

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 26, 2025 11:02 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I prefer concept 2 and since they have the same layout my comments are below.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

I like more linear feet of paved trails. I expect high traffic and a lot folks won't know to stay off if wet. Pavement keeps a consistency that is favorable to riders as well.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

65x65 for the beginner plaza doesn't create much space for pedaling without making turns. I'd like to see what the same amount of pavement would look like as a trail format with some rollers and a mellow berm.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Please incorporate berms, features that could be jumped and as much pavement as possible. The features at many bike parks that get neglected are the tot tracks. They seem like a good idea on paper but generally don't provide enough interest to keep kids coming back.

If there is dirt and pavement intersections we need a way to keep the dirt from being pulled into pavement from regular use.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 26, 2025 10:24 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I am pleased to see attention to bike infrastructure, and a creative approach being taken.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

The differences between these two concepts are so subtle that I cannot really grasp them.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

I would be glad to get involved with concept and planning for the type of park mentioned below. Thank you for your consideration.

John Makosky

Team Co-Director, 612mtb Mountain Bike Team

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Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Basic bike skills areas have limited utility for actually building bike skills. To wit, the skills area at Bryn Mawr is rarely used. Simple features are mainly attractive to younger age groups... this is good, but we can do better.

If we are truly interested in building all-ages bike infrastructure (that is also appropriate for scooters, skateboards, and inline skaters, we ought to consider a proper, professionally designed pump track. An excellent example is the Valmont Bike Park pump track near Boulder, CO, designed by Velosolutions (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hie7Q6ReMog>). This would be a destination bike park that would see tremendous use.

Perkins Hill is a great start for a pump track, but is a bit space-constrained and quite tight and choppy for bikes larger than 20" BMX.

We are on the right track... but not quite there, yet. Our city is worthy of world-class bike infrastructure, and a pump track like Valmont is invaluable.

-john.makosky@612mtb.org

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 25, 2025 7:55 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

The course laid out in Richfield has all unpaved trails. It has been used extensively by younger and older kids. Concept 1 seems to feature more of the unpaved trails giving a dirt bike feel, which would be more popular.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 25, 2025 3:15 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Like that there's space for parents to sit and observe kids on beginner's plaza, be able to see all the loops come back to that entry point (mostly)if they wanted, but also have the west side entrance too. Like the loop design of the beginners plaza, gives some organization to it.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

No notes

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Like that there's space for parents to sit and observe kids on beginner's plaza, be able to see all the loops come back to that entry point (mostly)if they wanted, but also have the west side entrance too.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Add a loop design to the lower beginning plaza, will encourage kids to follow certain directions.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 25, 2025 12:49 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

GOOD. I LIVE IN COIMBATRE TN INDIA. MY NAME IS V. RAJAN.I AMDOING CA/CMA (US/UK /AUSTRALIA.) PROTCT FROM FLOODS/PROVIDE FOR CAR PARKINGS.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

AS ABOVE.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

CONCEPT1.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

NIL

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

NO

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 24, 2025 12:19 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Extensive tree planting and landscaping for stormwater management and erosion control (I like this part the best)

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Extensive tree planting and landscaping for stormwater management and erosion control (this is the best part about both of the concepts)

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Plant and maintain as many trees as possible. Focus on creek shore erosion control.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 24, 2025 12:17 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Love that there is landscaping planning ahead for storm water management.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

More benches, at least one along 34th near the entrance. Storm water management should incorporate bioswales or similar. Landscaping should include native pollinator plants for minimal maintenance and visual interest

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Open space for beginners seems better than a defined loop. More flexible for beginners who may be at different stages or speeds. Storm water management should incorporate bioswales or similar

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

At least one bench by the entrance on 34th. Landscaping should include native pollinator plants for minimal maintenance and visual interest

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 24, 2025 11:08 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

More Paved which is appropriate for younger children

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Increase focus on younger riders

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 24, 2025 10:51 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I like that it has more natural surface trail and less pavement. The city is full of pavement, we don't need any more.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Even less pavement

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Meh

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Too much pavement

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Let's get it built. Kids grow up fast and they would benefit more from riding a park now based on a plan that's 80% than they would from years of public engagement trying to please everyone.

