# University Avenue SE/4<sup>th</sup> Street SE Protected Bikeway Study

### **Project Overview**

The City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and MnDOT are evaluating ways to install a protected bikeway along University Avenue SE and/or 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE between Central Avenue SE and Oak Street SE. This is one of the busiest street locations for biking in the city and the Minneapolis Bicycle Master Plan identifies a future protected bikeway along this corridor. A protected bikeway will provide physical separation between bicycle traffic and motor vehicle traffic.

The purpose of the study is to evaluate different protected bikeway alternatives, understand related impacts and opportunities along the corridor, and identify a preferred configuration that could be installed in coordination with street maintenance projects programmed in 2018 and 2019.

Two primary alternatives are being explored:

- A two-way protected bikeway on the south side of University Avenue SE (campus side), or
- A one-way protected bikeway on both University Avenue SE and 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE

## Schedule

- Fall 2016: Document existing conditions
- Winter/Spring 2017: Evaluate bikeway alternatives, seek community feedback
- Summer 2017: Identify preferred alternative
- **2018-2019:** Potential bikeway installation with programmed street maintenance

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## What could a protected bikeway look like on University Avenue SE/4<sup>th</sup> Street SE?



Two-way bikeway on the south side of University Avenue SE at street level



One-way or two-way bikeway at street level with more robust physical separation such as raised curb



The bikeway may be routed behind bus stops to better manage interactions with pedestrians and buses



One-way bikeway on University Avenue SE and 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE at street level



One-way or two-way bikeway that is raised at sidewalk level, similar to many trails in Minneapolis



There may be opportunities to integrate pedestrian improvements into the bikeway design