# APPENDIX A

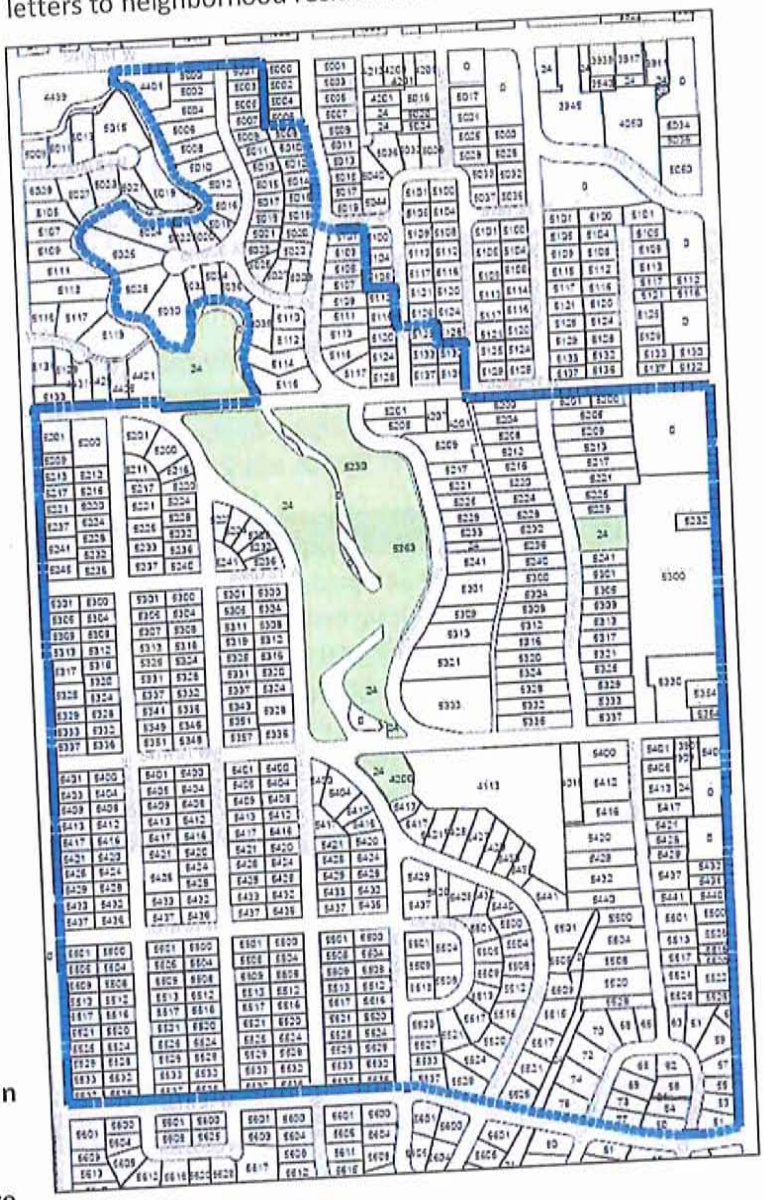
# Stakeholder Engagement Issues and Needs Gathering – June-July 2013

# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT UPDATE: ISSUES AND NEEDS

4 August 2013

## Overview

As outlined in the Stakeholder Engagement Plan, the City and Consulting team sought *input* from community stakeholders on issues and needs related to the 54th Street reconstruction and area stormwater management plan. The City launched the process in mid-June with letters to neighborhood residents and businesses in the area (see map) explaining the projects and engagement process, as well as a stormwater-specific letter to businesses near 50th and France.



On 20 June, the online survey went live, a Ground Team kicked off doorknocking and intercept surveys in the area shown, and City and Consulting team staff began arranging input sessions with several stakeholder groups.

The Ground Team consisted of nine trained graduate students, along with several volunteer City staff and Consulting team members. There were two Ground Team leads, one responsible for managing the fieldwork and the other for data management and analysis. Ground Team members wore City-issued identification badges and bright green shirts to be easily recognizable.

Through mid-July, over 450 adult and youth stakeholders contributed their issues and needs via doorknocks, intercept surveys, small group sessions, and the online survey.

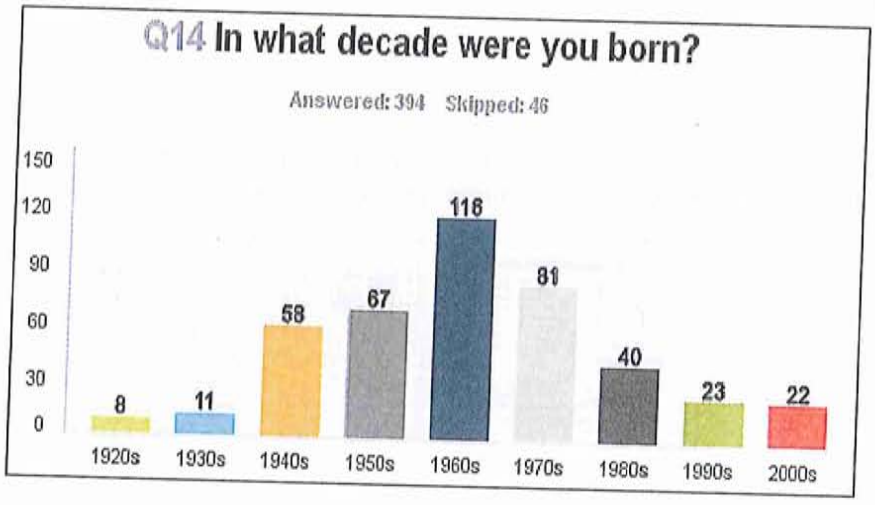
The two core questions were the same for the doorknocks, intercepts, online survey, and small group sessions:

- **What issues and needs do you see on 54th Street, including the bridge? (Please focus on needs and issues rather than specific solutions. Examples might include: We live west of Arden Park and kids can't walk there safely. Or, The bridge isn't wide enough for cars, bikes, and walkers.)**

- **What issues and needs do you see for Minnehaha Creek and Arden Park? (Please focus on issues and needs rather than specific solutions. Example: Stormwater runoff dumps directly from the road into the Creek. Or, The canoe landing is primitive and slippery after a rain.)**

Doorknocking was done in the evenings. Intercept surveys were conducted in Arden Park near Minnehaha Creek or on bridge and at all times of day in order to get a wider range of participants. We tracked a variety of mostly observable demographics and activity information for the intercept surveys, which are described in that section.

For doorknocks, intercepts, and online surveys, we asked about decade born; most people answered, as shown on the chart below.



The following sections provide additional information on doorknocking, intercept surveys, and small group sessions; maps of survey locations; and compiled results for all stakeholder input on these two questions. Those results are being reviewed and analyzed by the project Consulting Team and will shape the design components brought back to stakeholder in August and September for feedback and further guidance.

## Doorknocks

Between 20 June and 12 July, trained graduate students canvassed local residences during evening hours seeking stakeholder issues and needs related to the Edina 54th Street reconstruction and stormwater management plan. The list of residences was provided by the City of Edina. Ground Team members stopped at each household at least once over the course of the project, and two attempts were made to contact people within one block of 54th Street, along Bruce Avenue, and in the 5300 blocks of Wooddale and Kellogg Avenues.

Crew members tracked completed surveys, refusals, no input, vacancies or under construction, and people who had already completed either an intercept or online survey. See map of doorknock and intercept survey locations below, and results are included in the compilation at the end of the report.

## Intercept Surveys

Ground Team members conducted 202 intercept surveys from 20 June through 1 July. The intercepts stopped when members began intercepting the same people more than once and the content become substantially repetitive. See additional information below along with a few photos; results are included in the compilation at the end of the report.

### Activities and Demographics

Information on the activities people were doing at the time of the intercept survey, along with basic demographics, were gathered by visual identification and are shown on the charts below. Color indicates frequency, with the highest number in each category shaded the darkest.

| Adults | |
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| Standing/waiting/sitting/car | 32 |
| Walking, strolling, wheelchair rolling | 86 |
| Bicycling, inline skating, running, etc. | 16 |
| Canoeing, kayaking, tubing, swimming | 23 |
| Picnicking, eating | 2 |
| Playing (sport, playground) | 21 |
| Wading, fishing | 6 |
| Other | 2 |
| | *188* |

| Youth | |
|---|---|
| Standing/waiting/sitting/car | 4 |
| Walking, strolling, wheelchair rolling | 11 |
| Bicycling, inline skating, running, etc. | 7 |
| Canoeing, kayaking, tubing, swimming | 7 |
| Picnicking, eating | 2 |
| Playing (sport, playground) | 9 |
| Wading, fishing | 8 |
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| Females | |
|---|---|
| Standing/waiting/sitting/car | 18 |
| Walking, strolling, wheelchair rolling | 65 |
| Bicycling, inline skating, running, etc. | 11 |
| Canoeing, kayaking, tubing, swimming | 11 |
| Picnicking, eating | 2 |
| Playing (sport, playground) | 18 |
| Wading, fishing | 4 |
| | *129* |

| Males | |
|---|---|
| Standing/waiting/sitting/car | 17 |
| Walking, strolling, wheelchair rolling | 44 |
| Bicycling, inline skating, running, etc. | 12 |
| Canoeing, kayaking, tubing, swimming | 24 |
| Picnicking, eating | 1 |
| Playing (sport, playground) | 13 |
| Wading, fishing | 7 |
| Other | 1 |
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| People of Color | |
|---|---|
| Standing/waiting/sitting/car | 1 |
| Walking, strolling, wheelchair rolling | 4 |
| Bicycling, inline skating, running, etc. | 0 |
| Canoeing, kayaking, tubing, swimming | 0 |
| Picnicking, eating | 0 |
| Playing (sport, playground) | 1 |
| Wading, fishing | 1 |
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| Non-English speaking | |
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| Bicycling, inline skating, running, etc. | 1 |

| Disabled | 0 |
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## Small Group Sessions

The Consulting Team conducted small group input sessions to gather input from various stakeholder groups on the same two questions used for the doorknocks, intercepts, and online surveys.

These were conducted with the following groups:

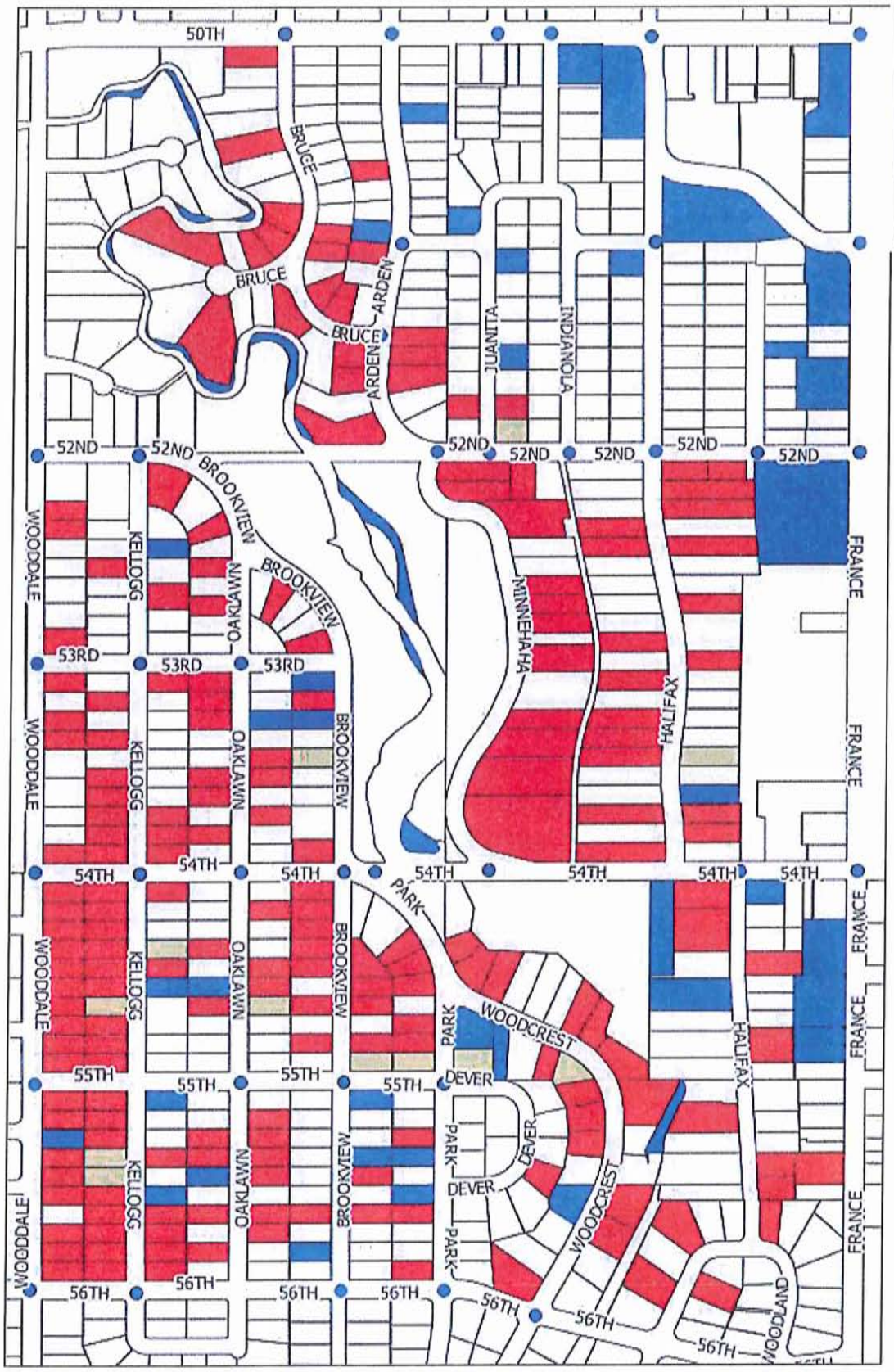
- Edina Transportation Committee
- Edina Energy and Environment Committee
- Edina Park Board
- Edina Community Lutheran Church
- Bike Edina Task Force
- City staff

Results are included in the compilation at the end of the report.

Team members also organized a stormwater-only meeting with businesses at 50th and France, which will support ongoing planning and design discussions with the City.

