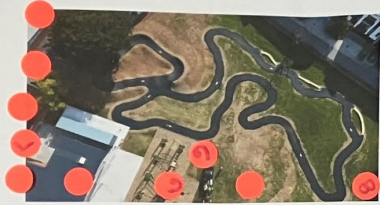


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Build Your Own Bike Skills Park - Look and Feel

What should the bike skills park be like? *Put dots on your top 3.*



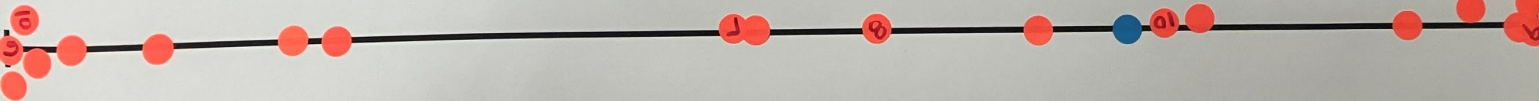
Build Your Own Bike Skills Park - Track Surface

What should the surface be like? *Put a dot on the line below.*

Mostly Paved

Even Mix

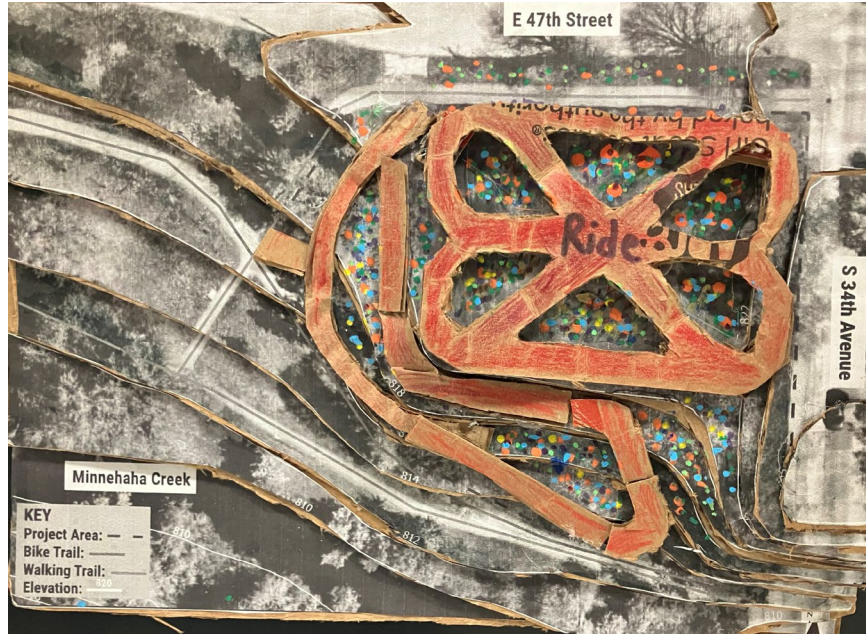
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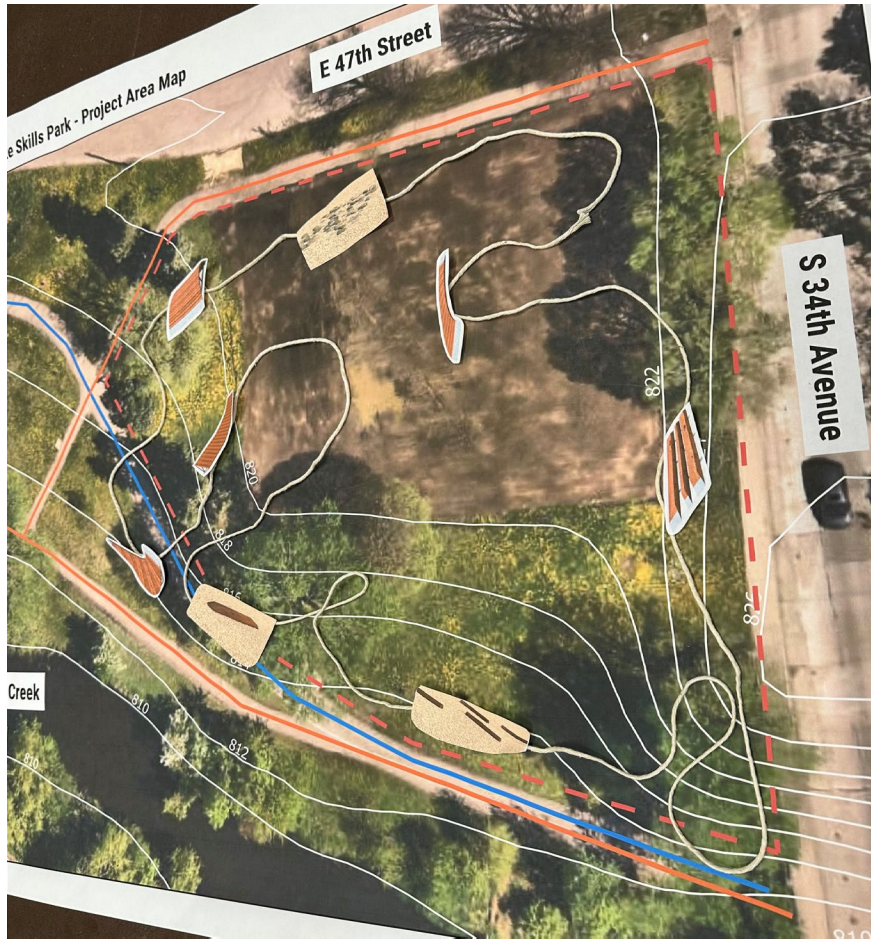
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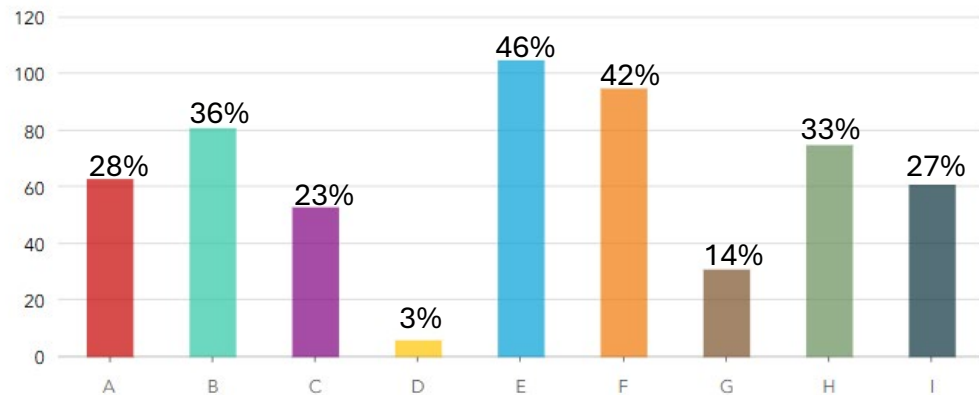


