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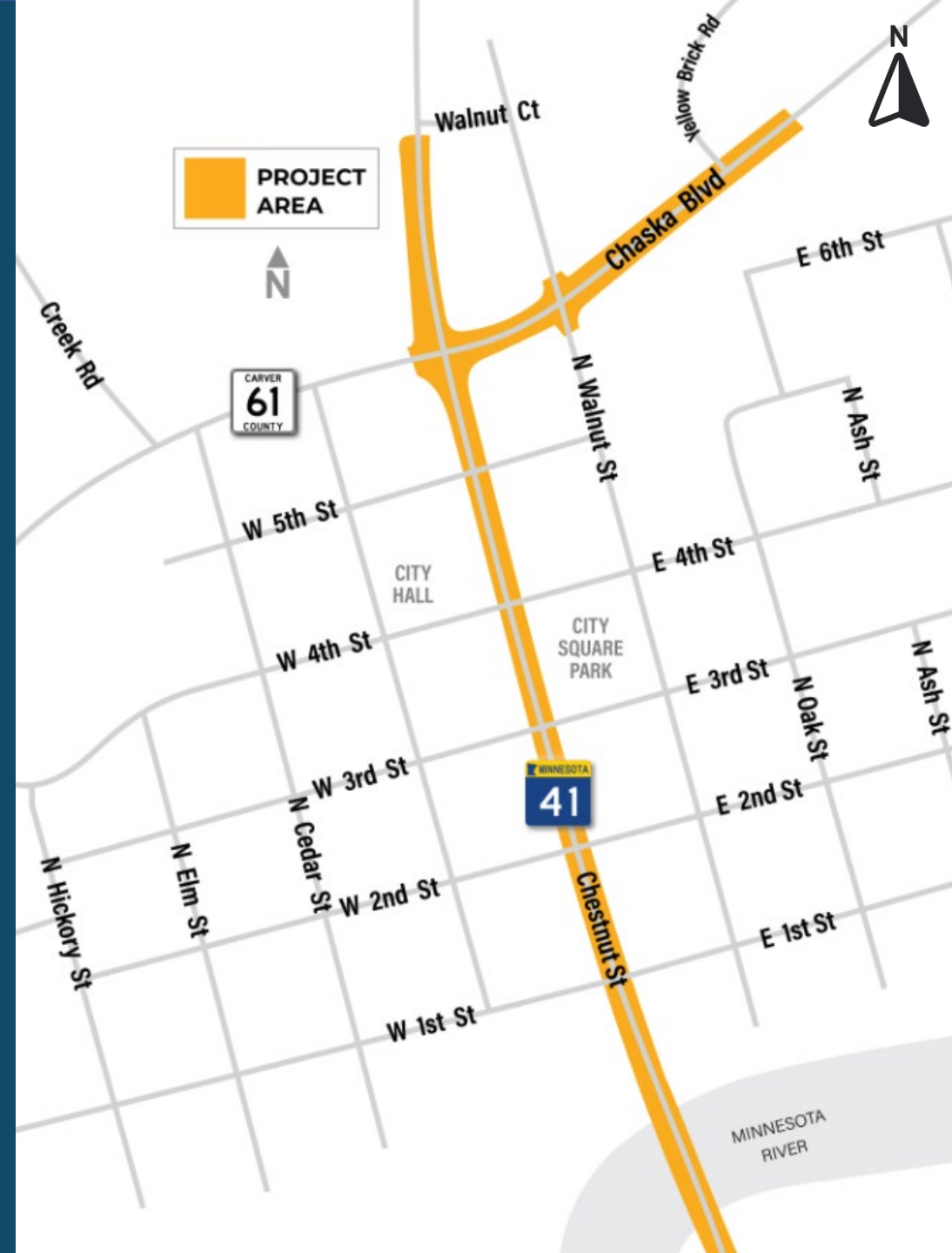
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# CHASKA