## Respondent Maps

### Doorknock and Intercept Surveys in Project Area

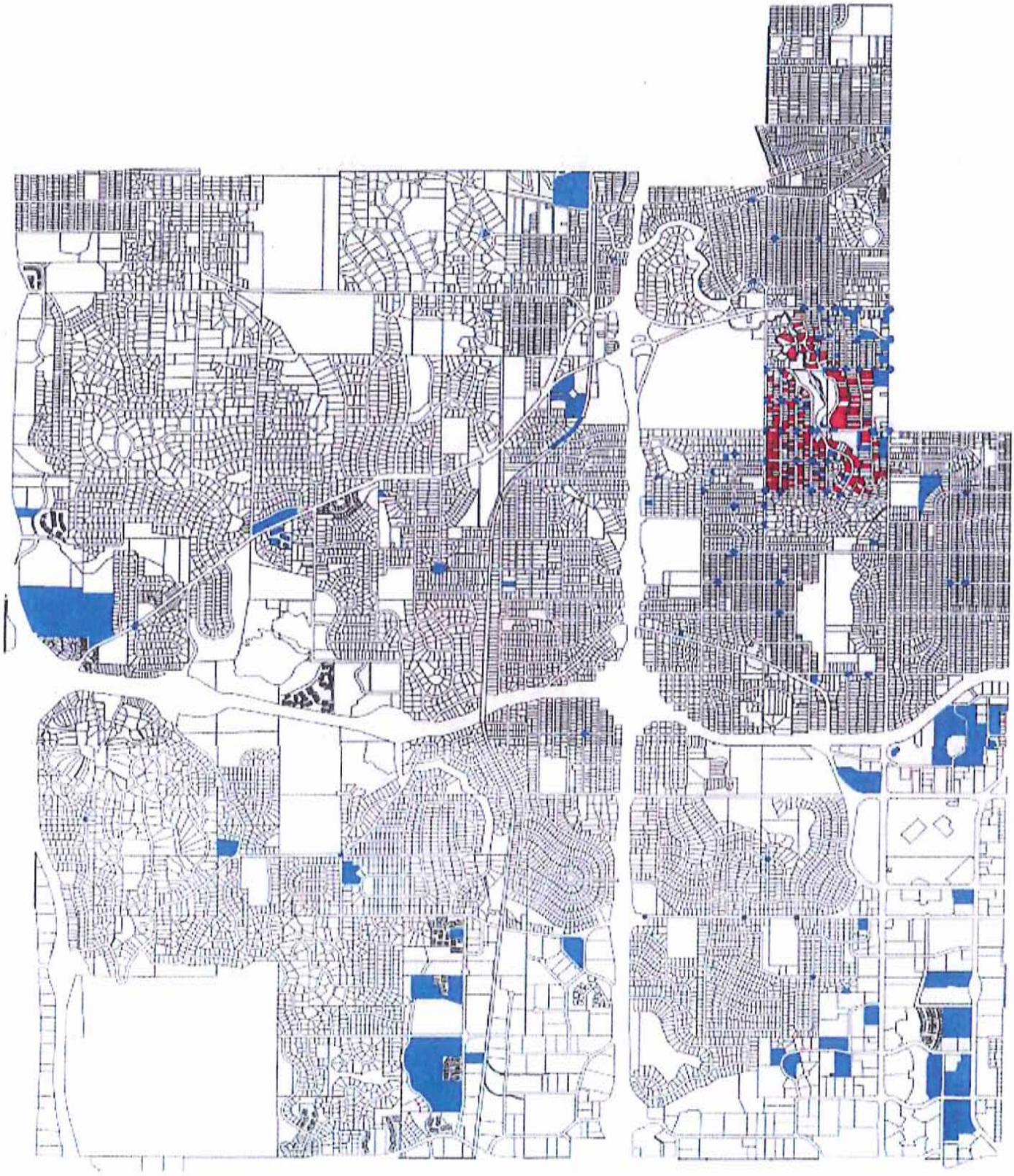



Following letters from the City to property owners in mid-June, Ground Team members doorknocked the project area and conducted intercept surveys near Arden Park.

The mapped data provided by the City shows contact results in the project area.

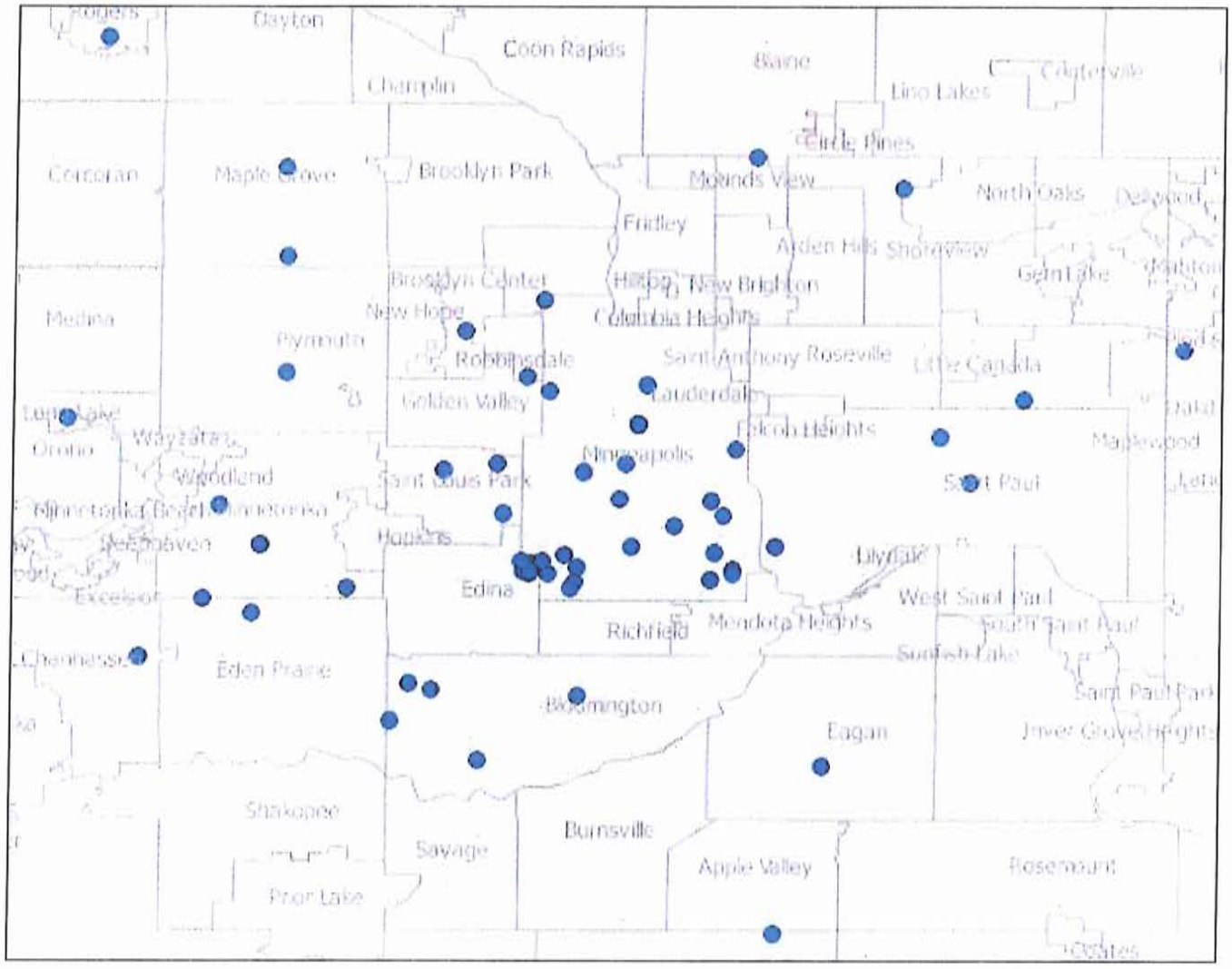
## Intercept and Online Surveys in Edina

The mapped data below provided by the City shows contact results Citywide; intercept survey addresses or intersections were mapped as they were provided by respondents.



## Intercept and Online Surveys Outside Edina

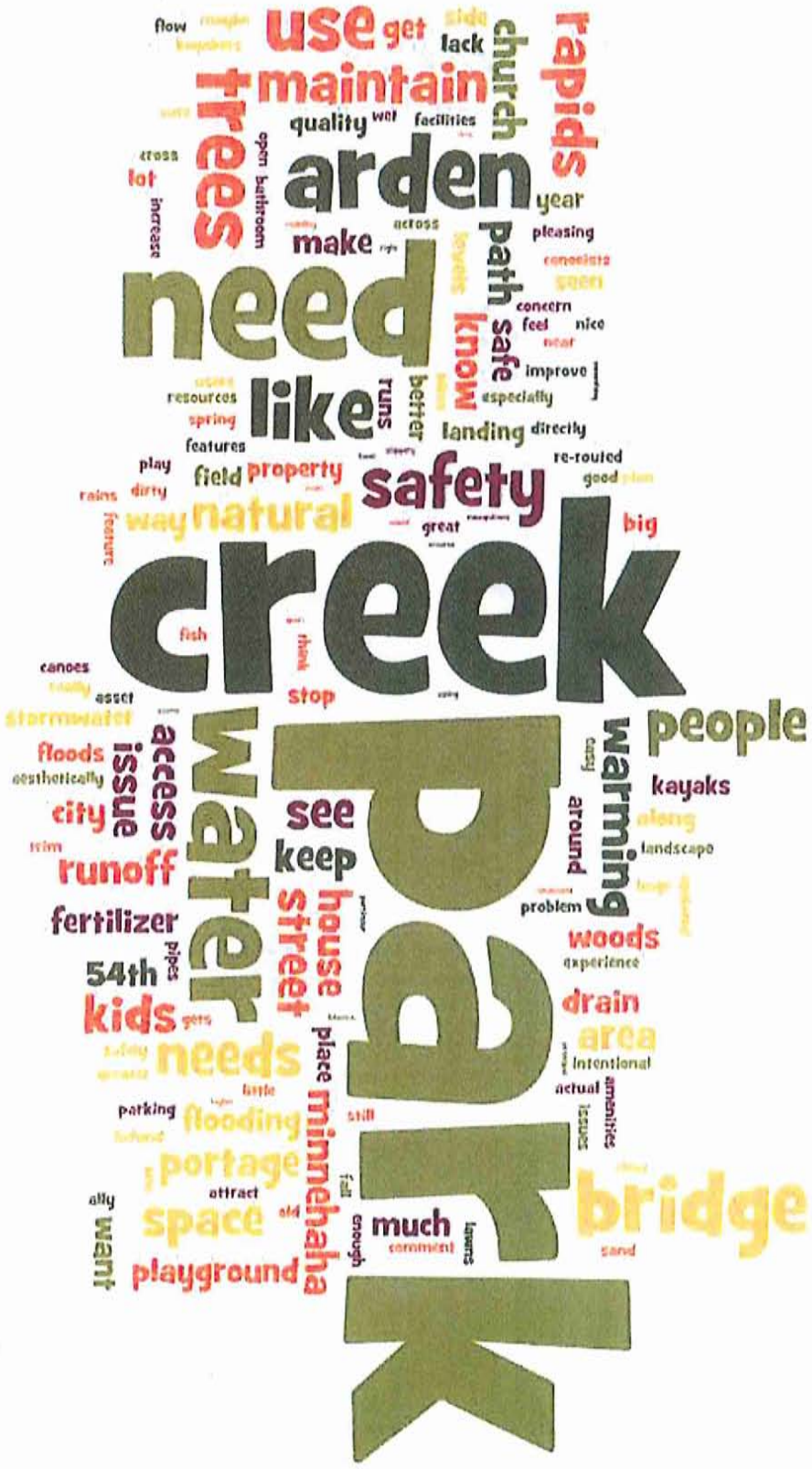
The map below shows intercept survey contacts *outside of Edina*; these addresses or intersections were mapped as they were provided by respondents In addition to these, a handful of out-of-town visitors were intercepted and shared their perspectives; they are not mapped here but were from Hutchinson, Princeton, Redwing, Annandale, and Chicago.



## Results

The results are provided in three forms: A "word cloud" of all responses (via www.wordle.net) where the word size reflects its frequency; rough categories of responses; and all responses compiled and organized by question.

### Word Cloud



## Categories

Responses from doorknocking, intercept surveys, online surveys, and small group sessions were all entered into Survey Monkey. The initial analysis focused on the two key survey questions: 1) Issues and needs on 54th Street, including the bridge, and 2) Stormwater-related issues and needs for Minnehaha Creek and Arden Park.

After thoroughly reviewing all responses, they were roughly organized into categories that emerged from the stakeholder input. All stakeholder input on issues and needs will inform the preliminary street design components and stormwater management plan on which the City will seek stakeholder feedback in August and September. The initial categories were as follows (alphabetically):

- Aesthetics
- Creek
  - Access and safety
  - Cleanliness
  - Drainage
  - Environmental impact, runoff
  - Maintenance issues
  - Water preservation
- Parking availability
- Pavement conditions
- Road geometry
- Safety
  - Bicycles
  - Lights
  - Pedestrians
  - Vehicles
  - Water
- Signage
- Traffic, speeding

Some respondents also identified issues specific to future park design or other City issues that are outside the scope of this project focusing on 54th Street and the area stormwater management plan. Those responses *are* included in the compilation below, but because they will not affect this current project have been pulled out and provided to the appropriate City boards, commissions, and staff for future consideration.

## Detailed Input: Stakeholder Issues and Needs

### STAKEHOLDER INPUT: Edina 54th Street/Stormwater Management Plan

**QUESTION 1: What issues and needs do you see on 54th Street, including the bridge? (Please focus on needs and issues rather than specific solutions. Examples might include: We live west of Arden Park and kids can't walk there safely. Or, The bridge isn't wide enough for cars, bikes, and walkers.)**

**NOTE:** This is all input from doorknocking, intercept surveys, online surveys, and small group sessions (such as City committees) from 21 June-18 July 2013. Content is in random order and only personal names and phone numbers have been removed. Input from this and the other key question is being categorized and in combination with design and regulatory requirements will be used to generate scenarios for stakeholder feedback in August and September 2013.

**Response Text (filtering out none, no response, no comment, etc.)**

- The condition of the street is a big issue.
  The speed at Minnehaha Blvd is also an issue.