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Submitted Time: May 24, 2025 8:23 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I like the idea of unpaved (less pollutants added, less cost, and a softer land for wipe out). Certainly a huge fan of adding more plant life - trees are essential with our increasing heat index and drought frequency. I expect tree choice and position to be carefully considered with a solid plan to support their protection and health. And I appreciate the credence to erosion and run off. I prefer this design

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Can the ground cover be low mow, no mow? Not having high maintenance turf is a value for you, too, I presume. But this is not specified above. I expect this to have a degraded feel from all the traffic pressures - not sure if there is a way to minimize that or how to keep the landscape healthiest despite that.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

What kinds of signage and education, if any, might be included?

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Submitted Time: May 24, 2025 8:11 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Nothing. This is a dumb idea because it will rarely get used.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Put in Pickleball and I say that as someone who's never even played it.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Look at the stupid bike park they just build in Richfield.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

NOBODY IS THERE!

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

PICKLEBALL

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Submitted Time: May 23, 2025 5:50 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Great Idea to begin with. I like the concept one best because a mixed paved trail seems like an accident waiting to happen. All of the sudden you go from paved to gravel and wipe out. Also, if some trails are fully paved it can also be used for rollerblading or skating.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 23, 2025 4:10 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I like the paved trails for beginners and the one-way trails for the other riders. There seems to be a good mix of obstacles for everyone.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

No real negatives.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

I like that there are more obstacles in the open space for beginners.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

I would prefer only paved trails for beginners. The first concept is more to my liking.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Will there be signage for the trail?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 22, 2025 7:35 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

I am excited that this project is moving forward.

I wish I was able to give constructive feedback on this project. But to my level of understanding of a 'bike park' both concepts are strikingly similar. Also the request for feed back is vague.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 20, 2025 4:10 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Considering the beginner park near Lake Hiawatha, I like that this beginner area builds on that by having a loop feel.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

To my understanding paved trails have a lower maintenance cost over the life time of the trail. I would like this to be a main factor of the ultimate decision. Also paved trails open up the possibility of mixed used outside of biking.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

To my understanding paved trails have a lower maintenance cost over the life time of the trail. I would like this to be a main factor of the ultimate decision. Also paved trails open up the possibility of mixed used outside of biking.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

I think attention should be given to the beginner plaza with the aim not to reproduce what already exists at Lake Hiawatha which is only a short distance away. I would love for this park to further the progression of the existing parks.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

I think it's hard for the general public to comment on the differences between these concepts. From what I can tell the major difference is the amount of paved trails and the beginner plaza. The concept documents don't give enough information to give much of an opinion. It would also be nice to have some more info suggesting potential trade offs. For example I'm not sure the general public knows the difference in maintenance and long term cost for paved and unpaved trails. Additionally I'm curious if there's potential for more mixed use with the beginner plaza like a skate/bmx park.

Either way, thank you for replacing and updating underused infrastructure. It's really encouraging to see the park board paying attention to the change in demographics and interests. Now let's reclaim the land the golf course is monopolizing!

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 20, 2025 1:08 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Erosion control and variety of skill levels.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Add a pump track somewhere.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Less worry about erosion with more paved trails.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Add a pump track somewhere

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

I'm really happy this is moving forward!

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 19, 2025 4:35 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I like that the beginner plaza is not just a big concrete square and there would be trees in the middle providing shade. Also, I like that the paved loop is smaller and less technical because if you made the paved one go around the outside (like in concept two) then more people would follow the paved and going up and down the hill would cause congestion.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

One thing I think you should consider for both concepts is about having the entrance to the skills park off the walking trail vs the biking trail. I see the arguments against both. While if the skills park enters from the bike trail people are liable to stop at the entrance, blocking the flow of bikes/commuters on the trail, I think having the entrance off the walking trail would cause more of an issue because bikers trying to enter/exit the skills park would swing fast through the section of walking trail to get to the entrance. This would cause many dangerous situations and unhappy pedestrians, so I think the best solution is to have the entrance trail off the bike path and to have a space near the entrance (a bit of pavement or gravel) where people could stand/regroup there too.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 16, 2025 9:37 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

The paved sections offer more durability and use in varied conditions; one way trails with good markings are safer for users; the extensive tree planting and landscaping to mitigate erosion and deterioration is heartening

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

I'm less enthused about the beginner section having a loop feel, it makes more sense to have a more open and flexible space; I think there should be more paved sections; any chance of expanding the bike park offerings in a linear fashion either way along the creek? - See Cannonball Singletrack in Madison, WI for example <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/find-a-park/biking/madbat.cfm>; Could there be a spot for a portapotty?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