Downtown  
Highway 41  
Project

## Downtown Highway 41 Project Open House

May 6, 2021



# Meeting format



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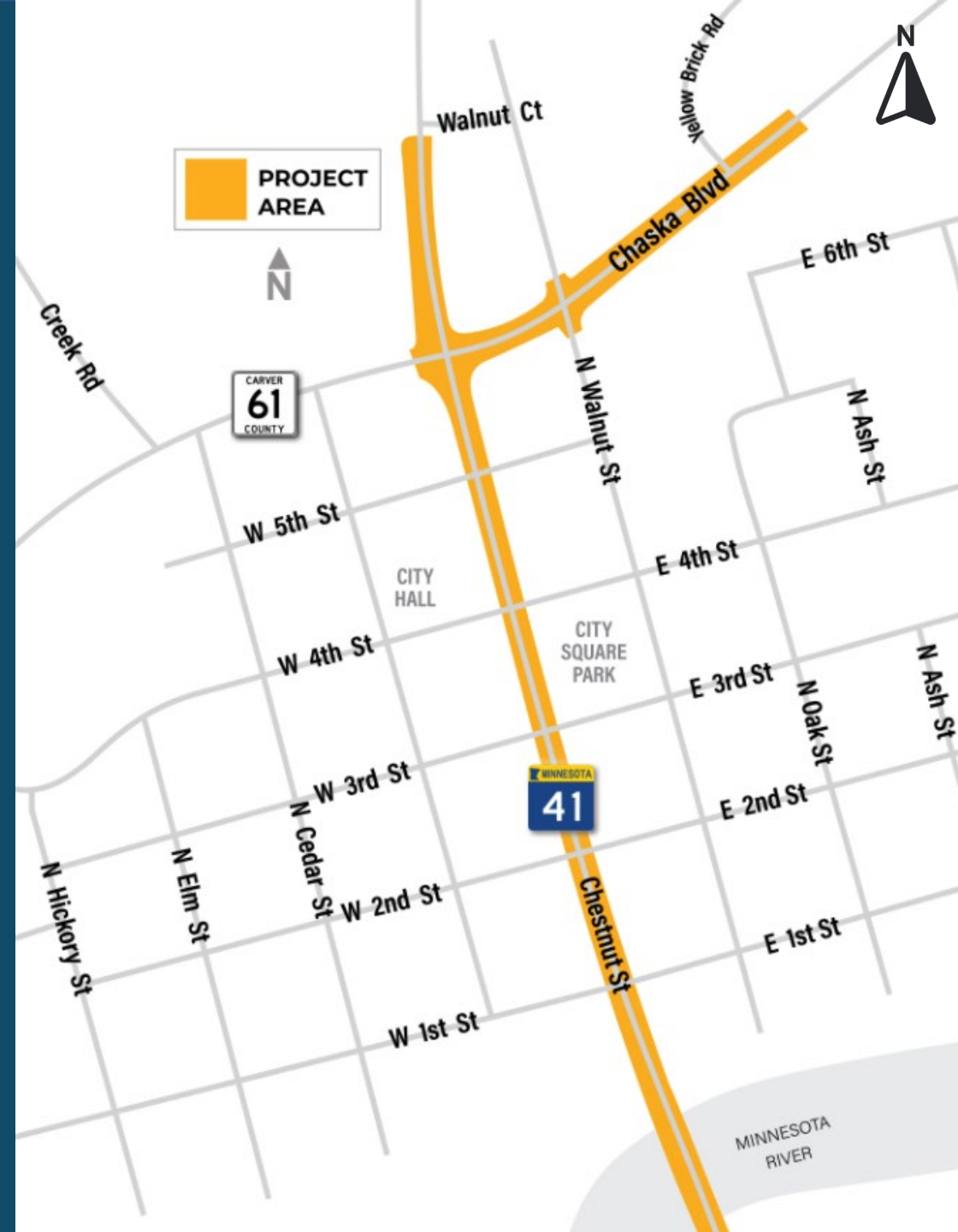
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# Agenda



