started community engagement in mid-June and have attended numerous community led meetings.
- Staff attended neighborhood block meetings through the summer.
- CVP Jenkins and CM Cano have conducted several virtual meetings.

Engagement

- Information was posted to the City's webpage in early September to disseminate information and receive feedback.
- A questionnaire was disseminated online to receive feedback about winter design options.
- Staff conducted business outreach related to the interim designs
- Staff also conducted a virtual open house

Questionnaire Overview

9/22, Public Works posted a questionnaire to gather feedback on interim winter design options.

- Question 1: What feedback do you have about the interim winter street design options for the area of 38th and Chicago?
- Question 2: (Optional) Do you have any other feedback you'd like to share about 38th and Chicago?

Questionnaire Responses

- 929 responses received
- 65% of responses supported reopening the streets to vehicle traffic in some way.
 - Option 2 (two-way traffic on both streets) was preferred more than Option 1 (converging one-ways on Chicago).
- 24% of responses indicated a desire for justice first.
- 19% of responses support closing the street indefinitely.

Common Themes

- 1.) Desire for the streets to be reopened (65%)
- 2.) Justice first (24%)
- 3.) Closing the street indefinitely to private vehicles (19%)
- 4.) Preserving space for mourning & reflection (16%)
- 5.) Vehicle access impacts to business and residents (14%)
- 6.) Desire for a permanent memorial (9%)
- 7.) Public safety impacts (9%)
- 8.) Transit impacts (9%)
- 9.) Winter maintenance challenges (7%)
- 10.) Emergency vehicle access (3%)

Business Engagement

General themes from business engagement:

- Support for better access
- Support for either of the interim design options
- Public safety concerns
- Business revenue impacts due to COVID-19 and street closure
- Winter snow removal challenges with the street closed
- Desire to preserve public art and for the establishment of a long-term memorial

Some notes about the questionnaire

- Not intended to be scientific
- Intended to gather feedback about design options for winter, and to supplement prior engagement efforts
- Characteristics of respondents were gathered, including race and residency
- A detailed summary is included in the project website



Stay Updated

- Relevant updates are available at the project [website](http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/minneapolisforward/38thandChicago):
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