The increased level of paved sections on the blue loop will allow more use during varied weather and ought to increase durability; I like the flexibility offered in the beginner plaza; trees and plantings for erosion control are great

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Any way to offer additional "advanced" sections for seasoned riders with significant signage for safety and precautions? Any way to squeeze in even more elements or loop through the existing trees? Any chance of expanding the bike park offerings in a linear fashion either way along the creek? - See Cannonball Singletrack in Madison, WI for example <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/find-a-park/biking/madbat.cfm>; Could there be a spot for a porta potty?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Please continue to engage the community about design elements such as the types of bike skills and more refined design elements - neighbors and advocates such as Minneapolis Bike Parks on Facebook are interested and invested in making this a biking gem in South Minneapolis.

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Submitted Time: May 16, 2025 7:58 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

like this one

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 16, 2025 7:57 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Plaza seems in this concept seems to be more open, therefore more multi-use?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Entrance on Southeast corner seems like a cold entry for bikes and pedestrians. Will entrants interfere with the flow of the trail?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Starting point at Westen, does it accommodate congregating riders?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 15, 2025 5:24 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 15, 2025 11:44 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I like any bike park

I like it because it is new

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

I would add drops and jumps

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Looks good do not really care about surface. Dirt may be better but requires more maintenance. Since these are small might as well have weather friendly features.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Add jumps and drops . Progression lines

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

More jumps and drops even gaps that we can be built up to. Look at the features in Bentonville north side of town along the paved trail

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 14, 2025 8:00 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

The more advanced routes are more on the downhill. This will help with speed. The beginner trails don't need speed.

Having more focus on advanced will encourage riders of higher ages. We need this. With this layout there is still plenty of beginner trails.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

More social space less beginner trails.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

This is not good for more advanced trails. There is too much beginner trails.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Everything.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Build so that older kids will use the trails not just young young kids.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 13, 2025 2:34 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I like that most trails are unpaved. And that there are intermediate and advanced sections.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Could there be a pump track?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

I wish there was more unpaved sections. Those are the best!

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 13, 2025 1:34 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

I like the trees in the patio area for shaded seating

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

I'm curious what the actual stormwater plans and plantings are. Seems like a good opportunity to add stuff in since it is being redeveloped. Flowering native plants would be nice. Seems important on the portion next to the bike trail to prevent erosion.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 13, 2025 11:15 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I like there are multiple levels considered. It seems like many people will be able to enjoy. I like the beginner area is separate. I like that the beginner area is a little less flexible, which may mean a little less chaos when little kids use it.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

I may be reading it wrong, but does the seating area have no shade? I imagine I'll be spending a lot of time here with my kid and would like some shade.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

I like there are multiple levels considered. It seems like many people will be able to enjoy. I like the beginner area is separate.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

I like the first one better as this seems more chaotic for the beginner area. I may be reading it wrong, but does the seating area have no shade? I imagine I'll be spending a lot of time here with my kid and would like some shade.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Yay! This is going to be great

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 13, 2025 10:53 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Defined beginner loop

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Combine the defined beginner loop with the longer paved route of layout 2

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Longer paved route

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Include defined beginner route from Concept 1 and longer paved route from concept 2. This park is going to be high traffic, so combine these for the optimal features.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 13, 2025 10:51 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Good seating area for families. Maximized space. Lots of features. I like the shade and use of trees in the beginner plaza

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

My kids really like rollers on the track, like a pump track. Incorporating some of those elements instead of a few wooden features would be an improvement.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Paved. Taft park has all dirt trails. Having some paved trails would allow for more variety in the area and provide a place to bike immediately after rain and when dirt trails are affected. I think this would require less maintenance. Dirt trails require more education on when the trails can be used.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Keep this design, but use the beginner bike plaza from layout 1 because it has more shade in that area. Areas where kids are going slower and people will hang out should have more shade and trees.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Incorporate rollers and pump track features in addition to wooden features.