- More places to view Creek as it goes over dam
- More room on bridge to view Creek
- Bridge too narrow for pedestrians, bikes, and cars
- Complicated intersection at 54th and Minnehaha is unsafe because there are too many competing uses (cars, bikes, pedestrians)
- Cars and bikes don't always stop at eastbound stop sign—sign isn't obvious
- Private needs of church relying on public roadway 7 days a week
- Optimize cycling opportunities and further build out bikeway system by providing dedicated bike lanes on both sides
- Improve pedestrian and bike access to Creek by providing sidewalks

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| • Big dip in road at creek makes it less safe |
| • I am a whitewater paddler, so I will just stick to the areas that concern me (not to dismiss others' concerns, but I am not familiar with things like "walkability or what have you, so I am only semi-informed there.)<br>With that caveat, there are two very nice play waves at this bridge--one just upstream, and one just downstream. I certainly hope that any reconstruction either leaves these features intact, or improves them. For example, a flip on the upstream one can have serious consequences as you get dragged over the abrasive bottom. |
| • I am a whitewater kayaker and would like to see the wave persevered and even made better. There are lots of possibilities to create a fun surf area that is safe for people to play on. |
| • The safety of walking all of 54th Street.<br>The safety of cyclists with not continuous bike lanes of 54th street. |
| • The safety for walkers.<br>The lack of connection up to Halifax.<br>The bridge is not historic of aesthetically pleasing. It is drab looking and lacks a feature.<br>The walkers interact with the water and nature. |
| • Safety<br>• Walkers<br>• crossing the street and how to do this safely<br>• there is only 1 sidewalk, basically nonexistent<br>• there is no place to wait for the bus; you have to wait in the street or on someone's property<br>• elderly people and kids have to cross the street to get to the bus<br>• the sidewalk narrows, and there isn't a crosswalk<br>• no clear place to cross<br>• cars run the stop sign. bikers also<br>• the signs for cars are not clear. Some people stop at the "warning" sign but roll through the stop sign. There are problems with visibility and with the sight lines, especially at the narrow bridge.<br>• East bound 54th is slick in the winter<br>• There is no path to the park and creek. There are access issues, it is basically inaccessible<br>• For the church, there are liability issues for people portaging across the street and back down to the creek. The church lands extend all the way to the creek, and it is not public land.<br>• Parking<br>• There is limited parking, and lots of people use the street. The parking works now, as long as there options for people to park on both sides of the street, from the creek to France and into the neighborhood.<br>• Users at busy times block the street unloading or loading, to the point where others cannot drive past, and also sometimes cannot access the water |
| • The most pressing needs are a sidewalk from Wooddale to France avenue, improved lighting and well defined crosswalks. Beyond that, I love watching people enjoy the creek around the bridge; it's fun to stop and watch people fish, kayak, wade, and canoe. Anything that can be done to encourage safe participation and observation of those would be great! |
| • Bike path is confusing<br>don't like the building of big mansion house in the neighborhood<br>Oaklawn doesn't have curbs, but know the rest of the city is getting curbs |
| • Road gets icy (8 years ago, there was that school bus accident near the bridge)<br>no sidewalk the length of the street,<br>need better lighting<br>don't like how if you bring up safety issues like not having a sidewalk you have to then in turn pay for that<br>don't like the bike lanes<br>want skating boarding banned kids come down the hill and are out of control<br>worried about hitting confirmation class coming out and running through road by the church |
| • It would be nice to have sidewalk<br>lot of people walk down to 50th and France on 54th<br>We love the stop sign at Minnehaha and 54th |
| • sometimes people go to fast<br>w/kids it is a little dangerous |

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| • don't like the bicycle lanes (this is the least favorable amenity, would rather have a sidewalk.<br>people like to stand on bridge and take in nature<br>bridge is pretty narrow<br>Could you create a way to walk under the bridge as a boater so they don't have to cross the road |
| • why are we redoing the whole thing didn't they just repair that road<br>bridge seems okay<br>bike lanes seem extremely wide where the sharrows are. It is just confusing on 54th |
| • The bike paths are erratic. It is kind of like a patchwork quilt. Would like to see some consistency on the road.<br>Like the parking spaces near the bridge with the bump out. Would like to see more of that and maybe some more benches near the bridge for better water access |
| • Need more stop signs on the way down the hill.<br>Also, it gets slippery in the winter last year lots of cars were sliding down when trying to go up the hill. |
| • Don't get rid of the stop sign by the creek.<br>We wouldn't mind more stop signs on 54th to slow traffic down could be at Halifax.<br>The bridge is wide enough already. There should be a sidewalk on at least one side like there is now.<br>Very worried about if there is a grassy boulevard and then a sidewalk put in, it will really cut into their property.<br>The odd side would be better for the sidewalk. If the sidewalk is at the curb, that'd be fine, but it would be too wide if there was grass before.<br>We have the telephone poles on this side of the street too.<br>They're trying to put so much on this street.<br>With the bridge shouldn't do anything to hinder the kids crossing from one side of the creek to the other. |
| • It's confusing as it is currently; you end up driving down the center.<br>Need to redo painting. Nothing against bikes, but no one knows where to bike or park. That should be more clear because it's dangerous right now. I don't see many bikes anyways.<br>They should fix the potholes.<br>Don't need to change the bridge much.<br>Do not want roundabouts. |
| • Fixing the potholes and rough surfaces.<br>Don't want them to repeat what happened with Wooddale. It was painted poorly and they had to repaint it.<br>There wasn't enough space for a 2way. Were forced to cross into parking area. |
| • Standard street lights used by the City shine light upward and outward creating glare and are unfriendly to the night sky.<br>• Pavements produce lots of runoff, we need to take an opportunity to demonstrate pervious pavements.<br>• Need to maintain the quaint feel of the bridge and creek.<br>• Stormwater runoff solution should not cause a hazard.<br>• There are sometimes very thin natural buffer areas along the creek, natural buffer zones should be used to protect the creek.<br>• Runoff from 54th street goes directly into the creek, we need rain gardens to protect the water.<br>• Riding a bike eastbound, you pick of a lot of speed on a uneven surface, it feel dangerous, and then you have to stop at the bottom of the hill.<br>• Future road should calm traffic, and slow its speed.<br>• There are not options for recycling as a park user.<br>• Construction equipment causes air pollution affecting sensitive users, require greener working equipment<br>• Residents need access to homes during the construction project. |
| • traffic is horrendous here<br>taxes go up for roads, but it is big trucks for construction and multiple garbage providers that are wearing the roads (would like to see go to all in garbage) |
| • bridge is really narrow<br>not enough room and kind of dangerous<br>lots of traffic on Sunday morning |
| • nice to have center lines on road<br>disappointed in the quality of the job did on sidewalks on Halifax, (uneven surface)<br>Challenge to do the construction project in 40 days |
| • Would like to see a clear line for who goes where |

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| need sidewalks on south and north side<br>don't feel safe, no space to walk so have to walk on street |
| • no comment,<br>new renters to area |
| • Speed is too fast, would like to see traffic calming measures like a blvd in middle of road<br>Cars drive up to 40 including the public buses driving too fast<br>We support sidewalks to connect Arden park to make the park more functional<br>We support and changes that encourage safety in the neighborhood<br>worried about grass getting killed with 9 ft sidewalk configuration<br>Think some studies could be done to see if a stop sign could work on 54th//Halifax<br>This isn't 50th street so there are many people walking |
| • sidewalks are needed<br>no designated walking areas so it is a little precarious (walks her dog) |
| • cars are freewheeling (driving fast)<br>road is kind of narrow b/c of bike path, do people use bike path<br>take away bike path and it gets a bit wider |
| • better bike access across bridge, it gets narrow<br>54th people drive fast = especially down the hill, it is a cut through<br>would like to see some of the traffic calming measures similar to Tracy Ave (speed limit signs)<br>along Minnehaha Rd it is poor biking with blind spots (kids have fallen in sunken storm drains when they hit it with there wheels and there are blind corners. |
| • Sidewalk would be used, we walk in the road.<br>It is especially dangerous walking at night<br>there is good biking traffic, but too narrow for bike and elk<br>continue sidewalk to and on bridge |
| • I think the bridge needs to be widen<br>The current sidewalk doesn't connect to bridge and the park |
| • The width of bridge is too narrow can barely fit 2 cars and a biker |
| • The current bridge is unsatisfactory<br>Lake of sidewalks is an issue, there is no place for kids to walk (can't even get to Concord Elementary)<br>cyclists don't stop at the Minnehaha/54th intersection<br>There is graffiti on bridge<br>parking is okay even with the church parking<br>would like bridge design to not look industrial but the fit the neighborhood feel (like in Countryside not 56th)<br>buses are noisy, is this the best route for buses (haha, tell metro transit to get quieter electric buses) |
| • The bike lanes are confusing<br>I have rode my bike in the past on 54th and Wooddale and never had a problem on those roads before the lanes went in<br>The bridge is narrow and I would like to see the changes fit into the decor and not be obtrusive<br>The 3 way stop is good, if people are courteous it is fine |
| • We have lived on the corner of 54th and Oaklawn for 27 years. One of our concerns is safety for walkers and for those using the creek to canoe, fish, etc. My own safety has been compromised when I do yard work close to the road. I was instrumental in getting the stop sign put in at the Creek. Before the stop sign was put in cars would speed up and down this street. Locals know this is a great feeder street, and an alternative to get around congestion on 50th and France, but this leads to a lot of traffic and often times cars go well above the speed limit. Drivers try and pass me as I try and turn into my driveway, which is on 54th. I hope the new plan puts in some traffic safety precautions, such as stop signs, or even speed bumps.<br>I would also like to know what side of the street a sidewalk may be put on. Also, since our home is on a hill, and if the street is wider, what measures will be taken to help prevent further deterioration of the hill that is alongside my home? We have a paved driveway and in recent years the runoff from further west ends up at the end of my driveway, leaving behind a pile of sand and dirt in the summer and ice dams in the winter.<br>I have been gone for two weeks so I missed the door to door canvasing that occurred. |
| • 1. 54th Street is too bumpy and needs to be resurfaced<br>2. It gets icy in the winter from the runoff of the hill west of the bridge |

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| 3. I like the stop signs but without a crosswalk it still feels unsafe to cross 54th street at that spot<br>4. When cars are parked on the south side of 54th street, the road gets tight; there is not enough space for parking<br>5. I don't let my kids bike on 54th street because I don't feel safe |
| • 1. 54th Street is bumpy and I can feel them when I'm driving<br>2. The road is too narrow for driving, biking, and walking<br>3. I like the simplicity of the bridge and wouldn't want that changed<br>4. I like that there is not a lot of room for parking because it keeps the park from being overrun by people from outside the area |
| • 1. "I don't feel safe biking in the street on 54th" 10 year old son<br>2. 54th is a busy street and we don't use it very often |
| • 1. We recently moved from Chicago and don't feel safe walking in the streets (not on a sidewalk) |
| • 1. 54th Street has heavy traffic and is not wide enough for walking along safely with kids<br>2. The bike lanes are not pronounced |
| • 1. When we are walking to Arden Park with babies in the stroller, we avoid 54th because we don't feel it is safe to use |
| • 1. Traffic control people driving on 54th travel too fast and need to slow down<br>2. We have become a cut-through community. Many drivers utilizing 54th Street aren't from the neighborhood and make it unsafe for community members to use the street<br>3. Many residents are elderly or have children and don't feel safe using 54th Street<br>4. School buses stop on 54th Street and children don't have a safe way to walk home<br>5. There is not enough parking for residents near 54th<br>6. The city has been putting up more signs that are polluting the streets |
| • 1. We don't live far from Arden Park but must drive when we want to visit it because we don't feel safe walking on 54th with the kids<br>2. 54th Street has potholes and needs to be resurfaced |
| • Concerned about what side the sidewalk will be on<br>Concerned with how the street will work with the bike trails |
| • Road is very bumpy<br>The bridge is unattractive, need for a fishing area off side |
| • Shouldn't make bike path too big, like on Wooddale |
| • Need to redo bridge<br>More visible bike lanes, maybe painted |
| • Need for better pavement on street |
| • New pavement could equal faster speeds, need for regulation |
| • New pavement could equal faster speeds, need to ensure speed regulation |
| • Need for sidewalks<br>Street is too narrow for cars, bikes, and walkers |
| • My major concern is the creek and it's use as a canoeing river. |
| • The bridge clearance is low for canoeing and kayaking the creek during high water periods. Please plan for extra clearance over the creek. |
| • Bridge is not wide enough for cars, bikes and walkers<br>Bike lanes should be more clearly marked, like on Valley View |
| • The road is rough |
| • Traffic safety and pedestrian safety and homeowner sanity along a residential street are the biggest needs. The blighted 50th and France area (I do mean blighted in the city planning sense) has caused far greater traffic loads in the neighborhoods, certainly including 54th Street. Law enforcement is virtually nil, from observation.<br>What has happened is that the burden of development has shifted from the areas benefitting from the development elsewhere, namely here. 50th Street is a traffic choked joke. Four lanes into two at Wooddale Avenue? 54th is dangerous to walk along, or in my case mow along, because speeding cars do not deviate in the smallest amount when driving by. It is unnerving when a car whooshes by and the wind it creates flaps your jeans. It happens every week.<br>We were told that the speed limit might/would be reduced if the bike lanes were put in. That hasn't happened. There is, as I mentioned before, there is little enforcement of the 30 mph limit, anyway. |

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| The street is very much in need of traffic calming. And law enforcement.<br>The roadbed itself is in terrible shape, but everyone knows that. My son, after a trip through eastern Europe for school, said to me, "The roads in Bosnia are better."<br>My biggest concern is that the city will further sacrifice the quality of life for residents along our street to overcome the traffic clot created (and it was created) at 50th and France. |
| • Bridge needs to maintain residential character<br>Bridge shouldn't invite increased traffic/scale. AKA shouldn't be widened too much in order for future expansion of road. |
| • Bike lanes are confusing<br>Lack of sidewalks all the way down the street |
| • The bridge is too narrow for walking |
| • Street is not pedestrian friendly, need for a sidewalk |
| • Need for sidewalks, difficult to walk in street |
| • Don't pollute the creek, need to preserve the water. |
| • Need for bike lane: existing one doesn't seem available. |
| • No sidewalk, needs better plowing in winter to be able to walk on street. |
| • Bike lanes are treacherous. |
| • high traffic along 54th near Creek, limited parking, parking not close enough to high traffic areas such as boat launches, lots of children using the Creek are crossing the road, low head room for boaters under bridge, traffic is fast on 54th, bridge not wide enough for cyclists/motorists/pedestrians to use simultaneously, 54th is a major east/west thoroughfare so safety for those using the area is an issue, need way for cyclists to not use bridge at all because of safety issues and to create a more enjoyable bike ride, desire to increase number of cyclists but concerned that it won't happen without a separate and designated bike area, need a larger Citywide plan for bike lanes and bike transportation goals, disappearing bike lane on bridge is an obstacle to getting more people to bike, Creek users have to cross 54thsafety issues for pedestrians, biking along 54th feels unsafe |
| • test |
| • Safe pedestrian and bicycle access to Arden Park. Minnehaha water quality. Aesthetics design should enhance the beauty of the area. |
| • crossing the bridge is tough due to lack of decent sidewalk |
| • Put some whitewater kayak play waves in while you have the opportunity. |
| • We live at the intersection of St John and Tower. 54th street is our gateway to the Minneapolis Chain of lakes as well as Minnehaha parkway. I have three children under the age of 10 and family bike rides are an important part of our families recreation. The current state of 54 street is unsafe for bikers young and old. Please make ensure the 54th is a safe thruway for bikers.<br>I am also a whitewater paddler and will soon be introducing my son to the sport. Having a quality whitewater park on the site, regardless of the size would be a great asset to both me personally and to the community. |
| • We live on the west side of Arden Park and the creek, and I would like to see a bike lane dedicated only to bikes, utilizing a solid line as all three of our children bike and it is dangerous. The bridge needs to be widened for cars, bikes and walkers.<br>We would also like the speed limit to be no more than 25 mph as cars come speeding west on 54th by our house and it is dangerous when balls bounce into street or young bikers who may not know there is a speeding car approaching.<br>A sidewalk would be nice on the south side of 54th Street for walkers. |
| • A bike lane between the sidewalk and car lane would improve mobility and safety. |
| • As a whitewater kayaker, I see a need to in the least keep the two whitewater features of the hole above the bridge and wave below the bridge as they are.<br>• To ensure this truly rare gem of a site can be enjoyed by all participants tubers, rec boaters, fisher folk, kayakers I would strongly suggest enlisting the consulting services of: http://www.boaterparks.com/index.html<br>• I myself am an A.C.A. certified Whitewater Kayaking Instructor who has volunteer participated in flow studies such as the Mississippi River's LSAF (Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock & Dam) turbine installation effect on recreational boat traffic. Accordingly, I would be more than happy to volunteer any help in the development at this site. |
| • not a great sidewalk along 54th, need more protection for pedestrians, bike lanes along 54th never seem to be used |