- Project History and Overview
- Other Downtown Projects
- Public Engagement Opportunities
- Final Design and Construction Schedule
- Next Steps

# Where we've been



Studied from **2015-2017**



Highway 61 bridge completed in **2018**



Secured funding between **2018-2020**



Downtown Highway 41 Project plans will be finalized in **2021**, with construction in **2022-2023**

## Downtown Highway 41 Project Led by the City of Chaska and Carver County

-  **Chaska Boulevard reconstruction**  
(construction in 2022)
-  **Parking lot construction**  
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-  **Highway 41 & pedestrian underpass/trail**  
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# Project Purpose



- Improve traffic safety and efficiency
- Provide a safer, more welcoming environment for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Improved accessibility for all people
- Revitalization of downtown that will benefit existing businesses and attract new businesses
- Safer, more reliable routes for all modes of transportation

# Highway 41 Project Overview



Reconstruct Highway 41 as a two-lane divided with turn lanes and upgrade utilities



Add pedestrian tunnel under Highway 41 and enhanced crossing at Walnut Court



Add streetscaping and wayfinding, off-street public parking, pedestrian/ bicyclist connections, and improved gathering space



Add design enhancements to the Minnesota River Bridge area to encourage traffic calming

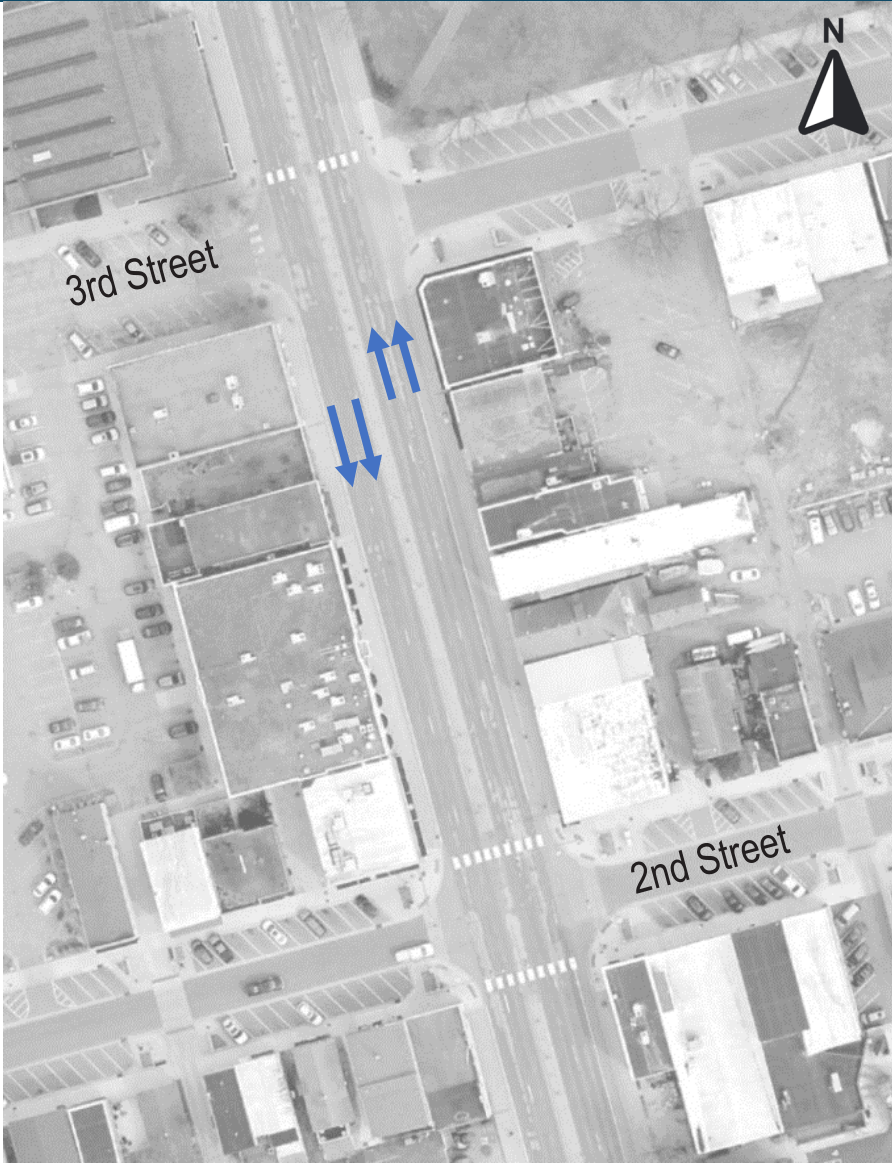
# 4 to 2 Lane Conversion (with turn lanes)