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Submitted Time: May 13, 2025 10:42 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

More natural space, less paved space.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Is there really any demand for paved trails outside of the beginner area? Any bike that's able to go over the features should be able to handle some dirt/gravel.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

I don't see any benefits over concept 1.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Less paved trail.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 13, 2025 10:31 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

One way trails make it much safer.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Less pavement

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Less pavement

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Only the beginning area should be paved. Concept 1 is better than 2.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 13, 2025 10:05 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I like the layout. Keep it flowy. You should definitely keep a mellow downhill flow going to help keep momentum going after each jump.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Everything paved and if possible throw in the glow in the dark paint flecks in the pavement.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

I like that more of it is paved.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Try to keep technical terrain out of the flow lines. Flow is essential in building high speed skills.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Go ask capable BMX riders what they'd like to have as far as jumps go. Take a look at what Cottage Grove bike park has for there skills setup. Would love to have Shark Fin jumps and Whale Tail jump. Big wall rides.

If all that's built around the metro is weenie stuff then how do we push progression if we can't train and practice on big gnarly stuff. There's plenty of technical trails and features in Minnesota, let's step it up a notch and try to keep up with other cities. We don't have to have the quantity of Bentonville trails but we should at least have the quality of Bentonville or Roger's (RALYARD).

The riders in Minnesota should have access to diverse terrain so they can learn how to Ride at a higher level

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 13, 2025 9:33 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I like the various features you can practice on the trail itself. I also like the tree planting as it's good to have shade as well.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

There should be a water fountain and a porta-potty as well.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Again, I like the features and tree coverage.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

I know that paved trails provide more flexibility to ride with weather, but some the skills park near Hiawatha will be so close to this one and that already is "paved," I think this skills park should feature mostly gravel and dirt trails

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

So excited to have this in the neighborhood!

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 13, 2025 8:50 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I love the amount of tree plantings shown. lighting is not identified; I hope that means no new lighting.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

- Eliminate the boulders unless sourced locally and used (let's not mine wild places for the wild aesthetic in our urban environment).
- Eliminate the perimeter fencing. The need is not evident or worth it. Reduces maintenance and resource extraction. Consider a natural/living fence - more trees or plantings.
- Consider how this project enhances biodiversity and then do a bit more than we would have. Native plantings that benefit pollinators or the ducks in this area? Let's do more than what's obvious. let's consider our climate emergency and how this project actively recognizes that. What's the design life? What does the end of useful life look like? how will the materials be managed when they are waste--landfilled, reusable, recyclable?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

See concept 1 comments. I like concept 1 over 2 because more trees in the dark green area.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

the legend isn't comprehensive.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 13, 2025 8:26 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Different skill levels and I like that it isn't mostly paved. We often go to Taft park with our family because it isn't paved and the kids feel safer practicing on it. I also love that the beginner trail has a more defined loop feel. My kids would prefer that over just open space.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

I wish the beginner track had more ramps.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

The beginner track has more ramps it looks like and that's nice. At Taft, the beginner trail is really small, it'd be fun to have something a little more extensive for the youngest kids.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

I'm a little unsure what the trails would look like that are both paved and unpaved. I'm not sure which of the inspiration pics represent that concept. But I can't find anything I don't like about this track either. Both are welcomed options!

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

I'm so happy we're going with a more natural look and we're thrilled to have this come to the neighborhood! And I love that it has multiple tracks for different skill levels.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 13, 2025 8:10 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Defined inner loop and mostly unpaved trails (both are great!)

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Defined berms on all of the major corners/switchbacks, esp the tighter turns

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Excited that Minneapolis is putting this in!

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 13, 2025 7:28 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Too much pavement takes away from the natural experience.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 12, 2025 8:24 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Lots of features

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

More dirt and more red. Plenty of tabletops

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

More of red and the trails will be open more because it's paved

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

More dirt trails

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bunch of tabletops of all sizes

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 12, 2025 8:19 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

unpaved trails

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

less pavement

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

less pavement

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 12, 2025 1:01 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

I don't see a direction indicator, so I'm not sure if the blue loop is CW or CCW. I'm not there to ride it, but it seems like the bottom right switchback would be more fun downhill with real berms. Climbing a switch back is a good skill, but riding a berm at speed is more fun and also a good skill.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Same as concept 1.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

It's hard to review the beginner plaza options with the details shown. It shows the features, but is the rest flat? I would say Concept 2 is better IF the filled-in voids are turned into small mounds. Taking flexible lines around and over a mound seems like a good reason to pave more area. If the whole thing is flat, I think having a route to follow (Concept 1) is better.