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| • cars blow through stop sign on 54th, bridge is very narrow, not enough room on bridge for traffic and pedestrians and cyclists, small kids running around is a safety issue |
| • keep area looking natural |
| • bike lanes are confusing on 54th |
| • need more safe spaces to walk along 54th |
| • keep any changes natural |
| • In that section 54th is very much a residential road. I think any new bridge should fit in with the residential and park like feel of the area. Walkers and bikers frequent the road so accommodations should be made for them. There is a small car pull off area just to the west of the bridge with space for about 34 cars. It would be nice if a couple more spots for cars could be allocated. |
| • The issues I see are a lack of parking next to the bridge. I have heard kayakers, canoeists, fishermen and visitors all say that the nearby parking is seriously lacking. I agree since the number of paddlers and other river users has increased a lot, so a need for more roadside parking areas would be great so we don't get hit by a car. This has not happened yet but it is only a matter of time. |
| • There is an opportunity to add a couple more parking spaces for people that would like to have access to the creek at that location for canoeing and kayaking (put in and takeout location for creek paddling trips). |
| • Saw that road conditions are deteriorating on 54th street.<br>Also mentioned parking on the street with the church and mentioned that sometimes it is hard to turn onto 54th St. when all the cars are on the street. Mentioned it as a safety issue. |
| • Expressed concern over the runoff that comes from 54th down Halifax that pools at the bottom of Halifax and creates a drainage problem. Mentioned that she has cleaned the drains. |
| • Concerned with the potential aesthetics of a new bridge. Expressed that she would prefer it not to look like the 56th bridge. Also mentioned the potholes between France and Halifax, feels unsafe. |
| • Finds the placement of the bike lanes confusing for drivers. |
| • Please make a safe play boat wave at the bridge. |
| • The wave and drop is the only feature for whitewater canoeing and kayaking folks in the twin cities. The wave is ok and gets better with flows above 150. The upstream drops are mostly wasted as the water is spread too thin/wide. Would be better to constrict it more over a longer length with small spaced out ledges/boulder drops. Please contact me and we would love to provide guidance. 612.245.8693<br>It has the potential to be a world class city amenity for tubers rafters and kayakers for six to 10 weeks a year. |
| • The river underneath the 54th street bridge represents an important recreational whitewater resource to the city of Edina and the Twin cities metro area. Any modification to the bridge needs to maintain or improve upon the current whitewater hydrology aspects of the river. Further, creation of a "whitewater park" at this site would create an important community resource. Whitewater parks are being built all over the USA and the 54th street bridge would be an ideal site. |
| • The whitewater wave below the bridge needs to be preserved and/or enhanced for kayaking and canoeing. |
| • Don't feel safe o 54th, even in the parking lane. Striping doesn't help. |
| • It's too narrow, but I don't want to disrupt the ecology of the area. |
| • Deal with it being narrow already too many things packed in. Concentrate the pedestrians, slow the speed down. Clearer crossing for pedestrians and boaters. |
| • The road is too fast |
| • The recreational whitewater wave under the bridge must be preserved as it is the only destination of its type in the metro area for kayakers, canoeists, tubers, and riverboarders. |
| • Make sure to keep it sustainable, and can be driven safely while also having pedestrians and bikes. |
| • No walkway, too skinny, too close to cars, road condition isn't great. |
| • Street is too dark at night, especially on the W side of the bridge |
| • Bike lanes are screwy too narrow and confusing. Wooddale is hard to walk with strollers because there are so many potholes. |
| • Bridge unsafe for biking |
| • Bad pedestrian access. No disabled access. |
| • Need to be walking lanes. Bike lanes make it complicated. |
| • I would like to see the small rapids area just below the bridge left intact or even improved to provide a small whitewater recreation area for swimmers, tubers, fishermen and whitewater boaters. |

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| | Many cities have undergone such projects with fabulous results financially, ecologically and with regards to recreation in the area, including the park in Wausau WI, the new Charles City IA whitewater park as well as many in Colorado and other states.<br>I believe the cost of these improvements would be largely mitigated if incorporated with the proposed bridge replacement.<br>Rapids help to improve the water quality for fish and other aquatic life and may help the city to meet the requirements of the DNR and PCA. They are also attractive in their own right and draw visitors to the area for other recreation such as picnics and hiking.<br>Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me regarding these changes and how some of this may be able to be incorporated into the proposed projects. |
| • | Bike path is nice but a little narrow. Lots of kids hang out on the bridge near the street. Speed limit is slow.<br>Better access for canoes. |
| • | Leave it alone. It is fine. |
| • | Cars slide through the stop sign when it is slick or icy. The road is narrow for bikes. Needs to be safer for pedestrians and bikes. People fishing off the road, it needs to be safer for them to get down and up from the creek. |
| • | Bike lane is bumpy |
| • | Parking for the church. If you have bikes on the road you can't have two cars. It should be safe for both. |
| • | not enough room for cars and pedestrians<br>IT is a hilly road for kids to bike<br>The road condition |
| • | No concerns, don't like roundabouts in Edina |
| • | The bike path has made it easier to walk on 54th<br>The current sidewalk goes only a little way, there aren't too many cars on road though |
| • | Closer to Wooddale the road is bumpy<br>Bridge is a little narrow (I see a lot of walkers and joggers)<br>no stop signs or cross walks on many of the intersections<br>Blind spot on the hill (a sidewalk might help with this)<br>At the four way stop heading down(west) it sneaks up on your before bridge |
| • | Ability to have nonmotorized transport access on this road. Being a good steward of the land. |
| • | To me the biggest issue is the safety on the road and having no sidewalk is a safety issue<br>Actually try to avoid it<br>"It would be nice to have a crosswalk on Brookview, not safe to walk across busy road and that is how lots of people get to the backside of the park |
| • | Walk this road almost every day, side walk would be nice |
| • | People speed down the street because they are cutting over to Wooddale. |
| • | Steep hill at Park Pl, almost got hit there before<br>Maybe we can straighten curve |
| • | more beautiful bridge, not like the one on 56th<br>Would like to see a Sidewalk on one side, because the road is always busy<br>Park Place and Woodcrest = bad visibility (this is because of the hill and the angle of the turn)<br>Road gets very icy in the winter |
| • | I live in downtown Minneapolis and use Minnehaha Creek, at the 54th St bridge, for kayaking. At the proper water levels, it's great for surfing and is a lot of fun. It'd be great if the flow would be controlled so that it's always "runnable."<br>Aside from being an extremely fun sport, kayaking is also about being part of a community and the community. Paddlers are a friendly, tight bunch of people that are always helpful and open to new paddlers. I think it'd be ideal if the paddling community had a place to kayak in the cities, a way to engage new boaters, and use the resources Minnesota has to offer. |
| • | It would nice to have a sidewalk<br>I typically use 56th Street, I find the bike lanes confusing on 54th |
| • | condition of roads<br>City of Edina has no sidewalks, it is worrisome to walk and bike<br>I grew up around here |

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| • The road could be wider<br>would like to see bike lanes on north side<br>designated parking doesn't seem like enough near boat landing |
| • Nice whitewater play spot under/just downstream of the bridge. Please do what you can to leave or improve. |
| • Not from area, just canoeing by |
| • Usually I park on 54th street for church. I am worried I am going to hit a biker when I open my car door. |
| • Many people use 54th to cut through to Lund's (both walking and riding)<br>Park Place is pretty steep in winter (cars slide on ice)<br>Would like to match bridge look with other "cute" bridges in Edina, a standing lookout would be nice |
| • The surface needs repairs<br>There isn't a place for sidewalk for walkers |
| • It is a pretty narrow street especially with bike lanes.<br>I find the current bike stripping confusing |
| • Often seem people running including running teams on 54th |
| • Access for walkers and bikers to pass in both directions safely is key! |
| • Railings on the new bridge should not obstruct scenic views of the creek corridor. |
| • as a whitewater kayaker, I enjoy being able to run the rapid under the bridge and several of my peers enjoy surfing the wave below it. I would hope that the new construction will consider the recreational uses of the creek when designing the new bridge. an access path/steps down to the water would help decrease manmade erosion here. |
| • Don't have any problems<br>no complaints |
| • lot of people canoeing not enough parking<br>kids are a lot are/especially |
| • The walking section of bridge is a problem, narrow<br>nicer rails (the ones on 56th street are really ugly) |
| • it is nice having stop sign at bottom of hill (54th and Minnehaha)<br>would like to use green space by canoe landing more<br>Maybe a better walkway to near bridge to get down to creek |
| • don't know the road much, just canoeing through |
| • cyclists don't stop at stop sign on 54th, not enough room and not safe to walk along 54th |
| • Lot of people paddling (canoe/kayak) but there isn't not many places to park<br>There is no sidewalk it would be nice if it was widen<br>Lots of people walk on this street |
| • don't know<br>crosswalk or marked area for people to portage boats, tubes |
| • tough to walk along 54th with potholes, not enough room for walking along 54th, need center lane on 54th so that drivers have more perspective on walkers, keep traffic along 54th manageable |
| • not from around here, don't know 54th street much |
| • not enough walking space along 54th, pedestrian safety, people drive too fast on 54th |
| • Worried about traffic coming through 56th during construction and would like to see a temporary strop sign and 56th and Park during construction<br>54th is a cut through and is filled with traffic<br>road seems little |
| • need place to walk along 54th, road is narrow with cyclists |
| • need safe way to walk in and to and from Arden from 52nd54th |
| • I don't walk on that road, very safe (we avoid it)<br>funky little area |
| • Traffic is heavy, but don't see need to raise taxes |
| • speed limit needs to stay low so that it is safe for kids to cross 54th, it will be unsafe for pedestrians if they make 54th any wider with greater traffic flow |
| • Afraid the after the construction 54th will be a worse thoroughfare<br>People on 56th (ignore stop signs) |

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| Would like to see construction accept buses and heavy traffic (utilize better engineering) |
| • some initial confusion as to where cyclists were supposed to ride and motorists were supposed to drive with the bike lanes on 54th |
| • bumpy pavement on 54th |
| • no center line creates confusion as to where people should drive and bike with bike lanes along 54th |
| • Sidewalk would be nice (the road is very congested)<br>Sidewalks currently connect<br>weird corner where you cross (54th/Minnehaha) |
| • bridge is aesthetically not pleasing, concern that traffic will be rerouted through the neighborhood during construction and that traffic will increase on side streets |
| • side walk would be good<br>it would be nice if that sidewalk would also connect and access the park<br>54th is a busy through street, there are lots of kids walking |
| • It is a very busy road (people are distracted)<br>It is a major thorough way and busy |
| • Sidewalks would be nice<br>It is most busy from Brookview to Church) This stretch gets really busy |
| • With biking and parking the road seems too narrow<br>Pedestrians and Bikers don't stop at stop sign (Minnehaha and 54th) |
| • The condition of the road is bad. |
| • Pedestrian walkway (the bridge is narrow and doesn't have a sidewalk<br>There is often pedestrian traffic |
| • sidewalk would be good, there is no sidewalks now. (we want to encourage people to walk)<br>have to be alter (depends on visibility) As a walker I am constantly changing what side of street was walking on |
| • On the bridge, more space for pedestrians is the main thing<br>railing seems small and not safe. |
| • 54th and Park Place is very dark it would be nice to have a light<br>There are a lot of walker including kids<br>It is tricky for cars to see people<br>Sidewalks would be nice because I see many kids walking to school |
| • Too tight for bikes and is dangerous of pedestrians.<br>Slippery for cars in the winter |
| • Road condition is rough<br>54th and Park Place is a problem spot (there is a kind of blind spot)<br>A sidewalk would be nice at least on one side |
| • The stop gets confusing with the fork near Minnehaha and 54th<br>No sidewalks is a problem wanted to scooter down with kids but it was not safe to walk on the road. |
| • Would like to see it safer for bikers (widened)<br>Minnehaha to Wooddale is where it is too narrow.<br>My kids bike<br>Safer for pedestrian |
| • We walk all year round on the road. Sidewalks. Think need mrs bike lanes (the current ones are confusing to drivers)<br>Usually have to walk in the street during both the winter and summer<br>There is lots of traffic |
| • 1. 54th Street is busy without enough ways for kids to bike and walk across safely |
| • 1. Wish is was easier for people to fish on the bridge & kayak under the bridge at the same time. There is currently not enough room for both to enjoy their activities safely.<br>2. It is unclear if parking east of the bridge on the south side of 54th interferes with the bus stop. |
| • 1. There is not enough room for cars with the current bike lanes |
| • 1. The bridge isn't wide enough for bikes<br>2. There aren't designated bike lanes on both sides of 54th Street to safely accommodate bike traffic |

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| • 1. The bridge is too narrow. There is not enough space for biking or walking across safely. |
| • 1. There is not a consistent sidewalk along 54th<br>2. There is not a middle line separating driving lanes along 54th |
| • 1. Enjoys the modest bridge and ability to see the park/creek. He is concerned that the project will construct a new bridge that will obstruct this view. |
| • 1. The lanes are confusing<br>2. 54th St. is labeled as a bike friendly street yet there is not enough space for cars and bikes to travel safely |
| • Sight lines are difficult with parking on 54th Street when turning from Halifax Ave onto 54th St (specifically the church parking) |
| • Halifax to France is particularly rough on the road<br>Parking on 54th St obstructs the view when turning from Halifax onto 54th |
| • Concerned drivers are more aware<br>Lots of people go down to the creek area (it is busy area) |
| • Refinish the bumpy road<br>A clear and defined crosswalk |
| • Place to walk would be nice (I usually walk in the bike lanes)<br>Between Oaklawn and church is trouble spot |
| • Sidewalk would be good as well as a bike lanes<br>I have kids and I would feel safer with them on sidewalk |
| • Needs to be widen Could be a dangerous without doing that |
| • There is a blind spot on the Minnehaha Blvd (it is windy)<br>Sidewalks (not wide enough)<br>People/walking biking in busy street |
| • I like the bike path<br>nothing else |
| • More room for biking and walking. Traffic goes real fast and there are a lot of kids around. |
| • People just zoom by in cars.<br>Would like to have a more designated walking area on the bridge |
| • Overall Street need repairs<br>icy in winter coming down the hill on 54th street near Brookview<br>Cars zoom through and it seem narrow.<br>Is worried about widening because of losing peoples easement though |
| • 54th is a mess with potholes<br>Has heavy traffic including both public bus and school buses<br>Seems very narrow for all of this<br>I have seen kids stand in road waiting at bus stop for bus. |
| • Don't have enough room for pedestrian<br>Speed of traffic is too fast<br>All of 54th not very pedestrian/bike friendly. |
| • Road condition is bad<br>Would love a sidewalk (people use and kids use the street)<br>Lots of people crossing the road as well<br>54th too busy, I don't have my kids bike on it yet |
| • Lots of traffic on this road<br>At 54th and Brookview it is hard to see. The two hills converge and people come down too fast.<br>Would like to see a pedestrian crossing at 54th similar to that at the bottom of the hill by the bridge<br>There are lots of people biking<br>At 54th and Brookview, it gets icy because the water built up from the runoff in the winter |
| • see a lot of people walking<br>Would like to keep the biking option<br>54th and Brookview (hard to see left/west because of bushes and the hill) |
| • nice to have a crosswalk near 54th and Brookview not just down by the bottom of the hill.<br>Because of hedges it is hard to see west on 54th street from Brookview |
| • The car speed is too fast would like it reduced |