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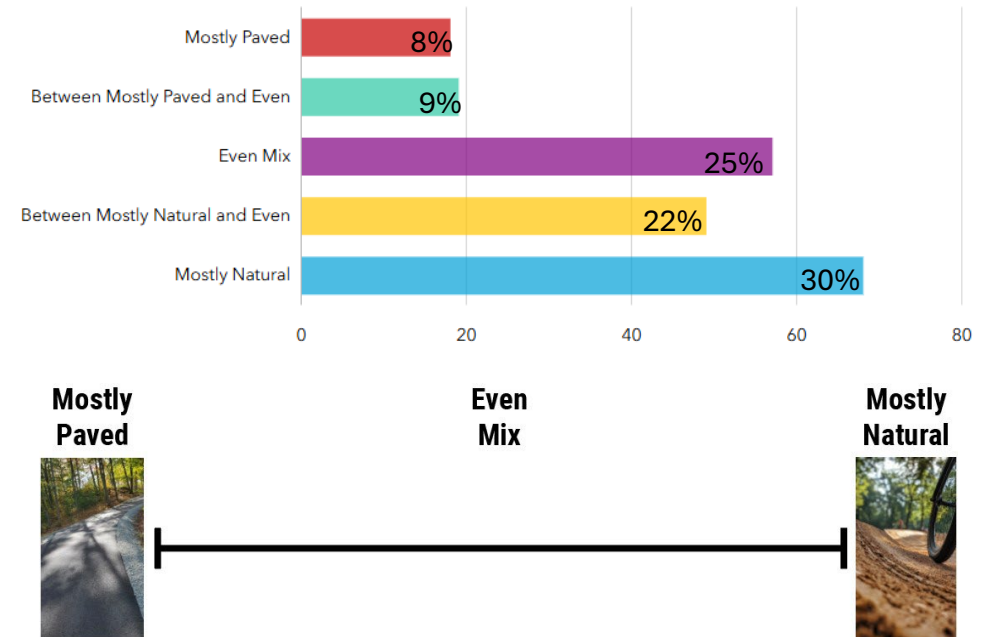


