



 RAMSEY COUNTY

# Rice Street

## Capitol Area Reconstruction

### Rice Street between John Ireland Boulevard and Pennsylvania Avenue

#### Overview

Ramsey County and the City of Saint Paul are working in partnership with the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board to design and construct a community-driven vision for Rice Street near the Minnesota state capitol from John Ireland Boulevard to Pennsylvania Avenue. This project is also being coordinated with Metro Transit's METRO G Line project. The purpose of this project is to:

- Improve pedestrian safety and access
- Improve bicycle safety and access
- Improve transit and multimodal operations
- Develop mobility hub around the Rice/University intersection
- Improve vehicle safety and operations
- Design for an enhanced and sustainable public realm
- Design for existing and changing land uses
- Utilize partnerships and have a transparent process

#### Project Area



#### Engagement

Inclusive community engagement is very important to the success of the study. Input from the public will shape the project every step of the way.

#### Gather feedback on Rice Street

Fall – winter 2024

#### Share potential designs

Spring – summer 2025

#### Introduce recommended design

Summer – fall 2025

#### Share construction timeline

Fall – winter 2026

#### Construction start

Anticipated start Spring 2027

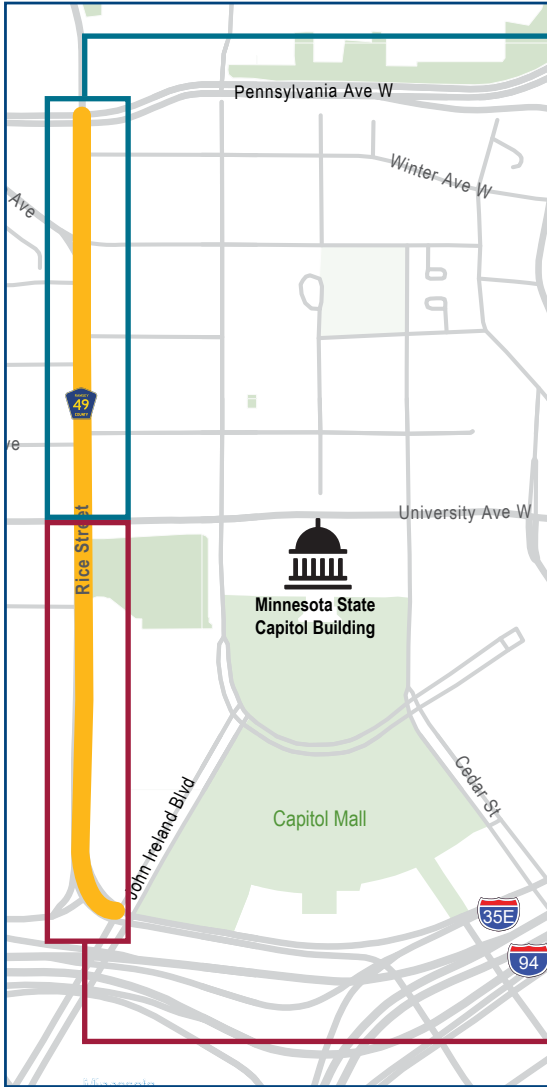


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# Recommended Design: Hybrid Bicycle & Pedestrian Features



**North of University: Shared Use Path**



**South of University: Two-Way Cycle Track**

## Key Elements

- ★ One lane of traffic in each direction with a two-way left turn lane in the center
- ★ Two-way bikeway with a separate sidewalk from John Ireland Boulevard to University Avenue
- ★ Shared use path from University Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue, Two-way bikeway with a separate sidewalk from University Avenue to John Ireland Boulevard
- ★ Medians at Charles Avenue to provide pedestrians with a refuge island to only cross one direction of traffic at a time, and south of Fuller Avenue to keep drivers from driving around stopped buses
- ★ Boulevard spaces to allow for trees and greening

## Community Priorities

- ⊕ Improved bicyclist and pedestrian safety
- ⊕ Design elements that help slow traffic
- ⊕ Space for trees and greening
- ⊕ Space for on-street parking north of University Avenue

## City & County Considerations

- ✓ Supports county's commitment to an all-abilities transportation network
- ✓ More pedestrian and bicycle-focused use of space, consistent with city and county street design policies
- ✓ More ability to accommodate snow storage, an important consideration for city maintenance purposes