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| Worried the road will get overused with speedy cut through drivers<br>I like the bike lanes, but some drivers are not honoring them<br>Would like to save mature trees and is worried about the easement for a sidewalk in his yard.<br>Would like to see the plans |
| • road condition is terrible<br>nice walking path (everybody uses that space)<br>on 54th there is not enough room to walk dog there is no shoulder<br>problem area is from church to brook view |
| • More pedestrian friendly it gets pretty tight |
| • The road is in terrible condition<br>widen the bridge= retain the falls aspect because canoes and kayaks do use that<br>retain and much of the recreational value as you can |
| • Sometimes busy when people are parking at church time<br>Sometimes people try to get boats (canoe, kayaks) out of water to skip the rapids and then must cross the street to avoid it. There must be a better way to get these people past the rapids or have a better cross walk.<br>Lots of kids bike on 54th street to get up to the gas station |
| • they see many people walking in the street<br>sidewalks would be nice as a safety issue |
| • A little confusing with the veer by stop sign<br>hasn't noticed anything else |
| • This is a super busy area<br>not many complaints |
| • Incorporate the original park history or WPA pictures in the reconstruction ( the old bridge was a WPA project and the hockey rink was the first in Edina) |
| • People drive to fast |
| • Kids are playing a lot in the area it is not safe to cross the road<br>Maybe there could be more of a statement to say "stop" or "kids playing" |
| • Space is an issue (precarious if walking)<br>It would be nice if there was a crosswalk because of the bike/walking traffic<br>Maybe some bright neon signs to signal to stop and yield<br>Lots of kids sometimes just dart across the road by the bridge<br>The speed of the cars is fast |
| • Dangerous with curve in road on Minnehaha (can't see)<br>Not very much parking if you want to go down by bridge (canoe, kayak, tubers) |
| • Pot holes, road condition<br>It is more busy by bridge This does make us more cautious |
| • Never really had an issue.<br>The stop sign by the creek on 54th street is a little wonky. Also the curves are not so smooth<br>54th is busy for when she walks a dog A side walk would be nice |
| • The street feels unsafe, because there is no sidewalk and there is lots of traffic especially feels unsafe when walking and biking. |
| • Concerned with traffic control once the project starts especially with people leaving the neighborhood, specifically mentioned the 56th and France intersection. |
| • Condition of the road, it is quite bumpy and uneven. |
| • The road is in bad condition (rough).<br>Aesthetics of bridge (compared it to the 58th St. bridge and mentioned how nice that was).<br>When walking, feels unsafe, the street is quite narrow.<br>Very little street lighting especially around the intersections. |
| • Safety is a concern when walking with children.<br>Street lights are lacking, the street seems very dark at night. |
| • Feels that the lack of street lamps at night make the area feel safe since it can get so dark. |
| • The aesthetics of the bridge.<br>Also feels the street is dangerous.<br>Mentioned that the stop sign on 54th St. people approach the intersection very fast or miss it completely. |

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| The way 54th St. drains downhill in the winter creates ice and can be slippery at times. |
| • Need to keep stop signs by creek, rollercoaster-like road there where cars could speed through<br>Need for bike paths<br>Need to completely resurface the road, no patches<br>Unappealing, old/rusty bridge |
| • For visibility a sidewalk would be nice for walkers. Currently, resident feels that safety is a concern with the narrow road. |
| • Rough road by bridge |
| • Safety is a concern as a walker, cars come down 54th pretty fast. There also is a concern with the amount of traffic. |
| • Not enough street lights, the street is dark<br>No marking of bike lanes, she has seen green stripe before in other cities to indicate bike lane |
| • Need for sidewalks, road is too busy for pedestrians |
| • Safety concerns as a pedestrian, mentioned being able to cross the street was sometimes difficult.<br>Going east there is no access for bikes because of the narrowness of the road. |
| • Needs an update: a walking/biking lane that could be the same lane, need to cover potholes<br>Unsafe bridge overall |
| • No middle, yellow stripe<br>They had taken out the stop sign by the creek, so there are speed problems |
| • Need for safe path for pedestrians from Arden park to 54th along Minnehaha Blvd, and along 52nd to France.<br>"Arden Falls" needs a sense of place.<br>Need for access under the bridge. |
| • I live on 54th St. I'm worried about parking don't want to lose any street parking on either side of the bridge. Don't want a dedicated bike lane in lieu of parking. Concerned that they'll put in sidewalks with a boulevard and it will be too wide. Their houses are already close to the street and they don't want pedestrians too close to their houses. It's more of a thoroughfare already so they don't want any extra traffic. I prefer no sidewalks, at least on the south side.<br>Also, don't want a roundabout at Halifax and 54th St and no stop sign.<br>He also doesn't want any more signs in his yard. He already has a bus stop sign. |
| • The sidewalk is broken. Overall it could use some improvements like new paint on the railings. |
| • No center striping on 54th St. Seems like a one way. Very confusing intersection when coming from Minnehaha: wasn't sure if it was a 3 way or 2 way stop since you can't see the signs for the other drivers from Minnehaha. (These were people who were doing work on one of the houses on Minnehaha) |
| • There is no median, could have head-on collisions<br>Bike lanes are a mess |
| • Road has steep slope, could lose control when icy, also could have pooling water<br>There are obstructed views when turning onto 54th such as hedges<br>Poorly designed bike lanes, they are a disaster |
| • It is a rough road<br>It is unfriendly to pedestrians, bike lane doesn't help pedestrians<br>Needs to be more bike friendly |
| • Redo entire road, need to address gas leak that happened a few years ago<br>How can it be widened to accommodate everyone such as bikers, buses, pedestrians, cars, standing on bridge)<br>Safety of pedestrians, kayaks, bikers<br>No garbage cans by bridge |
| • Lack of parking for those who live on 54th St |
| • Needs to be totally redone, no more patches<br>Opportunity to make bridge more user-friendly<br>Make sure pedestrians use both sides of bridge/street |
| • Bike lanes are confusing/bad<br>Bridge looks like it'll fall<br>Aesthetics of WPA project (bridge, park) should be preserved |
| • Not safe to walk with dogs or bike around<br>Not aesthetically pleasing bridge |

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| • Lack of sidewalks, moving off to the side during busy periods |
| • Wider landing to stop and look at bridge<br>Railing doesn't seem safe for kids<br>Not enough space for pedestrian, bike, cars (seems to be confusing at intersection) there is no labeled cross walk<br>Think bike lanes and sidewalks would be key |
| • Parking lot bump out helps a lot<br>walking on bridge in winter is tough because it is narrow<br>Walkway should be widened |
| • No problems really, don't travel it too much<br>big advocates of sidewalks though |
| • adding the bike lanes have been great<br>sidewalk ( I see a lot of people walking)<br>resurface |
| • The road is not wide enough (sidewalks would be nice)<br>People walk on that road to commute between the two major roads, France and Wooddale |
| • Been here a long time<br>Would like to see it a bit wider |
| • Street is just so narrow<br>Stop sign always seems like a trouble area |
| • It is a very busy area sidewalks would be nice |
| • Think it is fine, haven't seen too many problems.<br>not enough room, for all traffic (bike, walk, car) |
| • The bridge is not wide enough or the speed limit is not slow enough<br>People just cross in front of cars |
| • She is an avid runner<br>sidewalk would be nice<br>So many cars go through 54th<br>Sometimes they go fast on intersections turning on 54th |
| • Bike lanes are not working (people seem to get too close and don't understand how they work)<br>little parking area is good<br>Need road resurfacing<br>people do stop at the stop sign, but it would be good to have a sidewalk (many kids fish near the bridge) |
| • enhance visually<br>It is not too busy but seems confusing<br>would like sidewalk with nicer curbs<br>Bike lanes |
| • I am a bike commuter and would like a bike path (Lanes are confusing to drivers)<br>like the bridge in the country club area (would like to see the 54th bridge to be just as nice)<br>Lot of kids use the area clearer pathways to water especially for pedestrians<br>The road is very busy and there are many buses that come by<br>more defined for creek use |
| • Seems like bottleneck for bike or foot traffic, maybe it could be widened |
| • Repair needs on road based on the physical state of road<br>it is complicated how people, cars, and bikes converge on the bridge and at the stop sign |
| • Erosion of grass/yard from bus, closer to Wooddale<br>No area for bus stop, not aesthetically pleasing<br>Need for barrier between bus stop and lawn<br>Need for more pedestrian safety, especially by bridge where people are standing/fishing/boating |
| • Road not easy for pedestrians or bikes<br>Visibility on intersection with Brookview is not good, trees blocking cars/pedestrians<br>Bridge seems to keep sinking |
| • No more capping of road, great need for total resurfacing<br>Bridge looks like it'll fall into the water |

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| Too many potholes<br>Poorly designed bike paths |
| • Road is in bad condition, shouldn't do anymore temporary fixes<br>Bike paths are a mess<br>Need for a sidewalk, unsafe to walk in street<br>Narrow bridge |
| • If made too wide, it would cut driveway, feels like road would be at dining room<br>Concerned with how it will be paid for, the other 20%<br>The bridge is ugly |
| • Prefer not to have bike lanes, there is a greater need for parking<br>Poorly designed bike lanes |
| • Yard is sloppy without a curb on 54th street, grass just runs into the street<br>Seems unsafe for people to just walk on the street |
| • Bike paths are gone/covered on Wooddale, unsure if they're coming back<br>People stop on bridge to fish/canoe instead of pulling further off to the side. Seems unsafe for other drivers who are unsure what the car in front of them is doing |
| • Unsure who would pay for the other 20%, when state pays for 80%<br>The stop sign by the creek/bridge seems good for safety, but is a nuisance at times since it isn't a high traffic area<br>Poorly designed bike lanes, unsure where to drive |
| • pedestrian safety, need safe space to walk on at least one side of 54th, bike lane on 54th is inconsistent, would like a wider road with a center line, more frequent street sweeping to encourage cyclists, concerned that as 54th becomes more user friendly traffic will increase |
| • Safety of the bridge and the width of road, not enough room for both cars and pedestrians.<br>Run off from street during the winter creates icy roads coming down from the hill. |
| • Not wide enough for both cars at the same time.<br>Parking for church traffic on 54th St. can create over crowding on the street and narrow the street even more. |
| • Aesthetics of the bridge, the bridge seems unsafe. |
| • Narrow walkways, high traffic area, can be scary with kids on bikes.<br>Lack of space for pedestrians. |
| • Lack of sidewalk on 54th, walkers do not feel safe with their children. |
| • Condition of the road.<br>Safety issue with location of bike lanes, emphasized the lack of a center lane.<br>Lack of a walk way makes pedestrians feel unsafe.<br>It can also be scary walking along with dogs not a lot of space for all on road. |
| • The surface of 54th St. and it's condition. |
| • The condition of the road.<br>With a lot of construction on houses in the area, he doesn't feel safe walking.<br>Not a lot of room on the road for both pedestrians and cars, seem to fight each other. |
| • Hard to walk along road and feel safe at the same time. Once a biker complained that he was in bike lane. |
| • Safety on the road and coming up over the hill, traffic comes up fast.<br>The bridge is narrow, potentially a safety issue. Not enough space for walkers and cars. |
| • bridge aesthetics, no shoulder for cycling on 54th especially at the bridge, need wider sidewalks for walkers |
| • safety issues for runners and bikers along 54th, concerned that there will be simultaneous construction on 54th and 58th that will cause congestion |
| • pedestrian safety along 54th |
| • pedestrian safety for people portaging across 54th, graffiti on bridge could be more aesthetically pleasing |
| • safety for bikes along 54th, traffic on 54th, bike lane on 54th stops |
| • bridge and road are too narrow, concerned about bike safety, lack of sidewalks make it hard to get across 54th St |
| • not enough parking, not enough space on the sidewalk |
| • dangerous to cross 54th Street with strollers, no place to walk down street |
| • not enough space to walk along 54th street with tubes, not a good place to walk along 54th in general |

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| • not enough parking, bike lane is confusing-hard to know where to drive |
| • safety for motorists and cyclists, with new signs saying that cyclists can use the entire lane there is confusion about where people are supposed to ride or bike, need clearer bike and driving lanes, need to be able to still see river from bridge |
| • Paths near the bridge (especially south of the Creek) are overgrown used to be maintained better. Would like better visibility from the bench.<br>Better/safer portage across 54th at the bridge, with easier access to Creek for swimmers, fishers, tubers, etc. |
| • The walking path going up the hill from the bridge is dangerous. Also, there's not enough parking and it needs to be better labeled. Also, they could mark the crosswalk. It just needs better marking all over signs saying what's legal or not. It's not clear right now whether you're supposed to fish, or tube, or what. It looks dumpy now. |
| • That bridge is awful it's the worst intersection in Edina for potholes. Even when they get repaired they just come back. I want walking paths by the creek. Also, it would be great if there were dog bags available for people to pick up after their dogs. People aren't used to those new bike paths so there needs to be better signage. Cars don't know what to do. I would want bike trails, but that's probably not going to happen. |
| • It's good they're redoing it. It's a safety hazard too narrow for bike lanes. Very treacherous in the winter because it gets icy and there's no room for bigger vehicles. Wish they would post a "slow" sign on Minnehaha because people drive too fast. For bikers the 54th St bridge is dangerous too. |
| • It would be nice to have a bike path/more of a shoulder for bikers. |
| • Need for safety for walkers from 54th to 52nd, along Minnehaha Blvd, and along 52nd Street to France.<br>Need for pedestrian safety along 54th to the park<br>"Arden Falls" needs a better sense of place.<br>Need for access under the bridge |
| • None, she only is dropping off her child for a parks program. |
| • not enough parking |
| • traffic is dangerous and creates safety issues with kids, feels unsafe walking with stroller, traffic goes too quickly down 54th |
| • not enough parking when wave is high |
| • Not enough parking when Creek is high |
| • confused about where to drive along 54th with the bike lanes, driving safety with all of the drivers distracted by the water |
| • safety and efficiency for cyclists: bike lanes are helpful |
| • worried about traffic disruption and assessment costs from construction, issues with increasing traffic, unsafe for walking and cycling, church parking increases traffic congestion, walks through others' yards along 54th to feel safe |
| • bridge is aesthetically unappealing, kayak portage is difficult across 54th |
| • safety for walkers and cyclists, hard to cross 54th |
| • Safety issues walking along all of 54th |
| • safety issues for pedestrians walking during high traffic times down from Brookview past the bridge |
| • pedestrian safety at the intersection of Minnehaha Blvd and 54th, not enough parking |
| • ensure access to the church |
| • Uneven |
| • Surface in terrible shape. Unattractive. Falls ugly. concerned about road closures for this project. |
| • safety concerns since no sidewalks. safety with boat parking, but don't want it to be an eyesore. Wooden posts make it harder to park |
| • Don't' feel safe biking, narrow. Bike path seems stupid when narrow roads. No dedicated bike path. Narrow walking |
| • None keep as is |
| • Narrow |
| • bridge too tight, bumpy, potholes. concerned about safety for bikes and walkers |
| • the bridge is ugly, could have stone face added. too many trees cleared. not enough shade. |
| • Concerned it won't be residential if it changes |
| • None don't use |
| • None I avoid street |

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| • Road in bad shape west of bridge. sidewalk not at the curb the whole way. concern that would have to maintain the grass if sidewalk built. |
| • Bridge not maintained |
| • Concern with safety for kids & pedestrians. street condition bridge to Wooddale. confusion with bike lane |
| • Confusion at intersection of Minnehaha. Not safe for walking |
| • No spot to sit and see creek. Road too bumpy |
| • blind corners. feels unsafe. hard for pedestrians without sidewalks. not bike friendly |
| • Safety concern walking on 54th |
| • The bridge is in tough shape |
| • Graffiti under the bridge |
| • Bike lanes are confusing nervous to drive with the bike lanes people bike on sidewalk to avoid lanes |
| • too busy don't feel safe walking no lights or sidewalks can't see people around the corners |
| • 54th sty is rough and not well maintained. Safety for walkers is also a concern because the streets are narrow. |
| • Safety as a walker is a concern because of the narrow streets. The intersection of 54th St. and Minnehaha blvd for walkers as it is not clear who has the right of way with the stop signs and yield signs coming together. |
| • The lack of clearly defined bike lanes. |
| • The road striping does not make it clear where bikers should ride and where cars should drive. |
| • Safety is a concern especially with children as it relates to the width of the road. The speed at which cars approach the intersections especially along 54th. |
| • Both the condition of 54th St. as well as the width of the road present safety concerns. |
| • Safety concerns with the width of the roads especially for bikers and walkers.<br>The hand rail on the bridge is not seen as aesthetically pleasing. |
| • Narrowness of the bridge is a concern especially for children and kids on bikes too. The rough surface of 54th St. makes it difficult for bikers and walkers alike. |
| • Safety for both kids and bikes, including narrow roads, steep and bumpy roads. Also safety at the intersections including the safety while crossing the streets. |
| • The condition of the road including potholes and upkeep of the road. |
| • The lack of room on 54th St. for walkers.<br>At the corner of Brookview and 54th St. and specifically for those coming east, it is not clear if people should stop or not. |
| • Safe place to walk the dog<br>• Reduce conflicts between bike and car<br>• Poor pavement surface/safety<br>• Kids need safe access to the park/creek<br>• Concerns about traffic volume and speed<br>• Drainage and flooding problems<br>• Park access not obvious from 54th<br>• Missed opportunity/utilizing natural resource<br>• Eastbound traffic run Stop sign. need natural traffic calming<br>• Kids need safe place to wait for the bus (on bridge)<br>• Poor sight lines create safety risk on both sides of creek<br>• People 8-80 need safe place to walk<br>• Maintain pedestrian park access<br>• Bike trail connection to Minneapolis<br>• Smooth traffic flow<br>• Maintain reasonable speeds<br>• Ensure enough parking at the park, especially seasonally<br>• Ensure enough parking at Church, especially Sundays<br>• Look at grade control structure, maintain rapids for fun paddling<br>• Too much noise at the carwash at 54th and France<br>• If roundabouts or other, consider if they large enough for Fire access<br>• Maintain wooded feel of the road<br>• Incorporate historical bridge design |

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| • Is there enough money to address issues?<br>• Ensure lighting for pedestrians, auto traffic, and park users<br>• Bridge does not match the quaint character of the neighborhood and park<br>• Bridge needs to accommodate a multitude of uses<br>• Bridge has short remaining service life<br>• Concrete spillway looks in need of repair<br>• Establish historical look of the bridge to enhance and beautify the area<br>• Prioritize solutions to match funding<br>• Bridge feels narrow for drivers<br>• Ensure and separate space for pedestrians across the bridge<br>• Is the pedestrian bridge width adequate? |
| • I live on the corner of 54th and Kellogg and there is significant land erosion on 54th street caused by the bus. This is not only aesthetically unpleasant, but potentially unsafe as that is a bus stop location requiring passengers to stand further on my lawn to avoid traffic on the road.<br>Standing water on 54th street after rain showers. |
| • The sidewalk on the street is not continuous between Wooddale and France<br>The bridge is not wide enough to handle vehicle traffic, pedestrians, cyclists, and canoeists.<br>Snow removal is lacking for pedestrians in the area |
| • I would like to be able to let my kids ride their bikes to school (Normandale French Immersion), but the bike paths are inadequate for small children to navigate safely. |
| • Bridge isn't wide enough for bike, pedestrian, motor vehicle facilities<br>• Not safe for kids to cross 54th at the bridge carrying innertubes<br>• Confusing to travel along 54th without continuous striping<br>• Skewed intersections and hill impact sight distance; contexts change<br>• Variety of activity at park block: tubers canoeists, pedestrians, cyclists, and transit – all used by a variety of ages and abilities<br>• Wooddale and 54th: Golf course hedge impedes sight distance...in row, not trimmed; weeds, as well<br>• Bridge clearance for canoeists on Creek is insufficient<br>• Church parking takes right-of-way from travel; can't they build their own? No longer just Sunday and Wednesday; this is a 7-day facility with activities all week that need parking.<br>• Stop sign at Minnehaha Blvd is a challenge for bikes when they're headed uphill, and also when they're headed downhill and must stop |
| • We were informed that most likely the speed limit along 54th, due to the bike lane would be reduced. It was not.<br>• The traffic along this lane travels in excess of the current limit and endangers cyclists and pedestrians.<br>• The condition of the bike lane is not very good, and in some places dangerous<br>• Even with the presence of police there was a bicycle/auto accident at the corner of 54th and Brookview |
| • Retain street parking on both sides of the street. They have guests a lot, as well as for a traffic-calming measure.<br>• Cars speed down 54th, safety<br>• Lots of pedestrian traffic of kids, people launching canoes, would like to keep stop sign for safety reason.<br>• Prefer not to have sidewalks, just because the houses sit close to the street so people would be walking close to the house. The mature tree provides privacy, and it would be devastating to lose it. If they have to have sidewalks, prefer not to have a boulevard.<br>• Don't want to see deforestation or trees coming down on 54th street, like it wooded<br>• Bridge is in need of repair<br>• Don't want any more signage in our yard, already have a bus sign and an electrical pole |

# STAKEHOLDER INPUT: Edina 54th Street/Stormwater Management Plan

**Question 2: What issues and needs do you see for Minnehaha Creek and Arden Park? (Please focus on issues and needs rather than specific solutions. Example: Stormwater runoff dumps directly from the road into the Creek. Or, The canoe landing is primitive and slippery after a rain.)**

**NOTE:** This is all input from doorknocking, intercept surveys, online surveys, and small group sessions (such as City committees) from 21 June-18 July 2013. Content is in random order and only personal names and phone numbers have been removed. Input from this and the other key question is being categorized and in combination with design and regulatory requirements will be used to generate scenarios for stakeholder feedback in August and September 2013.

| Response Text (filtering out none, no response, no comment, etc.) |
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| • The openings of park equipment is too big and is a safety issue. The safety and park for kids. |
| • Clear snow on pedestrian bridge and walkway to west so it is safe in winter• Water runs off lawns on Minnehaha directly into Creek• Hard for canoeists to get across, over, and under bridge• Parking at NE corner of Park is inadequate; need more without increasing surface water runoff• No safe place to keep bikes at Park• Improve Creek water quality by encouraging bike vs. auto use • Algal blooms in Creek reduce aesthetics• Park shelter blocks view of Creeks so it is less visible, inviting, and attractive• Would be nice if people could see Creek looking east from higher ground on Oaklawn• Want to be able to access more of the NW part of the Park |
| • There are a lack of facilities such as ice rinks. There are dead fish in the water. |
| • There are invasive plants like buckthorn. There is a lack of shaded picnic facilities. |
| • -Safety issue shooting the rapids. There is potential for injuries, however, if people could shoot the rapids they wouldn't have to portage which creates a safety concern.-It is not clear what is park/public land and what is private/church property. The liability of this is a principal concern. Trees fall, people make unofficial paths, all of which present safety hazards that the church is legally liable for.-The entrance to church property next to the stormwater drain/creek is very eroded-The two huge pipes that go directly into the creek stick out-There is a huge concrete culvert sitting in the woods on church property, but it is not the church's-The storm water drains back into the woods and the creek-Concerns about water run-off from the new Sanctuary roof that is being built |
| • Arden needs an updated warming house, with year round toilet access. In particular, it is frustrating to be at the playground with a toddler That needs to use the bathroom when there isn't one available!!! |
| • -too much governmental management gets in the way (building more amenities)-it is gorgeous -keep the nature feel |
| • -we should limit the amount of fertilizer. Have seen the runoff especially form the Edina Country Club, it is a big problem.-maybe we could have a U of M landscape architect school come help teach neighbors how to maintain there year without the fertilizer-did you know we use more fertilizer for our lawns in the suburbs than actual farms-this could have a major impact on the environment |
| • not down there too much-On Minnehaha can't see pedestrians. I try not to drive on it because it don't want to hit a walker or a biker |
| • -water quality is bad (daughter class went down and measured the levels, it didn't do so well)-can't think of any runoff issues |
| • -I don't know-gets really wet in the open field |
| • -gross and crammed w/ crap, it is dirty-cross bridge by Arden park - big trees fall and stay in river. |
| • rapids is a little rough right now |
| • I don't really have an issue |
| • Just want them to do it correctly.<br>• Wary of this term "environmental".<br>• Should keep the park as much as the same as it can be.<br>• There could be a small area for an off leash dog park in Arden Park. There would still be room for tables and the kids' playground. |
| • I've seen standing water in the park.<br>• Need to be careful about what runoff goes into the creek, like fertilizer.<br>• The creek is a jewel - should protect it. |
| • Flow needs to be steadier in the creek. Not too little, not too much.Nutrients wash off the landscape and dirty the creek.Park needs to be more accessible from 50th street and Wooddale area.Natural character of the park is |

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| | an amenity, we need to preserve it.The park lacks identity, we should create a vision for how it should look.Park is a great place for people to experience and learn about natural resources, demonstrate and showcase with signs varieties of trees and landscaping.Use educational kiosks to provide natural resources and water resource public education.Need greater visibility of park from 54th street, I don't even know it's there. Wayfinding and signage to call out park and amenities to encourage use.Stop cutting down trees. |
| • | -Arden Park under water-There are lots of Raccoons in the park |
| • | In the alley behind Minnehaha/Halifax the drain clogs so sand runs into drain and consistent runoff problem |
| • | no different |
| • | no comment, but we do use the park a lot |
| • | great park |
| • | -I don't know-we like to skate at park-the playground is average, would like to see a bigger park-the baseball field leaves something to be desire, it is sad shape. |
| • | -Haven't seen a lot of overflow-can't comment |
| • | -when there is heavy snow/rain the middle of Arden floods-time the lights on France avenue please. |
| • | -portage should be on other side from the stop sign because of the water flow-maintain trees = take out that falling trees-The city doesn't trim trees on the park side of Minnehaha Blvd but then we get asked to trim our trees-Would like to see a walking path from bridge to park on Minnehaha to get people off the windy/blind spot road-we like that Arden park is a children's park-Maybe a bit more shade at the actual park would be good. |
| • | There is sediment and sand that runs from our Ally behind Minnehaha into the drain that makes its way to the creek. |
| • | don't see any problems |
| • | Safety for canoeist to cross the street. |
| • | Steps and path leading into the park as fallen apart and floods in the spring. |
| • | 1. There is flooding near the creek when it rains heavily2. There is not enough space for picnicking along the creek |
| • | 1. There is not a lot of easy access to the creek |
| • | 1. I like when there are open spaces in the parks - 10 year old son |
| • | 1. There are rocks in the playground under the play set and it is dangerous for the kids |
| • | 1. There is flooding in the neighborhood and not enough ways for it to drain |
| • | -Creek should still be useful for boaters/kayakers of all levels, need to keep them safe-There is an excess of buckhorn along creek |
| • | -The warming house is too old |
| • | -There are dying trees, need for more replanting-Warming house looks like a pit, no windows for parents to sit and monitor children |
| • | -Better upkeep of creek-Need for naming the falls so people know where to meet one another-A water basin would attract more mosquitoes at the park, that would be an issue |
| • | Need to maintain woods alongside creek. |
| • | Want to maintain woods, especially by the church on 54th; unsure what the church plans on doing. |
| • | -There is no bathroom at the park, when the warming house is closed-There is not adequate light at night |
| • | It would be nice to not have to portage a canoe across traffic. |
| • | The 54th Street rapids are the most popular rapids on the entire stretch of the 20 mile Creek, for canoeists and kayakers alike. Anything that can be done to enhance the space above and below the rapids would be appreciated. Better landings above and below would be welcome, as would be a more defined portage path. Ideal would be a pedestrian/portage path under the bridge, adjacent to the Creek, so that portages would not require crossing 54th Street. This would also be helpful for kayakers that enjoy running the rapids over and over again for practice. They could safely transport their kayaks upstream via a convenient portage path under the bridge. |
| • | Warming hut is deteriorating, needs re-doing |
| • | -No loss of natural habitat/drainage-Need for water to soak into park, not re-routed to creek-No curbing around park, so that it soaks in instead of being re-routed-Need to maintain natural wilderness feel of park, no sidewalks/paved walkways. Can be mulch/woodchips |
| • | Need to maintain access to park |
| • | Park is difficult to use during spring due to flooding |