I think deciding on the amount of paved blue trail also somewhat depends on other details, such as maintenance plans and access when "closed". The park in Richfield has a gate at the start, but I don't know if it is really used to close the trail when wet. If there are systems to reduce trail damage when wet, then Concept 1 might be nice, but if it's hands-off, then probably Concept 2.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 12, 2025 12:28 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Mix of terrain types

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Add more paved, there are already many unpaved bike parks in Minneapolis. It would be nice to have one that could be used by multiple modes (bikes, scooters, skateboards)

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Prefer this option. Nice big paved loop

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Still would like a little more paved, though I like the mix.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

In general, there are way more unpaved bike parks in Minneapolis/the surrounding area than paved. It would be nice to have this as a new option in the area (paved)!

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 12, 2025 11:53 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Great layout, keeping the green beginner loop tied in the with the plaza. Love the beginner plaza and separate space for newer riders.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

The plaza would be better utilized if the footprint was bigger or the two rock/tree features were removed like concept 2. Is there an opportunity to utilize the south rock boulders as a expert spur into the green. Same for the boulders along east side by 34th to transition into the expert boulder line? Also, a wall ride from the upper right (NE) to transition out of green to blue and SE wall ride along 34th back to the blue line would offer an element of red/expert and utilize empty space.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Increase Plaza space. Similar layout to concept 1. Increased hard surfaces, would like an option where all trails is paved.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

The plaza would be better utilized if the footprint was bigger or the two rock/tree features were removed like concept 2. Is there an opportunity to utilize the south rock boulders as a expert spur into the green. Same for the boulders along east side by 34th to transition into the expert boulder line? Also, a wall ride from the upper right (NE) to transition out of green to blue and SE wall ride along 34th back to the blue line would offer an element of red/expert and utilize empty space.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

directional arrows for trail navigating. would the fence option consider a natural element, small growing shrubs that still buffers the riders from the sidewalk. Or consideration for removal of sidewalk to accommodate more shrubs, natural boundaries, pollinators. This could be paired with any grant funding for stormwater controls. Option to either expand plaza into the green loop to maximize area and increase usage by newer riders and minimize conflicts with advanced riders. , or remove plaza and make all surfaces paved to reduced aggregate from entering the plaza areas.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 12, 2025 10:10 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

I generally prefer dirt trails, but in a high traffic area I think the partially paved trails will hold up better. I favor Layout 2.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 12, 2025 9:07 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

More trails are unpaved.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

I wish the beginner plaza had a more open space like it does in layout 2, but with mostly unpaved trails.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

The beginner plaza has a more flexible open space.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

I wish it had more unpaved trails.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 12, 2025 8:53 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Lots of options and features. Trees in the beginner area.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Minimize use of paved surfaces.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Lots of options and features.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Keep trees in beginner area. Minimize use of paved surfaces.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 12, 2025 8:22 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Good water mgmt And natural surface

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 12, 2025 7:08 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Different levels of difficulty! It feels well laid out and keeping Beginners separated.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Less pavement. Pavement is going to need more maintenance and be harder on bodies in tip overs. Increasing shared path use is disliked. There is a lot more conflict between users when paths are shared use.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Less pavement!! Love the use of skill levels and segregating beginner.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Both layouts seem to include an expansion of combined bike/walk path. These combined use paths increase conflict between user types especially when the bike skills park is already going to increase bike traffic.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

I like the bike skills layouts. Wishing to minimize combined use trails and personally, and given the popularity of the existing pickleball court I would have converted one of the tennis courts to another pickleball court.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 12, 2025 6:06 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Wide variety of skills for all ages

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Both are excellent. I prefer 1

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

This would be a great addition to the neighborhood and city

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 12, 2025 5:24 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Dirt, rollers

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

N/a

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Any bike infrastructure is desirable

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Less pavement - hurts to crash on

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

No sure which is easier / cheaper to maintain

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 11, 2025 10:49 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I like that the blue intermediate is ok the outer loop. This makes it more prominent. I like that intermediate blue and red are both on the south side and the easier are o the top. This makes it clearer for different skill levels.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Bon fire spot.

Grills.

Bike tool station.

A spot for a food vendor or ice cream cart.

A map of the trails.