## Original

Two lanes in each direction

No dedicated left and right turn lanes

Disruptions to the flow of traffic, which pose safety concerns



## New design

One lane in each direction

Dedicated turn lanes

Improved traffic flow due to the additions of left and right turn lanes at signalized intersections





# Traffic Calming on Bridge



# 2 Lane Design on Hwy 41 Public Parking Lots



# Hwy 41 Pedestrian Crossings

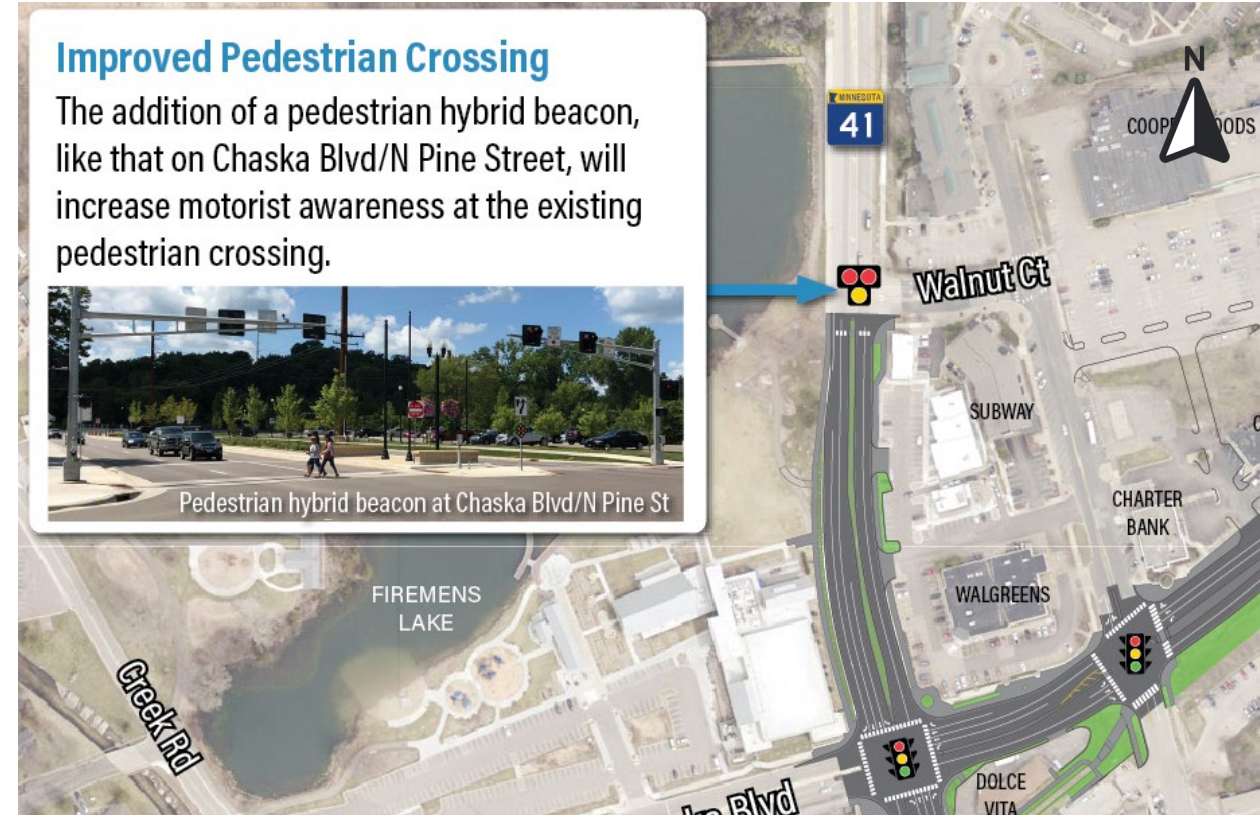