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| • Lack of milkweed for monarchs. |
| • There are sick trees in the park that should be trimmed more. |
| • The park floods, water should be rerouted. |
| • There are kids with drugs (using, offering) on the Brookview side of the creek. Needs to stop. |
| • Need to keep as quiet space along creek. |
| • -Stormwater comes into yard-Park needs better field conditions-Park should cater to all age groups, tends to be younger kids. What are older kids to do? |
| • need easier way for boaters to safely get in and out of Creek, boat launches/landings are primitive and slippery, area by bridge and Creek could be more aesthetically pleasing, need a way for Creek and trail users to avoid being on the street at all to increase safety and quality of experience, need more parking near Arden with easy and safe access to the park, flooding issues at both the north and south ends of Arden, need space for people to fish, no place to park bikes, make sure improvements are used strategically to attract wildlife and natural features to Arden and the Creek, use floodwater creatively so that it becomes an asset not a detriment, need for greater/more intentional community gathering space around the Creek---could become a unique City feature and asset, need greater and intentional focused lighting that is aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sustainable to improve safety, eventual need for updated warming house in Arden, space around Creek should be a more prominent City feature, Park Board would like to see City plan for area so that they can think through how the plan may affect future Arden renovations, stormwater pipes dumping into the Creek are ugly |
| • although at certain levels there is good kayaking at this drop, I am sure it could be improves which would greatly increase use |
| • Would like to maintain canoe/kayak play area under bridge. |
| • this is the premier location for both canoes & kayaks. The bridge should accommodate observers & walkers, bikers, rollerbladers. Upgrading the landing in conjunction with bridge renovation would make the landing safer for ages & abilities of landing users. |
| • Aside from wet fields at Arden Park after strong rains, the only issue we face if the rainwater dumps lawn chemicals, etc. into the creek. |
| • Improving the creek features to make the water more fun for canoes, kayaks and inner tubers. |
| • a) The jagged surface of the spillway running underneath the bridge presents a hazard to any recreational boater or tuber coming through and taking a face-first spill. b) "Shoreline landscaping" rocks downstream of the bridge present foot entrapment hazards.c) The old "dam gate" on river left above the bridge, presents an entrapment hazard at higher water levels.d) The last thing we want to have happen is a Minnehaha "50th street drop" into crushed rocks which -- as scenic as some may see it -- is a man-made hazard to all users. A more favorable goal for the "54th St. site" would be -- a mini-whitewater park constructed with multiple features to take advantage of all Minnehaha Creek flow rates for the enjoyment of all users.I applaud the City Of Edina for investing the time in doing this survey -- and also the many local residents I have spoken to who favor the idea of a mini-whitewater park for the enjoyment of both kids and adults alike!! |
| • The current layout of the rapid creates a "play wave" for kayakers at high flows. It would really be a shame if a new bridge/landscaping worsened the ability of whitewater kayakers to enjoy the creek in high water. |
| • warming house is dilapidated |
| • buckthorn and plant debris in the Creek, more landscaping needed by the Creek, drainage issues in the park, warming house is shabby, more lighting in park, whitewater course on the Creek |
| • more plantings in park |
| • keep area looking natural |
| • keep Creek high so that people don't walk in it |
| • grassy area in park is underutilized--would like a soccer net to practice shooting |
| • more flowers and shrubbery |
| • warming house could look better aesthetically, flooding in road around house (5116 Arden) that drains into Creek, water is not moving freely enough to keep from pooling around house and park which makes the trees less stable |
| • I am a canoeist (both flat water and whitewater). I very much enjoy paddling Minnehaha creek. In higher water the wave that forms just beneath the bridge is an excellent spot to play in whitewater boats. I spent more than 5 hours there last week along with several other boaters, many of whom were there more than 4 days in a row. Any changes to the bridge need to be done to insure that this wave remains the same or is improved. A new bridge should have enough clearance so that boaters can safely go down the creek even in higher water. All |

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| debris from removal and construction of a bridge must be cleaned up to keep paddlers safe.I think it would be excellent if some thought toward improving the wave and the small rapids for the purposes of white water paddlers could be given. Judicious placement of rocks and/or barriers could make this spot much more of an attraction than it currently is for whitewater enthusiasts. I assume that the concrete apron on the creek bed beneath the bridge would need to be modified. This would be a prime time to improve the flow into more of a mini-whitewater park. Check out the Charles City Iowa whitewater park: http://ccwhitewater.com/For paddlers that choose to portage this section there is a decent landing on the upstream side but nothing definitive on the downstream side. There is a dirt trail which is fine but it might be worth considering stairs or a more formal trail just down from the bridge. No need for anything too fancy as the 'wild-ness' of the area is very much desired but it would be good to reduce erosion near the bridge. Similarly a path from the parking area down to the creek would be nice. Again there is currently a dirt one which is fine but if the area is to be developed a new path should be included. |
| • The 54th street canoe landing downstream of the bridge is not very convenient, it is way down a path you could fall into the water while trying to get through. The left side of the creek has a much more commonly used area for people loading their boats. |
| • I cannot stress this enough: There is an opportunity to add a couple more parking spaces for people that would like to have access to the creek at that location for canoeing and kayaking (put-in and take-out location for creek paddling trips). And Please, Please, Please do not allow the construction contractors to dump construction waste material into the creek (like they did the last time the bridge was worked on). |
| • Concerned over neighbors knowledge of how to take care of their lawn or their impact on the creek, specifically for people whose property backs up to the creek. Gave an example of neighbors feeding the ducks. |
| • Something should be done to keep runoff from going into creek. Concerned also with keeping the creek clean. |
| • A good canoe landing. |
| • Water Recreation for my kids. |
| • Maintain the fun nature of the creek for kayaking and canoeing fun. |
| • Some areas in the creek are too shallow for kayaks to go through. |
| • Vending machines in the park. Wayfinding signs along the creek |
| • Seems like a lot of water flowing, it's a safety issue. Unclear where water/kayak access is on the S side of the bridge. |
| • Specify where the landing is, designated parking for kayakers, clearer idea of portage. |
| • Keep it nature, plenty of good birdwatching |
| • The features of the creek could be improved with good planning to make the location an even better draw for recreational users. |
| • Trees need to be cleaned up, keep it sustainable. |
| • Baseball field not very diamond-like. Have rubber for play lot instead of rocks, would use the warming hut more if it was nicer. |
| • Flooding |
| • Warming house is dark and unsafe |
| • Improvements to landing - a ramp instead of a dock. |
| • Expand the playground |
| • I believe it is important to the wildlife and aquatic life in the area, including associated wetlands, that the flow of the creek remain largely unchanged or increased.<br>• The dam at Lake Minnetonka has already compromised the flow of Minnehaha Creek substantially and further flow decreases may prove disastrous to the local wildlife. I hope that any solution to the storm runoff problem be dealt with in a way that takes these concerns into mind and that thorough study of the impact of diverting storm water is done to avoid inadvertently doing harm in the name of good.<br>• I look forward to hearing the proposed solutions and an improved recreation area as well as a cleaner, more sustainable river!<br>• Thanks! |
| • Signage for kids to be careful. |
| • Have a kayak park to encourage more kayakers to gather. |
| • The park could use a pool |
| • It would be nice if the project could address river recreation needs. I see whitewater kayakers and children |

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| inner-tubing at that site on a routine basis. If, as a part of the overall project, the character of the river can be maintained or improved for recreational use, it would be a great service to the community at large. |
| • Two skating rinks and no basketball or tennis courts! There needs to be use of space for other sports. Bigger or better landing for canoes, it's congested. |
| • It would be nice to not change the configuration of the creek. Let it flood if it needs to. |
| • Love the park, it is nice and simple-Better signage for the rapids (dangerous for canoes and kayakers) |
| • -let it run natural, take the dam off |
| • -more walking paths along the parkway (near bridge)-Would like to see more paths go into woods |
| • Sustainability of the environment. How can the congregation (of the Lutheran church on 54th) contribute to the sustainability of the land and be a good steward? |
| • No issues, but did find a broken glass alcohol bottle at park today |
| • No place for bikes to ride along the creek. No drinking water access in the park. |
| • bug control at parks, there are a lot of kids-kids go down to creek-a wider path in park, often times the water is flooded on path |
| • The creek overflows the banks after it rains |
| • -dogs are sometimes off leash and not very friendly-worried about runoff have seen cut grass go into creek |
| • Ensure that trees are cleared after the rain |
| • -don't know much-have seen people pitching tent son the backside of woods-found bra and trash in woods |
| • To echo my response to the first question, the inclusion of any additional rapids, making another play spot, or a short run, would be absolutely ideal in engaging the local paddling community. |
| • Would like to see updates to warming house |
| • -kids often play in back woods-would like to see more paths that go back through the woods-don't often go to Arden Park because it is small |
| • Can't see sign for dam or rapids |
| • -Sometimes there are down trees-The boulder walls and retaining wall up the creek have helped with tricky turns-It would be nice if people didn't over fertilize |
| • See above, plus the canoe landing is slippery |
| • -tree downs in river, flipped our canoe-nothing out of ordinary-don't like rapids by bridge |
| • -there are lots of tress down-the canoe landing seem fine |
| • -Trees are down in creek-There is standing water and puddles, it holds a lot of water in park-Want to be able to play baseball and soccer in fields but can't with water.-We usually go to Todd Park |
| • -Love the parks and enjoy the open place.-I like how there is vegetation and greenery |
| • It would be nice to have a higher bridge |
| • Currently, whitewater kayakers make regular use of the surf waves that features in the creek substrate create. It's an excellent friendly water feature for beginners, and the neighborhood and general street situation are welcoming. At a minimum, we'd like to be able to continue coming to the 54th street bridge for basic surf wave play! Key features for a wave to be playable include - smooth rock or ledge setting up a stationary wave, vs. a surging breaking wave, or a circulating hydraulic (which can be difficult to escape, and so is dangerous); eddies on each side of the wave so that the kayaker can enter/exit the wave without being washed down stream; deep enough pool on bottom side of wave so that the kayaker doesn't impact the bottom when rolling; stream bed clear of sharp construction debris or riprap. Also key is good pedestrian access to the bank so that kayakers can put in upstream of the feature, and exit downstream of the feature with minimal traffic conflict and manageable foot access to the stream. Enhancements to the current situation would include access (similar to for walkers/bikers but with clearance to the actual stream). Strategic placement of rocks on the stream bed up and downstream of a ledge creating a wave would add a few eddies that would provide additional play opportunities for kayakers, tubers, and canoeists, as well as enhancing stream quality for aquatic life! Anything that will control/filter street runoff will help the water quality and enhance the recreational experience of this urban gem! Thanks! |
| • Right now, at certain levels, there is a fabulous surfing wave for kayakers. It would be wonderful if that wave could be maintained or even improved upon. It's great to have a surf spot in the cities and it would be a shame if construction destroyed it. |
| • Arden Park and Minnehaha Creek in the vicinity of the 54th Street bridge crossing provides a unique location within the metro area for kayaking and canoeing. Water sports enthusiasts should be included in the design |

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| process to ensure the proposed design does not adversely affect the navigability of the creek and the desirable hydraulic features located at 54th street. |
| • -lot of trees on river - it would be nice if they were cleared-keep water clean of chemicals/pollutants |
| • better area for portaging boat-worried about chemicals on peoples down that is diverging down the street-Keep the rapids-Storm is draining right into creek at Brookview-it nice having skate park, but it would be nice if it was refurbished-We really like the 2nd landing |
| • -signage is hard to see; nothing to say about these canoe landings-gets so calm, low flood plan for storm-keep nature and the rapids under the bridge-There is the invasive species carnai-invasion in the creek-Maybe could have a high/low rapids for paddlers of different abilities-Wider span under bridge would be nice |
| • shoreline restoration, whitewater park on creek for greater recreational access |
| • need more modern warming house |
| • warming house is too small |
| • -Water often comes barreling down 54th from East and West and goes straight into river-tons of trees are down - hard to paddle around-more trees are on north side-don't know where landing was (hard to see sign, covered with vegetation |
| • water cleanliness is an issue when the Creek is low, warming house is aesthetically unpleasing and is too small and rundown, need cleanup of natural debris in Creek |
| • -would like to get trees out of river - at least move them more out the way if can't fully remove-worried about stormwater-it would nice to be able to portage boats on the west side of creek on 54th |
| • trash in Creek, keep area pristine and not disrupted, keep canoe launches |
| • -tree blown down in the creek (it was very slippery and dangerous)-where do you report hazards, maybe could make that clear-would like to see an app for iPhone where you could see hazards-past Nicollet the bridge really low, hard to fit canoe/kayak under |
| • no safe path to Arden for pedestrians, people drive too fast on Minnehaha, not enough places to sit in the park, the current benches are showing a lot of wear and tear |
| • mini ponds at park - worried about erosions with capacity |
| • park flooding, more lighting in the park for safety at night, litter in the park |
| • -we kayak down there-canoe is easy to get in and out of-Sometimes see brown foam and other pollutants |
| • keep Creek and park natural, no significant clearing of natural growth |
| • -It is a spawn new bridge (carpe)-Standing water all over the place, do something-Arden Park Not conducive for people to walk or play-More signs about picking up droppings-being used a great deal, especially younger families-Off leash park would be nice, improve drainage |
| • park drainage, need more invasive species cleanup along Creek, bank erosion and the shifting creekbed may impact 54th eventually |
| • -Nice if bathrooms where open all year round (sometime see boys go in wood and pee)-The equipment is nice, but a better picnic area could be useful-Usually we go to Mill/Work Park-Bigger signs where canoe landing is-It would be nice if you could keep it cleared a bit |
| • Creek cleanliness, worried that Creek level may rise depending on stormwater plan and will impact back of property |
| • -would like to see a tennis court-haven't seen any issues on the creek |
| • Everything is okay |
| • Arden Park is nice General maintenance would be nice (grass cutting) |
| • flooding is and issue |
| • -I like it the way it is-There are low areas that cause flooding |
| • The park is a holding are for access water (flood plan) |
| • -No access to a bathroom during the summer |
| • -See people using the creek a lot.-Like the new southside landing-I would like the park to be as natural as it is |
| • -drainage from the houses is a problem-there are a lot of dogs drinking in the creek-make sure the creek stays clean-buckthorn is taking over-rocks are mossy and slippery when wet |
| • -Park has standing water with ebb and flow of water -Play and keep walkway-Keep creek healthy |
| • -bathrooms would be nice-Wooddale has two separate parks for different aged kids |
| • There are no recycling bins near the park. |
| • Don't know-Would like to keep the wildlife-Bathrooms open like May-August (like Wooddale park |