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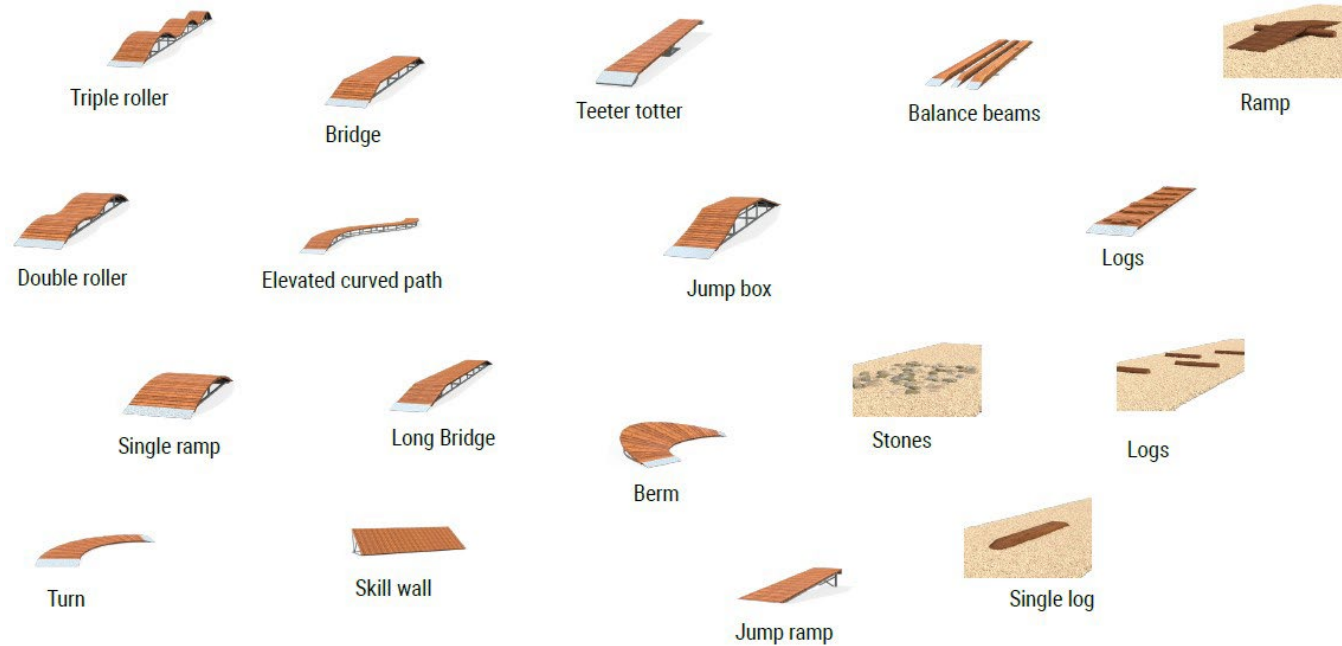
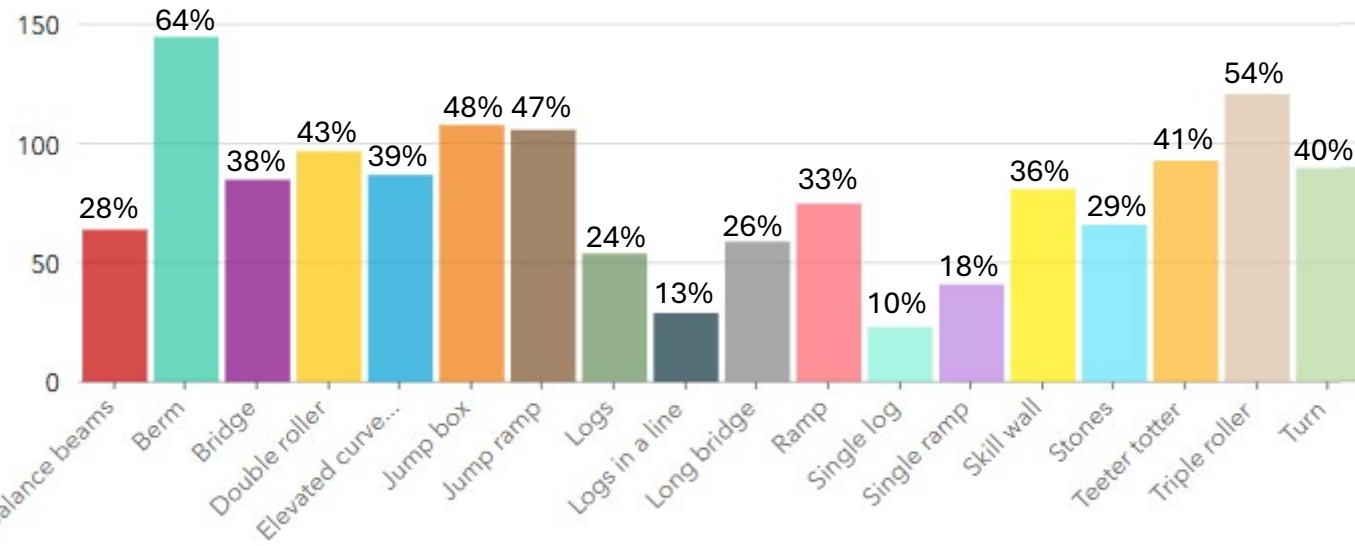
Look and Feel: What should the bike skills park be like?