Water fill station.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Socialization space.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

The focus on the easy paths is too much of all the trails. There are small kid bike park across from Nikomis pickle ball courts. This is too much beginner space.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

More bikes and biking infrastructure. Down with the auto-golarchy.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 11, 2025 9:39 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

The more open pavement area seems like a more flexible use of the same square footage vs the 1st layout.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

I would always love to see a nice jump or two.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

The park is going to be a smash hit. I love the big jumps and more flowing things on any of the local mtn trails. The folks building the bigger obstacles at localized and other places are getting a draw of people from all over the state. I know a neighborhood skills park is not built for that but it would be great for any future mpls planning.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 11, 2025 9:11 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

More unpaved trails is great to see!

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

- Larger beginner plaza takes up too much space.
- Too much paved space, the people need their dirt!

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 11, 2025 8:57 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Love the prioritization of unpaved trails

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Very excited for this project!!

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 11, 2025 8:56 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Heavily prefer unpaved surfaces for this! Hardpack dirt and gravel skills are super relevant to the type of cycling that happens here in the upper Midwest. Additionally, deteriorated paved trails are rougher to ride as tree roots and weather take their toll.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Have it be concept one.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Have it be concept one.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 11, 2025 8:54 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Unpaved trail better reflects other options for bike recreation outside in other city parks and is more forgiving when it comes to crashing and visually less intimidating.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Move the trail features inward or the fence line outward near S 34th for better sight lines

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Paved trails are less fun and feel less park-like

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Having some sendier or more advanced features like skinnies or small roller jumps would allow for a greater skill progression.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 11, 2025 2:23 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I like the mix of trail difficulty, the unpacked trails and the rock garden technical sections.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Including easy unlaced trails.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Less paved trail, more unpaved trail.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 10, 2025 11:30 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

We love more dirt track! I have two young mountain bikers!

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

We love more dirt track! I have two young mountain bikers!

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 9, 2025 4:55 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

more dirt trails than concept 2

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

expand the footprint to a larger area, include plantings (instead of a fence) along the south side between the bike skills park and the existing bike trails to prevent bikes exiting onto the bike trail. The bridge creates a blind spot for bikers on the trail.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

way better than an unused tennis court. Kudos for creative use of the space!

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

expand the footprint to a larger area, include plantings (instead of a fence) along the south side between the bike skills park and the existing bike trails to prevent bikes exiting onto the bike trail. The bridge creates a blind spot for bikers on the trail.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 9, 2025 2:42 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Winding paths and plaza.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Plant the unpaved paths with a short groundcover to hold the soil.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Plantings and landscaping

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Plant sturdy groundcovers on "unpaved" trails. Pussytoes or Buffalo Grass are possible.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Thanks

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 9, 2025 2:14 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Less pavement = better. The skills being developed are about being off pavement.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Ensure enough space between paved beginner and expert - there is peer pressure / showing off that happens here, no need to make more of an invitation for that behavior.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Too much pavement.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 9, 2025 1:28 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

More paved trails would be best. Dirt trail needs maintenance, which always seems to be lacking. People will ride in the rain, which can leave unpaved surfaces rutted and unusable.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Paved trails mean more time riding and less time fixing. Dirt trail needs maintenance, which always seems to be lacking. People will ride in the rain, which can leave unpaved surfaces rutted and unusable.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

It would be great to add some flexible jumping features and berms that can be rolled for beginners, or jumped for experts.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 9, 2025 11:42 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

More unpaved

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

I like it!

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 9, 2025 10:27 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I like the more defined feel of the beginner plaza.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

I like that the outer loop is a longer continuous trail with inner options based on skill level.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Both designs really look great and I think either way will be a great addition to the neighborhood.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 9, 2025 10:14 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Less paved, good mix of levels of skill, and incorporates trees, not just a dirt field.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Would love more detail on the plaza design - what is the intended audience?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Similar layout, good tree incorporation.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Don't like as much paved trail - want the most unpaved as possible.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Good variety for multiple ages, including adults. Love the natural feel - making it feel secluded but not scary is key. Very excited!

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 9, 2025 9:34 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Variety of trails and natural look and feel.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

I wonder about maintenance on unpaved trails, will they get better or worse with repeated years of use. It is possible they could actually hold up better than pavement or partial pavement, but I am not an expert, but that is something I would like to know more about.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

I am excited to have this resource in the neighborhood, where there has been a basically useless tennis court for years.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 9, 2025 9:22 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

It is very mountain bike focused? What about basic bike in the city appropriately following the correct rules skills? They have this type of park in Copenhagen, Denmark for CHILDREN to learn how to live in a VERY bike friendly city. We need this in MPLS and maybe not JUST for children :).