## Highway 41 Underpass



## Highway 41 Enhanced At-Grade Crossing

### Improved Pedestrian Crossing

The addition of a pedestrian hybrid beacon, like that on Chaska Blvd/N Pine Street, will increase motorist awareness at the existing pedestrian crossing.



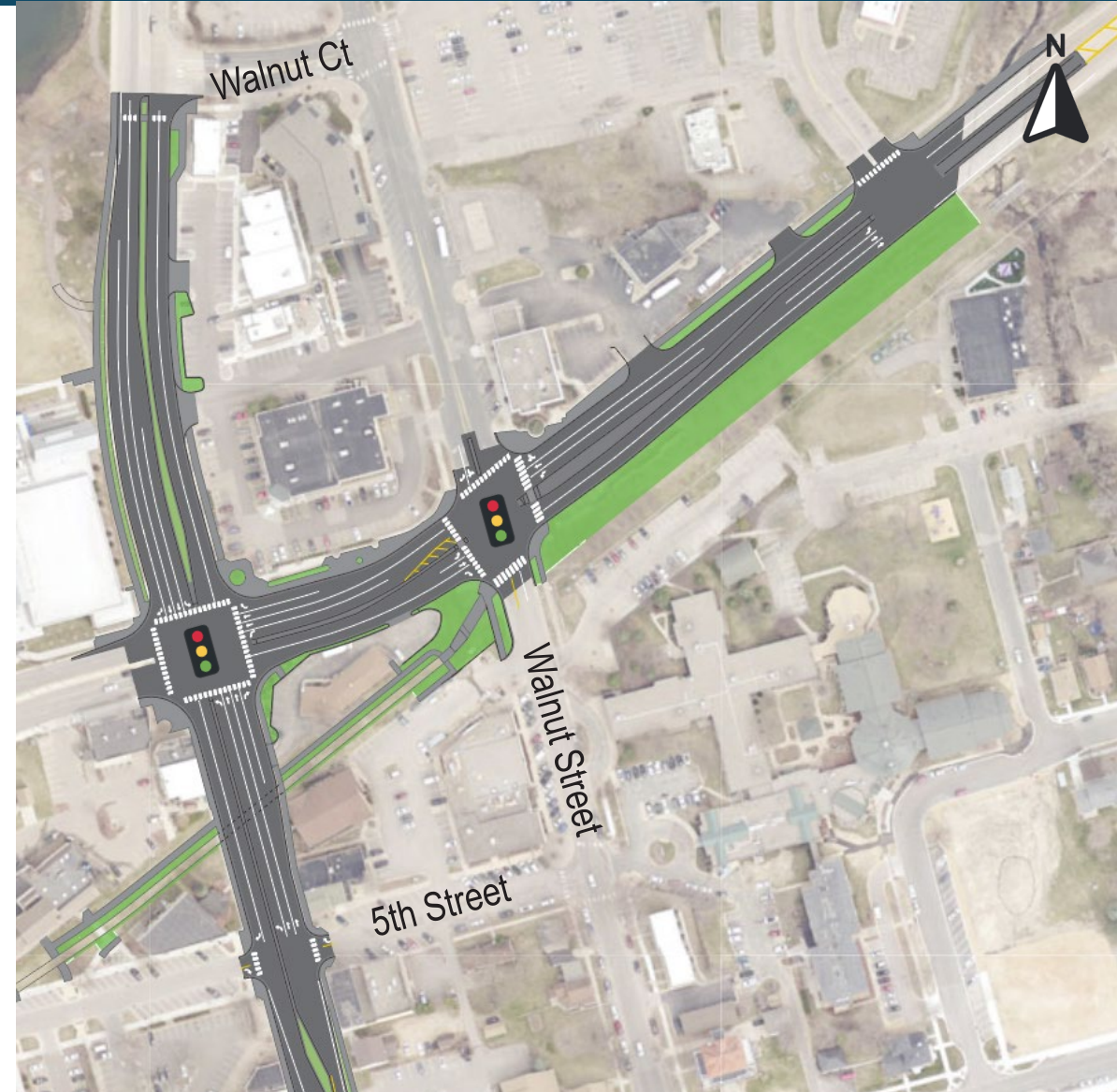
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Reconstruct Chaska Blvd as a four-lane divided roadway with turn lanes and upgrade utilities