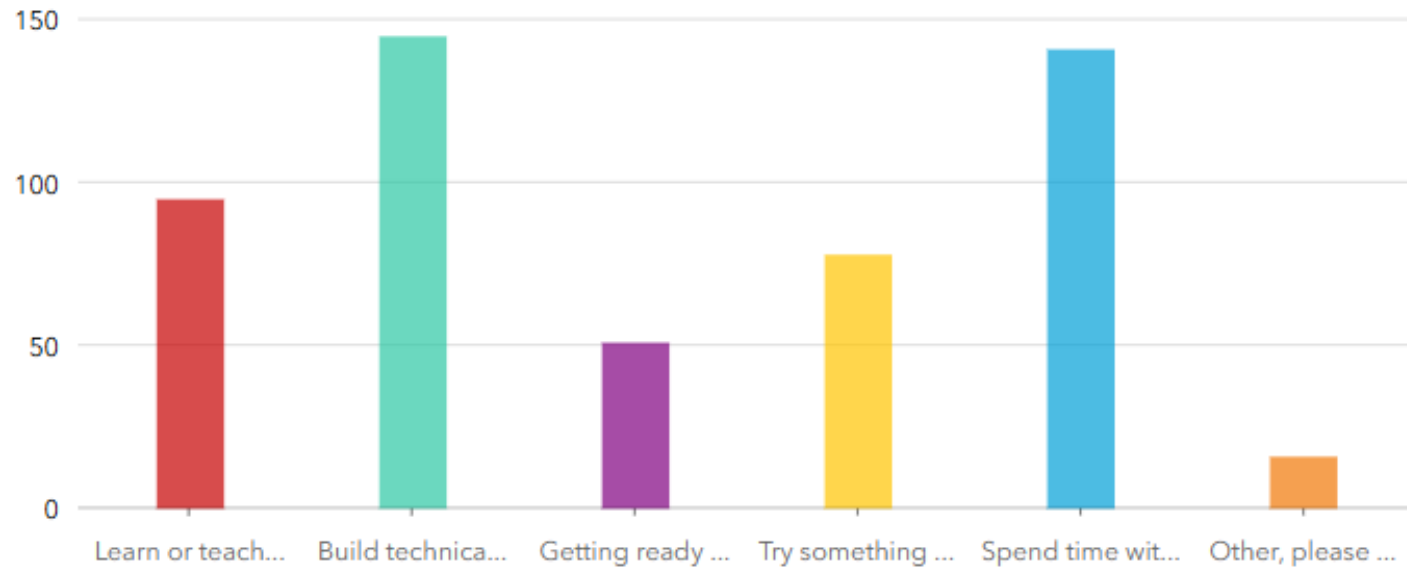
Track Surface: What should the surface be like?



