

Lake Street and Excelsior Boulevard intersection improvements

County Road 3 in Minneapolis

Hennepin County, in coordination with the City of Minneapolis, is planning to make improvements to the intersection of West Lake Street and Excelsior Boulevard (County Road 3).

Project overview

The Lake Street and Excelsior Boulevard pedestrian improvements project will construct a landscaped island within the intersection, creating a safe and comfortable waiting space for people walking or needing accessibility features. There will be two new marked crossings, removing ambiguity at several crossing points.

The creation of the pedestrian island will require realignment of the Lake Street travel lanes to create a more compact and channelized intersection. People driving west along Lake Street will approach the intersection at an angle closer to 90 degrees.

On Excelsior Boulevard, the medians will be extended to create a pedestrian waiting area in the middle of the roadway, providing better delineation of left turn lanes and converting excess turn lane length into median space.

Project features:

- Shorter crossing distances
- More predictable turn movements
- Marked crosswalks
- Pedestrian curb ramps that meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards

Project background

The project was conceptualized during the creation of the West Lake Multimodal Transportation Study, developed in conjunction with local partners the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Park Board and Metro Transit. The study relied on community input and local expertise to develop a vision to transform the intersection, improving safety and pedestrian comfort. Hennepin County is involved as both roads operate as parts of County Road 3.

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Project partners

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Project timeline

Summer 2018:
Preliminary design

Summer 2019:
Construction begins
(anticipated)

January 2018