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

<https://www.visitcopenhagen.com/copenhagen/planning/childrens-traffic-playground-gdk507562>

Have a space to learn how to deal with other bikers, what side of a path to be on, universal hand signaling or verbal notifications, how to cross car paths, etc. Balance bike to elementary school age bike check outs for the youngest to begin learning the way of bike commuting!

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Well -just not what I was imagining for a bike friendly city to encourage biking skills in every day life, but I'm sure this will be fun for people who can afford mountain biking as a hobby...

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Think commuting without cars - it is a glorious way of life. This could be an opportunity to teach the cities youngest bikers in a low-risk environment how to navigate a city that still has too much car traffic so that maaaaaybe we can flip the switch on biking v. car traffic.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

It is a fine park idea... just not what my brain conjured as the point of a bike skills park. I had something similar to The Children's Traffic Playground in Copenhagen in mind. The idea here is that children can commute via bike just as well as their parents - the low risk environment to learn the rules of the road being a fun and helpful way to teach them.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 9, 2025 8:43 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Is there the possibility of on-site potable water?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Is there the possibility of on-site potable water?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Is there the possibility of on-site potable water?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 9, 2025 8:10 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

My concern about both concepts is that there is enough slope to the area under development that both the unpaved paths and riding off the shoulders of paved paths will contribute to erosion unless very carefully designed. Otherwise, both concepts look like a lot of fun and good learning.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

My concern about both concepts is that there is enough slope to the area under development that both the unpaved paths and riding off the shoulders of paved paths will contribute to erosion unless very carefully designed. Otherwise, both concepts look like a lot of fun and good learning.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Because of continuing damage to Minnehaha Creek steep bank slopes by bikers, I would like the skills course to offer placard education to bikers about the importance of avoiding natural erodable slopes and wetlands while biking.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 9, 2025 7:44 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I feel the extra trees in the beginner area adds a good addition of nature and will enhance the look of the area. Most mountain bike trails are in the woods and nature so making it known that there are trees on most trails is a good thing.

Would like to see more unpaved trails vs. paved.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

I would support making sure there are progressive lines and that there is a difficulty gradient that is appropriate. Low risk, high fun obstacles are appreciated (IE: a double jump that you can gap or if you are a beginner on a hard trail, you can just roll over it versus a true gap with high risk of injury, there are other options in the metro area for that)

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Would like to see less paved trails

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Thanks for being a great leader for this project, much appreciated, and think will add to our community.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 9, 2025 7:31 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Mixed terrain for all riders. Less pavement, which means faster build time, lower maintenance and flexibility with design adjustments and improvements. One way trails are best. Multiple features and designated meeting place.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Including ramps and rollers. There are a wide range of rider abilities, treat these parks like an episode of the Simpson or the Minecraft movie, it's entertaining for all ages due to the layered approach offering something for everyone. If you want kids to use the park, it much better fun for adults too.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

The first one is better, this one has too much pavement, it's just like riding the paved trails through the city

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Look at the first one

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Don't underestimate the skill level of kid mountain bikers in south Minneapolis, they are probably better riders than you think

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 9, 2025 5:17 AM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

So is this a skateboard park, but for bikes? How much noise will be generated? Will e-bikes or electric throttle bikes be allowed in the park? How much erosion will be caused by repeated use of these paths, by racing bikers? So many ways to go bad, for the surrounding neighborhood. Not a fan of the whole idea.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 8, 2025 11:32 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

The project team should study some of the bike parks down in northwest Arkansas. Also, I would really encourage the park board to think about creating a connected single track trail system throughout the parks. It would be amazing to have different single track trails connected to these different skills parks.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 8, 2025 9:52 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Love the defined loop and beginner area, less paved

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

NA

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

NA

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Too paved

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 8, 2025 8:57 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

The picnic tables/plaza area

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Could you add some shade tents over the tables (like at E 40th street playground)? Would make it a more versatile meeting spot if super sunny and/or light rain. Not sure with young kids (beginners) one way concept will be followed. But they seem separate from older kids which is good.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

I don't see the difference between this and layout 1

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Same as above

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Making it inviting, well maintained, safe, and a space for kids of all ages. We have loved the other one by nokomis. Will actually be sad to see it go.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 8, 2025 8:06 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

The whole thing is great, especially like the “beginner” plaza but prefer the open rather than circle bc small kids don’t understand things like “one way” or defined loops.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Are there bike locks for big bikes?