Possible Features: What features would you like to see in the bike skills park?



Uses: What would you like to do at the bike skills park?



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Other response Empty categories

Answers	Count	Percentage
Learn or teach bike riding. (ex: balance, build confidence)	95	42.04%
Build technical biking and/or mountain biking skills.	145	64.16%
Getting ready to start mountain biking.	51	22.57%
Try something new.	78	34.51%
Spend time with friends and/or family.	141	62.39%
Other, please specify:	16	7.08%

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Anything else the project team should know related to this project?

While a mountain bike skills park is very fun and exciting, I also love the idea of a traffic garden in this space. This would be unique in Minneapolis and could be a great way for younger people to learn how to navigate bike infrastructure and riding on the streets of the city.

It's important to think about all ages for this project as bike playgrounds can be used by kids 18 months old. I'd like to see a mix features for beginner and intermediate riders as the priority for this park. Having natural surfaces keeps things cooler, which is much nicer. We went to the Perkins Hill Pump Track once and likely won't go again because the difficulty of the trails is not labeled at the entry point and because the scree rock will just cause further injury should someone fall. We do, however, make the drive out to Carver Lake regularly because it's a natural surface. We wish there were more large old trees, but those will come in time.

Needs to be technical, we already have some basic areas in Richfield and Minneapolis

Would love some better seating options (greater volume, shaded options, more variety) than the current beginner bike park.

This email and survey assume that people know what a bike skills course is. I don't. Like for little kids? Like a skate park? This is confusing. Defining what you mean feels like a very basic place to start b

I am concerned about the choice of clay courts which will require costly repairs and maintenance with our changing and often extreme weather. Water in clay freezes and affects usability and workability as the bulk density of clay decreases rapidly as the temperature increases.

Please build something that handles the weather, is challenging for building skills on the higher end, as well as exposing new people to a progressive place to ride. Think progressive.

we have a big gap in kids' ages. So if we're going to use this, it needs things for little and big kids where one parent can watch both at the same time.

I think a wide range of ages should be accommodated, not just for older kids riding independently ready for terrain, but also recognizing that this would be a neighborhood destination for a safe non road non sidewalk surface for very young kids learning to bike. Suburban kids so this in their driveways but city kids typically don't have that luxury of private safe space,

So excited for this!!

Let's Go!!

I would like the park board to focus on bike safety on all of the bike paths in the city. Can we spend some of these funds on safety measures first?

This is awesome thank you!

Please make use of the elevation drop: switchbacks, drops, rocks, etc.

I love this idea and it would be great if this were different from the skills parks at lake Hiawatha and Taft Park in Richfield. I would likely take my kids to all three parks and use them myself for fun too.

This is fantastic that you're putting in this park in the neighborhood. Thank you very much; my grandson is an avid mountain biker along with his friends. It's a very healthy sport. And a park like this will help me get better so I can do more than just the green trails with him.

There are lots of playgrounds for younger children, but older kids and teens need some outdoor recreation options as well. Let's provide some skill building and biking for older kids.

Some cyclocross style barriers and features would be great to have. Separation between areas for small children and adults is necessary for safety and fun.

