

Rice Street Revitalization

Wheelock Parkway to County Road B



Project Overview

Rice Street (CSAH 49) is a critical parallel route to I-35E that connects the cities of Saint Paul, Roseville, Maplewood and Little Canada. The existing three-lane road has safety issues and deteriorating infrastructure, and the design no longer meets the transportation needs of the surrounding community.

Objectives

The corridor is scheduled for reconstruction in 2023 with plans to:

- Improve safety for all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, vehicles and transit.
- Develop a people-first design that prioritizes safe connections, particularly for historically disinvested communities.
- Enhance operations for all transportation types.
- Catalyze economic development and redevelopment opportunities in the area.
- Leverage related transportation improvements:
 - o Rice Street from Pennsylvania Avenue and Wheelock Parkway.
 - o Future METRO G Line arterial bus rapid transit.



Funding and cost

\$7.805M

Governor's bonding bill request

\$3.9M

Local match

\$3.905M

Quick facts

35% of area residents are racially, ethnically or culturally diverse.

31 bicycle/pedestrian accidents from 2011-2020, due to substandard or non-existent access.

165 vehicle crashes from 2016-2020, nearly double the rate on similar Minnesota roads.

1999 – Rice Street turned back to Ramsey County from MnDOT.

Partners

- Ramsey County (lead agency)
- City of Saint Paul
- City of Roseville
- City of Maplewood
- Rice-Larpenteur Alliance



Rice Street Revitalization Project Map

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