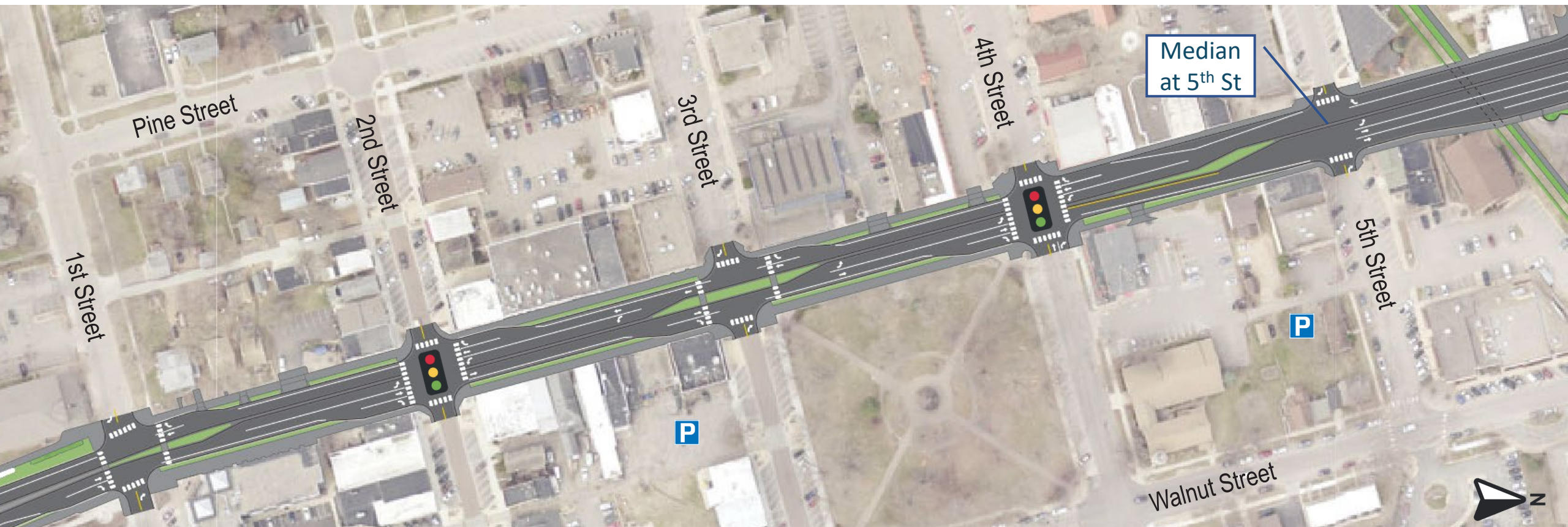


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# Off-Street Public Parking Lots