Due to the park's location next to the vulnerable Minnehaha Creek and in a densely populated urban area, I feel the priority of bike skills props should be to learn and practice trail and street riding rather than mountain biking. Already, there are areas of serious damage to the creek's original banks, notably at 32nd Ave and the lagoon area by Longfellow Gardens from mountain biking.

This is a stupid idea and a waste of tax money. Look how much the new bike park in Richfield gets used. Not at all! Put in Pickelball courts. They'll actually get used like the ones by the lake. This is from someone who's never even played Pickelball!

Table tops, good for learning jumps

Please provide a place that has a flow and a single way to avoid blockage with riders going the "wrong" way. We need more jumping features similar to the bike park in Cottage Grove, MN.

A drop ramp section that you can learn how to progress to different drop heights.

I think the park should accommodate a mix of ages with options to go around features that are too difficult for some people. Less pavement and more natural surfaces!

"Please don't tear down the existing trees and lilacs at that site. The best bike parks we have been to have incorporated nature (which helps with privacy, shade, etc).

It's also nice to have options for the very youngest to those having fun as adults so they aren't on the same track and can learn/build different skills."

Big trick jump with mulch landing

Hit big jumps and drops and also have fun

Ensuring safe for kids to use. Is by a busy street and also homeless encampments keep popping up nearby. So want to ensure safe and welcoming

I think that since there is a tennis court nearby that features single ramps, a turn, a double roller, and other fairly easy to ride additions that this skills course should target a higher level of bikers. The current skills courses located near lake Nokomis are great but there is nothing for the higher end of the mountain biking skill spectrum. It could even be a mix of everything similar to Taft in Richfield. One thing that no course around Nokomis has is a set of drops.

Mixed use seems most applicable

Love the park at Perkins!!! So great to build confidence, keep challenge alive and multiple skill levels.

Please keep the surfaces as natural and porous as possible. This is an opportunity to improve the environment! Thanks!

Let's get something done sooner than spring 2026!

Our family is so very excited for this!

Due to the project being next to the falls, I really strongly feel the community would prefer it to feel more natural rather than paved and more industrial. There are a lot of young families around this area who would absolutely love this project- so excited!

I would love to see multiple jump lines that progress in size for progression.

This park will get significant traffic and use by the community. I hope that the scale, spaces, and elements included will reflect and accommodate high-use, lots of bike traffic, and avoid congestion, etc.

Would love a pump track!

This proposed location isn't far from the bike skills park at Nokomis so it'd be nice to have this one different than Nokomis so there are options and variety.

It would be great to have easy access to a place where my kids could build bike skills and confidence within a more controlled environment.

All ages is important - some mountain bike trails are elitist, excluding slower riders without the "right" equipment. This should be a truly public space.

Jumps! Incorporate the hills and creek if possible. Bridge over the creek, trails on opposite side of creek. Have options for advanced riders.

Very excited to bring my young boys here with their peddle and balance bikes

I think that the sections made with dirt should be well built and well maintained so they don't become flat, dry, or flooded over time.

Lots of small bike parks have popped up around the Minnehaha/Nokomis area, mostly catered towards new and learning riders. This is exciting, but I feel we need a park where experienced riders can have a great time, that is accessible to older kids and teens. Personally, I love to ride jumps, and I think having some local dirt jumps or jumps easier to maintain than dirt would be awesome.

Make something different than what already exists at the Nokomis/Hiawatha bike skills park

Great initiative and about time for our bike-friendly city!

Anything to help teach kids how to bike safely in mixed traffic would be great.

I think the bike skills course where the path meets the parkway by Nokomis community center already hits the niche for building basic skills and balance and it would be nice if this was a next step up from that. Maybe something like the Taft Bike Park which example H reminds me of

I haven't ridden a bike in a very long time, so it might take me some time to learn how to ride a bike again lol

Thank you for this awesome work! I'll admit I'm biased towards slightly more technical features. I look to places like Elm Creek and Cuyuna that focus on progressive skill building. Mostly beginner features, some intermediate, and a few advanced to allow people to work their way up. I love the idea of more natural surfaces but do worry about abuse during wet or freeze/thaw conditions. I'm not sure what Xcel MTB park uses but their surface seems highly resistance to water issues.

