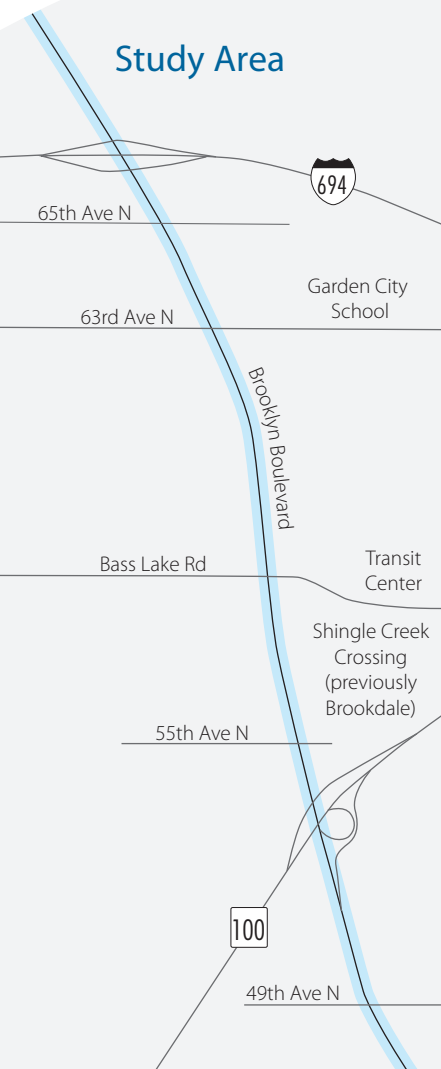


Brooklyn Boulevard Corridor Study

City of Brooklyn Center in partnership with Hennepin County, Three Rivers Park District, Minnesota Department of Transportation, and Metro Transit.



History

Brooklyn Boulevard in Brooklyn Center is a primary transportation corridor which provides access between Highway 694 and Highway 100. The mix of residential and commercial areas in the corridor reflects the evolution of the community: post-WWII housing, similar housing converted to businesses, smaller locally-owned businesses, national chain businesses, and offices. The quality and character of development along the corridor also varies significantly reflecting eras of prosperity and disinvestment. This incremental development has resulted in a corridor that needs attention; numerous driveways create safety and operational concerns for motorists, a lack of good sidewalks and trails inhibit pedestrians and bicyclists, potentially incompatible adjacent land uses reduce quality of life for current residents and dampen redevelopment opportunities, and transit facilities are not well integrated into the overall framework.

Study

The City of Brooklyn Center is leading a study to assess the current conditions of the corridor, develop a future vision, and identify improvements to shape the future of the corridor. An assessment of the existing corridor is underway (see back) to help define the City's goals and shape future concepts.

What's Next?

The City is working on future concepts that will help Brooklyn Boulevard achieve its vision as a vibrant corridor that will better serve the needs of nearby residents and businesses. **Look for future concepts to be shared at an open house meeting later this spring!**

Your input is welcome at any step in the project. Please contact Steve Lillehaug at slillehaug@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us with your comments or questions!



The study team is completing an inventory of existing conditions to identify the strengths of the existing corridor as well as areas of improvement to help define the City's goals.

TOPIC	FINDINGS	NEXT STEPS
<p>Future land use should revitalize the corridor, support residential land uses and improve aesthetics.</p>	<p>Single family residences are not appropriate to the character of the roadway.</p> <p>Redevelopment of some areas along Brooklyn Boulevard are challenged by shallow lots and limited access.</p> <p>The corridor lacks strong visual appeal.</p>	<p>Develop streetscape concepts for the corridor.</p> <p>Identify strategies for redevelopment in keeping with Brooklyn Boulevard concepts.</p>
<p>Improve the traffic operation and safety of Brooklyn Boulevard.</p>	<p>The number and frequency of driveways on Brooklyn Boulevard threaten the long-term safety and efficiency of roadway operations.</p> <p>Intersection operations require a careful assessment to ensure long-term efficiency.</p>	<p>Assess options for reducing driveways over the long term as properties redevelop.</p> <p>Identify long-term intersection improvements.</p>
<p>Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities to encourage walking and biking.</p>	<p>Pedestrian conditions could be improved by providing boulevards and better intersection crossings.</p> <p>Sidewalks are narrow in many places and do not support bicycle travel.</p> <p>Trail facilities along Brooklyn Boulevard should support city and regional trail plans.</p>	<p>Develop future concepts for the road, bicycle facilities, and sidewalks that will encourage alternative transportation choices and improve aesthetics.</p>
<p>Brooklyn Boulevard design should support and encourage transit use.</p>	<p>Transit activity is focused at the Brooklyn Center Transit Center and the 65th Avenue Park and Ride. Area bus routes generally travel east-west across Brooklyn Boulevard rather than the length of the corridor. An improved pedestrian environment and better access to destinations might increase transit use.</p>	<p>Identify opportunities to support transit through improved pedestrian conditions and corridor aesthetics.</p>