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| • 1. The concrete block under bridge is dangerous for those kayaking or tubing |
| • 1. Field gets flooded when it rains/storms |
| • 1. There aren't any indicators/signs to say whether or not it is safe to inner tube |
| • 1. The rapids are unsafe for tubing2. It is difficult to walk down to creek on the south side of the bridge3. There is not clear enough signage for the dam4. Wishes there was a more accessible place to exit when tubing before the bridge/rapids5. There is not a place to throw away trash that is found in the creek |
| • 1. The canoe landings could be improved |
| • 1. The creek is not protected from stormwater runoff2. Would like another way to cross the creek north of 54th street3. Wishes there were more toads in the creek |
| • 1. Enjoys the beauty of the park and is concerned that water tanks or other obstructions will be put in place as a result of this project. |
| • 1. Felt unsafe walking on Minnehaha Ave next to Arden Park without a sidewalk |
| • 1. Stormwater runoff dumps directly from the road into the creek |
| • Doesn't drain well (Arden Park)-Water fountains rarely work |
| • I don't know. I love the park |
| • Arden Floods a lot |
| • Larger play area (kids are young)the water floods or sits in the open part of the park-Haven't experience much of the creek. |
| • Creek is beautiful, leave as natural as possible |
| • A larger dock or canoe area to fish on would be great by the bridge |
| • -Would like the warming house hours to be extended-Drinking foundation doesn't usually work |
| • It's okay. There is a lot of water built up on ground |
| • Looking for a more younger kid friendly park (ages 4 to 5) |
| • Like the nature part of the parkDon't know much about runoffWildlife is great - Make sure to keep it! |
| • -Lots of standing water in park-Lots of trees hang over creek and interfere with flow for kayak and canoes near the skating rink |
| • no opinion really-It does flood a lot in spring at the park |
| • -Afraid of runoff from homes-Kids fish a lot down by the bridge-Everything else seems to be good. |
| • -Better way to avoid rapids -- people portage across the road with boats-Park doesn't drain well-runoff grass/chemicals from the yard - would like a better way to deal with that-preserve wildlife |
| • -Needs new warming house (IT would be nice to have the windows out looking the park like some of the newer warming houses). Would like it to have more a community feel-ARDEN PARK is GREAT |
| • Nothing really here.<br>• Just wanted to know if you would redirect the flow near the bridge. |
| • -don't know much about storm water-at night there are obnoxious teenagers-garbage in the park and creek-lots of flooding at the park |
| • -There has been drainage on bottom of hill on Brookview (manholes are on top of hill instead of bottom and water collects at bottom - gets icy.-On the north canoe landing sometimes people can't use because there is floating bog-On the south canoe landing the later level is so low that it doesn't touch the water.-There is a natural spawning bed for fish and crawfish (try to be mindful of that near the creek) |
| • -It is a wonderful park-sometimes some mischievous teenagers hang in the woods at nice (it is hard to police but they are unruly-It is pretty dark near the entrance by there house - the car has been keyed. |
| • -water foundation has rarely works in the past-pretty good space for the bird life (would like to see that protect) there are some Eagles nests in the area. |
| • -different play structure would be nice-Kids are getting older (they like York and Chowen Park)-Flooding of the open space at the park |
| • -Flooding of the east side (drainage) as been a problem |
| • Doesn't really effect me -- the creek -- her older kids have grown out of using the creek |
| • Would like an off leash area in the park (in the wood area)Overall this is a really nice park |
| • -better facilities-Please don't disturb wildlife-runoff should be publicized or enforced better |
| • -expand the play area (missing some bolts on existing play area)-would be nice if the baseball field had at least a home plate. |

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| • Wooddale down is sloped towards the creek. So most of that is going into the creek<br>• Drains into the woods off of 52nd Street-Buckthorn is back in the creek |
| • Not here too much - no issues |
| • The Park is good |
| • -Stairway done to creek - small for tubing-Lots of flooding in the park-A picnic pavilion would be nice (they usually go to Todd Park for that)-New Basketball Court |
| • Condition of the warming house (including aesthetics.) |
| • Attention needs to be devoted to the warming house, both the interior and exterior. When trees were replanted in the area, they have since died. Mentioned that the cottonwood tree in near the bridge looks like it could fall. |
| • The aesthetics of the warming house, seems old.<br>• Consistency of the bathrooms being open is another issue. |
| • -Make sure water is clean-No barricade around fire hydrant and downhill path into park; kid broke jaw once-Community should have more pride in the creek and the infrastructure around it-Warming house isn't open very often-Ensure lights around park, helps with safety-Unsafe steps from Brookview Ave into park |
| • -Too much groundwater that turns into standing water |
| • -No wheelchair accessible path to warming house |
| • The integrity of the creek is an issue and runoff. Often the sewer gets full of mud (mentioned this was around the curb cut out at the park).Sometimes there is trash in the creek. |
| • There is standing water, and bugs are an issue. |
| • Used to be able to see the creek from the neighborhood, now the view is blocked by overgrown vegetation. Need for invasive species removal, and active management of vegetation.<br>• Need to keep the natural character of the creek.<br>• Some sedimentation issues in creek. |
| • Want them to maintain the wooded and natural along the creek. "Keep it natural" |
| • -There is standing water in the open grass, breeding ground for mosquitoes/ice |
| • -Erosion of land nearby-Ensuring it stays recreational and has open access to all-No off-leash area for dogs-Garbage not emptied enough-Lack of community organizing events to clean up park (boy/girl scout troops do, but not entire park community)-Lack of working water fountains (unsure if it was fixed, kids are older now so hasn't been over there) |
| • Lowland collection is critical for creek health, needs to be preserved |
| • -There are no steps by the creek, it is unsafe |
| • -Preserve integrity of park/hockey rink since it is historic-No off-leash area for dogs |
| • -Lack of pathway along creek-Only property owners near creek have access to creek |
| • -Boat landing on south side bridge is small (there is a gap between the dirt and the dock-benches are over run with vegetation -Not clearly labeled where the boat launches are-The park open space is often flooded-off leash dog park would be great |
| • Canoe landings are good. Didn't notice anything else |
| • Nice to have a place to bank fish |
| • -updating warming house (tacky looking)-It is less up kept then other parks-would like to let dog off leash in ice rink |
| • -More picnic area-Its nice to have a shade play area like Arden park. The trees are nice |
| • She has no kids (*Was walking a dog) -Suggested that lots of money is spend on kid focused amenities at parks, might be nice to have things focused on seniors-Thinks we really need little parks like this one |
| • -no input for this question, noted brother lives in the area |
| • It is good |
| • Shelter for skating rink could use some work-play area; water settles in the park and floods |
| • New to neighborhood, so hasn't really seen the park. Is excited to use creek |
| • -park is great-Couple more amenities for kids play area-picnic area |
| • -Love warming but needs maintenance update -Sidewalks flood a lot-Stair case is run down-Signage could be improved-there are tree debris in the river that could be cleared up |
| • -It has been neglected including the park-steps are a bit wobbly-not very attractive warming house is beat up (not good condition of bathrooms) |

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| • -Noticed the skating rink turns into pond. Maybe could do something about drainage potentially drain tiles. |
| • -People like to walk on western bank (not trail)-Warming house upgrades (polls showing rust, etc.)-haven't noticed the storm runoff |
| • -Lack of community festivities (St. Louis Park, former residence, had park programs/engagement opportunities for neighbors)-Need for easier access to park-Nothing really happening in park**(unsure if this fits, but she mentioned it) - Sump pump floods yard since it's not allowed to go into street, also above ground & not allowed to be underground |
| • -Lights on hockey rink are too bright, shines well beyond park into neighboring houses |
| • -Branches/trash in water and park; unpleasant looking |
| • -Seems unsafe for people with canoes/kayaks and kids to be by and under the bridge, no landing. |
| • Could be cleaner |
| • need a way to get from one side of Arden Park to the other; make Arden more accessible and user friendly; need space for larger groups to assemble, they cut back the buckthorn which is good, but now those areas are aesthetically ugly |
| • Posts in the park falling over. |
| • The safety of the stairs from 53rd down to the park. |
| • Flooding at park, over saturation from a lack of drainage. |
| • The launch area for canoes is inadequate.<br>• Lack of leisure activities. |
| • The amount of obstructions in the creek, down trees, dangerous for tubers. |
| • Cleanliness of creek, people littering in the creak.<br>• Lack of picnic benches at 54th St. bridge.<br>• Lack of accessible canoe landing, the north edge of creek (by the peninsula). |
| • Lack of bathroom facilities in Arden Park. |
| • concerned that construction will negatively impact Creek and surrounding wildlife |
| • ecological needs along the Creek |
| • water cleanliness, keep the area natural |
| • no bathrooms in Arden, pea rocks in park are slippery for cyclists---need something less slippery but still usable for cyclists and people with strollers |
| • no restrooms in Arden, park flooding |
| • trash, water cleanliness |
| • water cleanliness |
| • ice rink is very busy--lots of use creates lots of damage, concerned that construction will change Creek |
| • litter, Creek cleanliness |
| • Creek cleanliness, concerns about construction runoff and construction disrupting the natural land |
| • Flooding in park |
| • water quality, not many options for Whitewater in the Cities---concerned that construction might destroy the existing wave |
| • Creek gets crowded so there isn't enough room for tubers and boaters |
| • construction shouldn't interrupt summer activities in the park or along the Creek |
| • No place to get water |
| • need places along the Creek to sit, lots of skaters in the park in the winter, needs clarity about the "harm" that is occurring to the Creek |
| • "Tone down" the rapids a bit to make it easier to use the Creek near the bridge.<br>• Sometimes kids find litter/objects in the park that are "inappropriate" (e.g. marijuana pipe). |
| • A lot of people bring their kayaks or canoes there and people take wedding pictures by the willow. The road is windy and sometimes you almost hit cars that are parked there to unload boats or do photos. |
| • Cleaner water. We used to tube, but now it's too dirty. They say there's too much mercury. |
| • We need more lighting in the park. There was graffiti on the skating house and people used to hang out there, but that's all been solved. I like the naturalness. I hope they don't rip out all the foliage. I like all the wildlife that lives in there. |
| • Can't see the creek from the neighborhood, and would like to. |

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| • Need to keep the natural character of the area.<br>• Need to remove the invasive species, and manage the vegetation along the creek.<br>• Sedimentation in the creek near bridge. |
| • There is standing water in the park and bugs. |
| • water cleanliness, garbage in Creek, not many opportunities for whitewater in The Cities and worried that construction will ruin the wave under the bridge |
| • keep Creek area natural |
| • water cleanliness, worried about wave disappearing if construction is done |
| • don't want to interrupt the flow of the Creek, specifically the wave created under the bridge |
| • runoff into the creek, no buffer to stop fertilizer running into the creek |
| • safety issues with kids falling into the creek |
| • concerned about damage to nature with construction, increasing litter |
| • Water cleanliness, difficult to get down to the creekside after portaging across the road (east side of creek), concrete block under the bridge is unnatural: it could be improved for boaters with a whitewater designer, water safety issues with people getting feet stuck between rocks |
| • warming house is aesthetically unappealing |
| • yard and nitrogen run-off into the creek, hard for homeowners to use lawn services without chemicals leaching into the Creek |
| • water cleanliness, trash, eutrophication and algae in the Creek |
| • too much buckthorn. concerned about unnecessary removal of good habitat along with buckthorn |
| • flooding |
| • Flooding on paths |
| • No off leash area for dogs (like ice rink). No way to walk along the creek. Creek polluted |
| • flooding. chemicals & salt in creek. Pea rocks in playground too small for kids- also cause dust |
| • pea rocks are a choking hazard. not enough paths. No paths near creek. need wading pool |
| • Flooding |
| • water pools in the park |
| • overgrown, it's hard to get to canoe landing. no place to sit in the NW corner of 54th & Minnehaha intersection. no place to sit to put skates on in winter by warming house. Canoe signage poorly done, no warning for canoeists with/rapids. ugly, worn warming house. too much buckthorn. No off leash dog park. Falls not named. bench by bridge overgrown with moss. |
| • Flooded |
| • Concern with parking being too busy |
| • Concerned that the park would be made less natural |
| • Flooding |
| • Safety on bridge |
| • Drainage problem. Small playground. No basketball court. No waterslide. Too much dog poop |
| • field not used. No place to sit. no light in warming house. not enough swings |
| • garbage in park. no off-leash dog park. not dog friendly |
| • flooding |
| • Too much deadfall for canoeists and tubers |
| • Tents in the park are concerning |
| • Dirty- creek foamy- polluted by the golf course- trees in the creek- no places to sit- no drinking fountains |
| • Flooding. Dangerous walking in the winter. |
| • The bridge has a low clearance making it difficult to get under. |
| • Access to the creek is a challenge as there is not a well-defined path. |
| • Access to the creek, there is not a clear path down to the creek. |
| • The size of the playground equipment is seen as a safety issue for small children. |
| • The signage is good for kayakers and sees the need to preserve and keep it. |
| • The speed of the creek at the 54th St. bridge. The signage up the creek that warns kayakers/canoeists that the rapids are coming. This is a safety concern for people that are using Minnehaha Creek who may not be familiar with the area. |

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| • Warming house bathroom not open in the summer and no toilets to use especially a concern with small children. There is also a lack of picnic tables. |
| • For bikers around the perimeter of the park there is a lack of space. Also seen as an issue is the darkness around the warming house at night. |
| • Lack of accessibility to bathrooms during the winter for people coming from their cars, far away from the road. The drainage of the park, especially after heavy rains.<br>• Lack of amenities at Arden Park for older children and their parents. |
| • Trail maintenance seen as an issue. Including in the winter on the hill which can get icy and muddy making it difficult to run.<br>• Also, safety on the perimeter of the park with not enough room for walkers/runners/bikers and cars. |
| • There is not bathroom for children playing at the park in the summer.<br>• With the small bridge on the trail, there is a safety concern for little kids if they are not careful about the way they approach the bridge. |
| • - No amount of runoff from neighborhood to Creek, lots of unfiltered outfalls- Park floods and reduces use, but there is an area we use for skating rink- With slope of the road, rain runs down the road vs. off the road and causes deterioration- Retain usable park space- "Lake 54th St" – by Kellogg St.- Canoeists need to safely portage over 54th or under creek- Difficult to access under the creek, South of the street- Maintain/improve parking at the creek- Park is underutilized- Invasive species in the park- Need to store rainwater to facilitate redevelopment at 50th and France- Educate neighbors about how to protect the creek-wetland buffers, etc.- Retain/increase pedestrian access along the creek- Need parking for the park- Park shelter needs updating: warming house, bathrooms—fit historical character of the area |
| • The storm water drains from Lunds & 50th and France drain directly into the Creek. |
| • The roadway runoff dumps directly into the Creek and this is not acceptable. |
| • Creek needs to be cleaned – stagnant near waterfall and behind playground<br>• North of bridge the creek looks unappealing; debris in structures<br>• North of bridge the creek is not welcoming to activity<br>• Dangerous to go over waterfall; need to be experienced to navigate curves, structures, and rapids<br>• Unsafe to go under or across 54th<br>• Need to enhance the creek's recreational opportunities through the park and beyond<br>• Paved paths are in poor shape<br>• No parking in park – bikes or motor vehicles<br>• Need for more walking paths that are accessible and defined to keep people where they should be<br>• Not enough native plants to keep out invasive species (flora and fauna)<br>• Buckthorn taking over; poison ivy?<br>• Does park lawn maintenance natively impact water quality? How much? If so, it is an issue. |
| • Runoff issues<br>• Keeping it natural |