There's a bench on the bike trail could be of danger if a trail was built on the hillside. At least depending on how the trail flows. I think Mike's cardboard diagram is a great start. Especially if you consider the hillside trail as the advanced trail with 1 or 2 jumps. Then, you can still have a fun playground on the tennis court area with beginner/advanced features. I also really like the idea of using crushed red rocks from the Redhead trails. However, I would think you might need to have a long term maintenance plan. Every 3-5 years lay down a fresh red dirt coat or something. After all, it is dirt and eventually it would wash away.

I love just rolling through the little skills park on longer rides. It's a fun little break and a lovely spot.

Please put things for beginners but also advanced riders. There are several places in the metro for beginners but few options for advanced riders

South Minneapolis needs a bike park! I'm so excited!

This location has the opportunity to serve more than just mountain bikers in bike skill development. Consider creating two tracks or areas with elements to serve varying skill levels.

primary would be a place to give children an opportunity to practice mtb skills. prefer pavement to avoid closure during and after rain.

If you build this, I hope the site near Lake Nokomis is turned into something different like a soccer skill area. Because these 2 bike areas are too close to each other

Do not make that space a bike skills park

I live a few blocks from this new skills park. I am not a supporter of this project. If it is added I think it's critical to include improvements to the bike/walking path on either side of and under the 34th Ave bridge and adjacent to the skills course. The mixed path of walkers (of which there are many) and bikes is already treacherous. Adding more traffic, especially people who are eager to try our more aggressive bike skills, poses a danger to pedestrians and dog walkers. I also hope there are use hours, and they are enforced - concerned about lots of noise and activity there at night. Things are already increasingly busy, loud and weird with the new housing and behavior issues near the light rail. It's impacting my sense of security and the things I loved about this neighborhood when I bought my house. I also dread when the viewing station etc open near 38th and the parkway.

Pump track that can be used for skateboard, scooters, rollerblades, etc. as well.

Sounds fun. I won't use it and can not think of anyone I will bring there but it does seem fun and should look better than empty ball courts. I liked the bright colors but thought they would wear roughly and look sad sooner. I think the natural trails seem cheeper and easier to maintain and to not distrupt the creek and the natural area next to it. The buffer area is what helps keep the creek healthy. Thnaks

Please consider trials riders and bmx freestyle.

I selected mostly paved so that the surface can be easily plowed when we have snow (winter use) and be able to shed water during thaws and rain events. Year round use. If there's a way to have a natural surface that doesn't become a muddy, mucky mess that then dries into clumpy cakes and bumps (I'm thinking of hiking trails I've been on: too muddy then too unstable underfoot)... and there are those parents that won't want caked mud on their kids or packed into drying in their kids' bikes' parts. I'm also wondering if the survey will ask what type of bike/tires most kids have. Perhaps "off road/mountain biking" isn't what their bikes are made for?

"The entrances at Taft Park are very congested and there is constant potential for accidents. Riders who want to do the bigger jump line often start 50 feet down the sidewalk, and then little kids who are trying to enter the jump line from the entrance pad don't see the fast riders coming. The new park needs to consider congestion, and make sure there is a long protected runway for more advanced riders to get momentum into a jump line without crossing bike traffic or needing to use the sidewalks. If there are two lines, make sure they have 2 different distinct starting areas and avoid the chaos of Taft Park's entrance.

Also consider using the embankment on the edge of the creek to use elevation to gain momentum into a jump line. "

Pump track!

Would like it to be as natural and tucked into nature as possible. But paving would make it more usable year round.

It might be nice to have some cones that people could put out in a maze/slalom fashion. I suppose it would be hard to have cones available and expect them to stay on the property.... hmmm maybe not realistic.

A well maintained Port-a-john please! I'll be spending a lot of time here with my toddler as they growup

The most important thing is the there is progression. This allows beginner riders the ability to move up to more challenging features and jumps as the gain more skill. The issue is that if there are only easy features, riders will get bored with it quickly. So there needs to be a mix of easy, medium, and more advanced jumps and features.