- On-street parking must be removed for safety
- Two off-street public parking lots will be constructed



# Paseos

Alleys in the commercial core, between Pine and Walnut Streets, are being considered as part of the pedestrian walkway system in downtown. “Paseos” provide an alternate route off the street system, allowing safe and convenient walks from parking areas to businesses and shops. The Downtown Highway 41 Project will develop paseos east of Highway 41 between 2nd and 3rd Streets and 4th and 5th Streets:

- Historic character, scale, and materials
- 16-foot alleyway for auto/pedestrian movement
- Buffer for plantings where feasible
- Special pedestrian lighting
- Special pavement systems
- Seating, trash receptacles, and bicycle racks



*Downtown Master Plan, 2012*



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# Other Downtown Projects

## Downtown Highway 41 Project

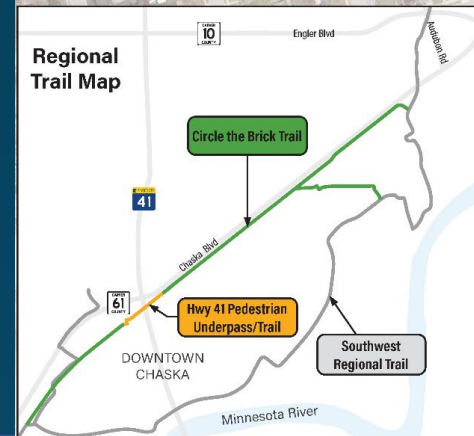
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## Other Nearby Projects

Led by the City of Chaska

-  **Walnut & 5th Street Reconstruction**  
(construction July-November 2021)
-  **Circle the Brick Trail Construction**  
(construction in 2024)
-  **City Square Redevelopment**  
(construction TBD)



# Public Engagement



Project website  
[DowntownHwy41.com](http://DowntownHwy41.com)



Sign up for  
email updates  
on the website



Business owner  
coordination



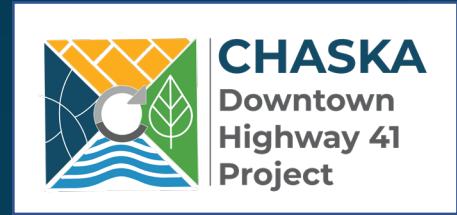
Open houses to  
continue this year

Community Liaison  
**Nicole Krause**

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# Right of Way Coordination

- Project requires acquisition of permanent and temporary property rights of some properties along the project area
- If your property is impacted, you will be personally contacted (letters were mailed on April 30, 2021)
- You will work one on one with an agent through this process

# Property Owner Inspections



Visual inspection of  
basement and utility  
spaces



Identify structures that  
extend into the right-  
of-way



Schedule inspections  
via the hotline or email

612-269-4637

[DowntownHwy41@bolton-menk.com](mailto:DowntownHwy41@bolton-menk.com)

# Construction Communication



## Help Line

612-269-4637



## Email

DowntownHwy41@bolton-  
menk.com



## Weekly website/email updates

DowntownHwy41.com



## Facebook posts

“Downtown Highway 41  
Project”



