Hennepin Bus Lanes
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Why we’re doing this.

Hennepin Avenue bus-only lanes will provide faster, more reliable transit service.

**Project Summary**

- 400+ bus trips travel the corridor each weekday
- 3,300+ customers boarding between Franklin Avenue and Lake Street
- Hennepin Avenue is also one of the slowest corridors
- Rush hour transit speeds regularly slow to 6 mph
- High level of variability of traffic flow
- Bus lanes will provide a faster, more consistent ride

**Bus mode share during peak hours**

- 8 a.m.: northbound Hennepin at 26th St
  - 49% of corridor users
  - 3% of corridor vehicles

- 4 p.m.: southbound Hennepin at 25th St
  - 45% of corridor users
  - 2% of corridor vehicles

A three-day test of bus-only lanes was conducted in May 2018 to measure changes to route performance and gather public feedback.

_Pilot Results_

Initial results were promising, and we’re incorporating some lessons we learned from this experience into the final bus lanes design:

- Times will be adjusted to northbound from 7-9 a.m. and southbound from 4-6:30 p.m., weekdays only. Parking will be allowed in the curb lane at all other times.

- Hennepin Avenue will be restriped to allocate more space for the bus lanes. Bus lanes will also be painted red.

- Transition between northbound and southbound lanes will be shifted one block north to 25th Street.

- We’ll trim boulevard trees, clear obstructions close to the street and make improvements to the roadway for a smoother ride.

- We’re adding a new northbound segment – Lake Street to the Uptown Transit Station.
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What it will look like.

Project Area Map

Hennepin Avenue Existing

Hennepin Avenue Planned Summer 2019
Hennepin Avenue Transit Ridership
Weekday Boardings by Route and Stop - October 2017

**Northbound**

Legend
- Route 6: Green
- Route 12: Red
- Route 17: Purple
- Route 114: Blue

Max Load: 3,250 riders

Daily boardings for all routes

**Uptown Transit Center**

**Southbound**

Max Load: 3,100 riders

**Uptown Transit Center**

**Legend**
- Route 6
- Route 12
- Route 17
- Route 114

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