Would be great to have a range of skills from beginner to advanced

Please make the park more for older mtbers and not like the one next to the rec center

No pavement, or very little. Bring in lots of big boulders, add trees, bring in extra dirt to build topography and make a fun challenge. Make the skills area a part of nature. The whole reason people mountain bike is to get into nature. Skills areas on tennis courts or on paved areas is boring and does not instill a sense of adventure.

I would love to see this tailored to kids age 10-16 with more advanced features.

Just spend the money, we will come 😊

The goddamned state of Arkansas has more bike trails than Minnesota.

"I think this park should relate to the rest of the trails right by it, so paved would make more sense than dirt.

please leave most of the area unpaved or at least a porous surface!

it would be great to have a crosswalk across 34th here at the curb cuts to get to this."

In terms of enjoyment for kids, my children like the natural surface at Richfield's Taft Park more than the hard blacktop surface at Perkins Hill Park.

A pump track that can be completed as a loop point A to A would be an awesome part of the park!!

Hoping for features suited for all levels of riding. Features to allow middle and high school kids and coaches on 612MTB team to practice technical skills, and ideally practice when trails are closed because of recent rains, would be great.

I won't personally use the bike skills park but I am very supportive and am glad it is being installed. Another great thing for youth would be more skateboard parks

Mountain biking skills would be great!!

Thank you for this survey. I would like to point out that there is a bikes course for little kids already close by, as well as many playgrounds. As my kids reach(ed) around 9 years old, there is less for them to do. Therefore, I strongly encourage this to be aimed at more advanced riders, even if people with young kids are the most common respondent.

it should be nice and safe for everyone but also have some challenging bike courses for older people

My two year old is obsessed with bikes and we had his second birthday party at the current location of the Minneapolis Beginner Bike Park. It was a "Born 2 Ride" theme party and the toddlers had an absolute blast! Everyone was really impressed and hadn't been before. I'm happy to have a new bike skills course but admittedly, I wish it was staying in the same location. I like the proximity to the playground rather than being tucked into a neighborhood. I also like the features it currently has! I imagine that more younger children bike than older children because that's what I see (and because unfortunately, many kids are involved in structured activities and don't have time for free play) anyways, all that is to say, I'd like it to be geared towards younger children 2-7 rather than older

than 7. I don't want a BMX track. Richfield has that. I like small ramps and space for toddlers to safely ride balance bikes and pedal bikes in an enclosed area free from cars.

"In my opinion, this park should stay focused on families and young kids that are just learning how to bike. There are already bigger bike parks around the city where older kids/teenagers can go to learn more technical skills. There are not a lot of accessible "early learning" parks to help get kids into biking in the first place in this area.

The distance between the skills course near Nokomis Community Center and this location are a good distance away from each other (it's always "adventurous" walking with younger children, as well as time consuming).

Thank you for taking the time to read my opinion and appreciate all the community reach out."

"From a neighbor of this space: 34th Ave is not a safe street. Cars speed a lot between the parkway and 46th St. Care must be taken to separate the bike park and riders from this traffic. (Small children especially.)

Additionally, there is currently a team of panhandlers at parkway/34th every day.

Hours should be limited to discourage loitering at this site. It could turn into a dangerous spot because 34th is so heavily traveled."

"Hello! I would love for this bike park to be centered around young kids learning to bike and families. There are other bike skills courses nearby for more advanced riders such as the park nearby in St. Paul on site of the old Ford plant. The other beginner bike skills course by Nokomis community center is far enough distance away that having one in this location would be perfect for family's passing by on the bike trail. I've also seen the other beginner bike skills course by Nokomis become quite crowded, so clearly there is a desire to spend time on these beginner courses. Having another similar course would help spread out the crowd.

Also, I live within a block of this proposed new park and there are lots of young kids and families in the neighborhood whom I've seen biking in the area. I think a beginner skills park geared towards young kids and families would be a wonderful addition to this neighborhood.

Thank you so much for considering my thoughts in this survey!"

Thanks for making more bike skills parks. I love tennis but I also love biking. Ride on duders!

I really want ramps and jumps.