

Community Engagement Assessment

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Division/Department: Planning Division/Strategic Planning

Level of Engagement: Consult

Project, Program, or Initiative Name: Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan – Phase 1 Implementation

Project Description (100 words recommended):

The project will focus on intersection improvements at 50th Street and Minnehaha Parkway, located in the Portland and Parkway Focus area within the adopted Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan. Improvements will include intersection re-alignment, a 3-way stop, intersection treatments for improved pedestrian and bicycle safety, and medians on 50th Street east of 4th Avenue. This area raised the most points of concern during the master planning process and was rated as the highest priority item for the master plan's Community Advisory Committee. If there is any remaining funding available, prioritization of additional potential project(s) will be discussed with the community.

Level of Engagement	Inform	Consult	Involve	Partner
Engagement Goal	To provide stakeholders with factual, accessible, balanced, and timely information to help them understand the project, program, or initiative.	To obtain stakeholder feedback on project, initiative, or program analysis, alternatives, or decisions.	To work directly with stakeholders throughout the process to ensure that perspectives are consistently understood, considered, and reflected in project, program, or initiative decisions.	To partner with stakeholders in each aspect of decision making in order to develop and implement collaborative project, program, or initiative solutions.
Criteria to Determine Level of Engagement (Which level of engagement best describes your project?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a decision that should be based on technical, operational, or safety constraints only. This is a project, program, or initiative that does not result in a change in the type, location, or extent of the current facility or service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project takes place in a park that has been master planned. This a new city-wide initiative or program. This is a new public policy or public policy update. The outcome is likely to change based on community input. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project requires a CAC. This project does not have other policy guidance such as an existing master plan or public policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This program, project, or initiative is being developed in partnership with another agency or organization.
MPRB Promise	MPRB will keep you informed.	MPRB will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge feedback, work to integrate stakeholder feedback into the alternatives, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with stakeholders for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and to incorporate recommendations to the extent possible.	The MPRB and partner entity will be accountable to their roles as negotiated in the partnership and regularly evaluate overall success of the partnership.
Examples of project types	Repaving a parking lot, cutting down a tree, beach or swimming pool closures, ADA improvements, rehab	Approved master plan design implementation, city or service area wide program development, public policy development, Participatory Project Scoping	Master plans, any process that includes a formal public body making recommendations.	Jointly owned and/or operated facilities, co-creation, public/private partnership, community led projects.

This engagement grid was adapted from the IAP2 International Federation 2014 Public Participation Spectrum.

Justification (100 words recommended):

During the recently completed master planning process, intersection improvements near Portland and Minnehaha Parkway were identified as a high priority project. These intersection improvements, guided by the Board adopted Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan, will be highly technical and not require a lot of community input. However, it's possible there will be remaining funds available after pricing out the intersection improvements. Community input would inform how any remaining funds would be spent to implement projects along Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail.