

Franklin Ave E Protected Bikeway

29th Ave S to Seabury Ave

Project Background

In 2016, Minneapolis Public Works is planning to install a two-way protected bike lane on Franklin Ave E between 29th Ave S/Riverside Ave S and Seabury Ave. Franklin Ave E is a high-demand corridor for bicycling, carrying 1,990 bicyclists per day over the Mississippi River. This segment of Franklin Ave E is also identified on the Minneapolis Bicycle Master Plan to include a protected bikeway.

What is a Protected Bikeway?

Not everyone feels comfortable and safe riding on a busy street, even with a regular bike lane. A protected bikeway creates a more comfortable space to ride that is physically separated from motor vehicle traffic. A separated facility can attract a wider demographic of riders and the City sees protected bikeways as an important tool to increase bicycling in Minneapolis.

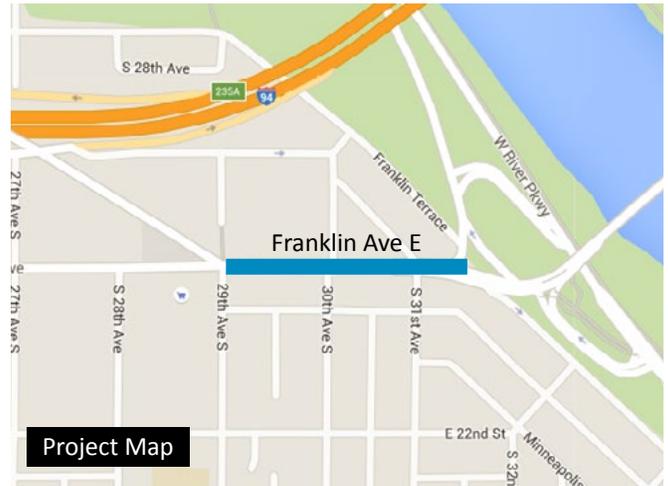
Proposed Concept

Franklin Ave E currently has conventional bike lanes and a travel lane in both directions. Approaching 29th Ave S/Riverside Ave S there are two existing westbound travel lanes.

- Between 31st Ave S and Seabury Ave: A protected bike lane can be installed by narrowing the existing travel lanes.
- Between 29th Ave S and 31st Ave S: A protected bike lane can be installed by narrowing the existing travel lanes. Approaching 29th Ave S/Riverside Ave S, the City is working with Hennepin County to evaluate the need for two westbound travel lanes and identify a configuration that operates safely and efficiently for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.

Bikeway Connections

A protected bikeway on Franklin Ave E would connect to existing bike lanes on Franklin Ave E and Riverside Ave S and a future protected bikeway on Franklin Ave Bridge over the Mississippi River, and a future bike boulevard on 29th Ave S.



Example of an existing protected bike lane on Plymouth Ave N, similar to the proposed configuration on Franklin Ave E.

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Franklin Ave E is a County State Aid Highway and the City of Minneapolis is working in coordination with Hennepin County Public Works to plan this project.

For reasonable accommodations or alternative formats please contact Simon Blenski, Minneapolis Public Works Department at 612-673-5012 or simon.blenski@minneapolismn.gov. People who are deaf or hard of hearing can use a relay service to call 311 at 612-673-3000. TTY users call 612-673-2157.
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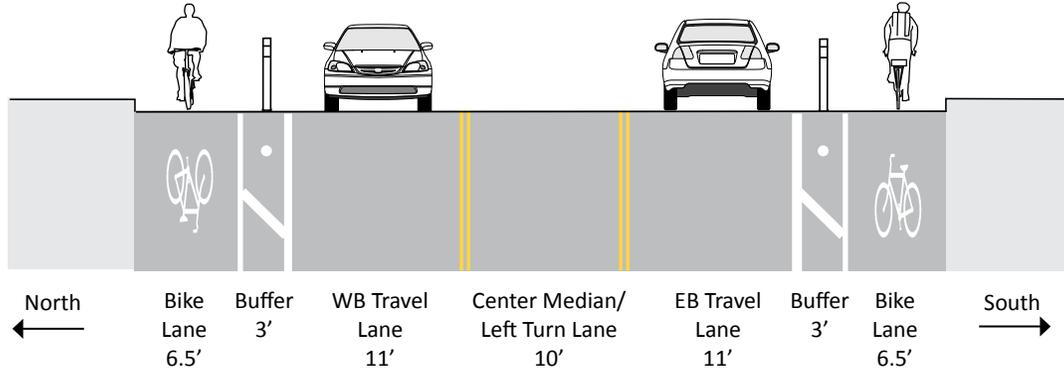
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Franklin Ave E - 29th Ave S to 31st Ave S

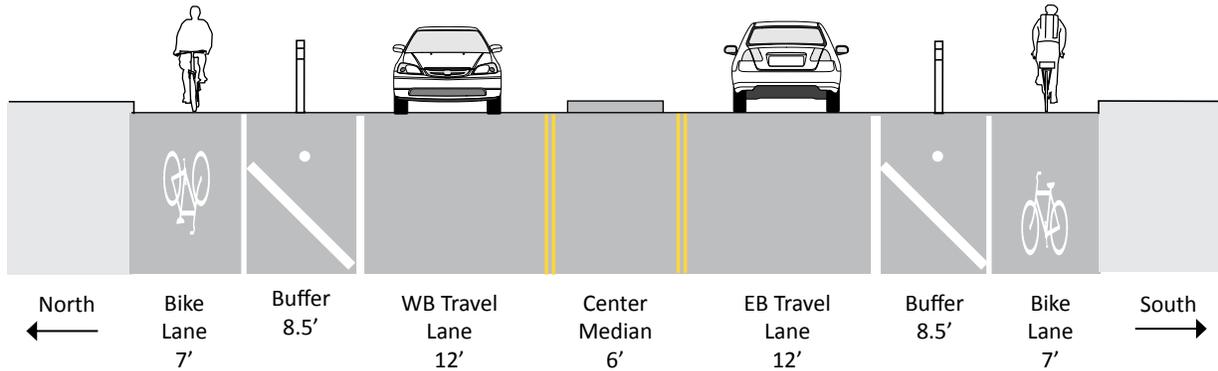
Street Width
Typical : 51'



Possible 2nd WB travel lane approaching 29th Ave S

Franklin Ave E - 31st Ave S to Seabury Ave

Street Width
Typical : 61'



To include WB left turn lane approaching 31st Ave S