## Newsletters

Sent before major  
construction events



## Property owner notices

Sent before specific  
construction impacts

# Preliminary Construction Schedule

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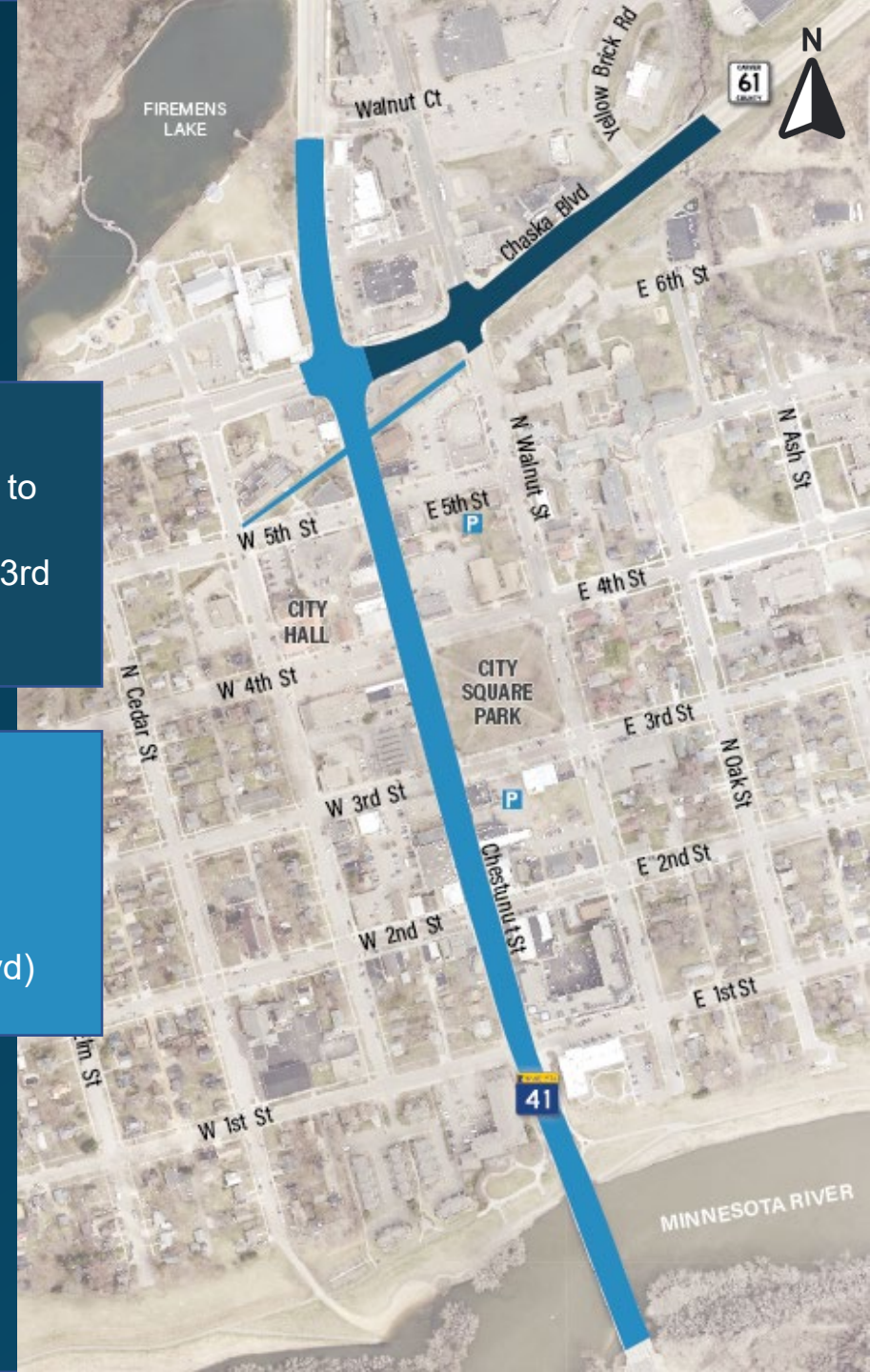
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# Next Steps

**Open House 4:**  
Ready for Construction

**Finalize the  
vision**

**May-July 2021**



**Open House 1:**  
Reintroduction to Project

**Develop  
Construction  
Plans**

**October 2021-  
January 2022**



**Open House 2:**  
Finalizing Vision and Footprint



**Open House 3:** Construction  
Plans/ Construction Staging



**Preconstruction**  
Summer 2022

**Construction**

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Questions?