Per above i prefer the open rather than circle bc small kids don’t understand things like “one way” or defined loops.

Needs water fountains

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

The whole thing is great, especially like the “beginner” plaza w flexible space

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Beyond what I said above about #1, the only thing that occurs to me is that if a path is “partially” paved then maybe you can’t scoot on it when the ground is soft with moisture. So you’d start on paved parts and then hit a muddy part and have to stop.

It would be nice to have water fountains and place to lock up adult bikes

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

This is a comment about the survey itself. I have very little context for saying which I prefer. I’m just a parent with a toddler who loves to bike and scoot. I do not have a landscape architect background or a bike skills training background. So what’s at stake in these differences? You all gotta spell that out.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 8, 2025 8:02 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I like the tree landscape at the bike plaza and longer unpaved beginner route

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

Submitted Time: May 8, 2025 6:44 PM

Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

More trees in the beginner area. Less pavement overall.

My child says " The one with more trees is the best one ever."

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Put a bench or two under trees out on the intermediate loops for tired parents. We like shade. My kid always wants me to walk the course with them, please make it possible to walk between sections of the course without being on the course. I like the idea of more flexible open space like in Layout 2, but we need the trees.

Move the feature at the beginning of the paved intermediate course farther into the course so kids have a chance to get going and get their bearings before having to go over a feature.

I assume jumps will only be on the expert courses. No jumps on the intermediate courses, please.

For safety, I would enclose the fence on the 34th Avenue side so people don't enter the trails from the wrong place. Entering the trails at any point other than the designated start is a safety hazard.

Please, no scree rock or whatever that stuff is at Perkins Hill. It's asking for knocked out teeth and is a safety hazard.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

The flexible space in the beginner area.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Needs more trees in the beginner area!! I can feel the heat and see the shimmer as I type.

Put a bench or two under trees out on the intermediate loops for tired parents. We like shade. My kid always wants me to walk the course with them, please make it possible to walk between sections of the course without being on the course.

Move the feature at the beginning of the paved intermediate course farther into the course so

kids have a chance to get going and get their bearings before having to go over a feature.

I assume jumps will only be on the expert courses. No jumps on the intermediate courses, please.

For safety, I would enclose the fence on the 34th Avenue side so people don't enter the trails from the wrong place. Entering the trails at any point other than the designated start is a safety hazard.

Please, no scree rock or whatever that stuff is at Perkins Hill. It's asking for knocked out teeth and is a safety hazard.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Definitely more benches. Lots of benches. Parents are tired and need a shady spot to rest.

Make sure the boulders, especially those by the beginner area, are suitable for climbing. They should be well-anchored. While we're at it, adding some nature playground features like at Nokomis would be the perfect compliment to the bike skills park.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

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Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

I like the variety of challenges. The combo of dirt and paved. And how the beginner plaza has more of a defined loop feel.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

I suspect more seating might be needed for parents.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

This is nice too. I think I prefer 1 a bit more.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Again, I suspect more seating might be needed for parents.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

If feasible could there be a bicycle pump and fix station?

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

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Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Multiple skill levels available and more natural surface trails.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Remove paving of blue trail and make it natural surface

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

Nothing

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Less paving. More skill levels

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

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Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

Both concepts seem to be too close to the creek. Putting in pollution control, especially with unpaved trails that will constantly degrade with use, does not seem to align with the idea of improving the creek for pollution mitigation. This type of park feature should not be near water.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

Do this project somewhere else. This area should be returned to a natural landscape.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

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Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Loops and trees in the beginner plaza seem really fun. The long expert trail connects to the unpaved intermediate trail.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

The short expert section branching off a paved intermediate trail may entice riders who aren't ready for it.

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

The short expert section branches off an unpaved intermediate trail.

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Less pavement.

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?

I'm not convinced any non-beginner pavement is needed.

Bike Skills Park at S 34th Ave and Minnehaha Creek

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Feedback on Bike Skills Park Concept Options

What do you like about Concept Layout 1?

Big

What could be improved about Concept Layout 1?

More easy stuff

What do you like about Concept Layout 2?

What could be improved about Concept Layout 2?

Anything else the project team should know related to the bike skills concept layouts?