

Alexandria Third Avenue Pedestrian Study



PROJECT OVERVIEW AND CONTEXT



The Alexandria Third Avenue Pedestrian Study is a seven-block study for MnDOT District 4 on Highway 29 in Alexandria, MN. This section of the corridor, between Broadway Street and Nokomis Street, is a busy commercial area. People walk and bike here to access businesses and to connect to Lake Agnes and the Central Lakes Regional Trail. Third Avenue is also well used by drivers with an average of

18,200 vehicles per day, including 1,050 heavy commercial trucks.

The purpose of this study is to look at pedestrian safety and identify connections for people walking, biking, and rolling along and across Third Avenue. This may include short-term options such as quick build safety improvements, or longer-term infrastructure recommendations.

PROJECT STATUS

The project team is collecting data and listening to community input through the fall of 2022. Starting in the winter, the team will begin developing pedestrian alternatives for the corridor, with options for additional community input in the spring of 2023.



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Crossings on both ends of the corridor, including Broadway shown here, can be challenging for pedestrians.



This stretch of Third Avenue has already been the focus of planning work that resulted in the pedestrian crossing at Kenwood Street.



What Do You Think?

The project team wants to hear from you!

To help create a safer Third Avenue, the project team wants to hear what it's like to walk along and across the corridor. Input collected through the open house will help the project team re-envision Third Avenue from Broadway Street to Nokomis Street.

- Where do you go on this stretch of Third Avenue?
- How does it feel to walk or roll on the sidewalk?
- How does it feel to cross the road?
- How have you seen people driving through this area?
- Would you feel comfortable walking here with a child, or someone in a wheelchair?



Join us on **October 27th at 5:00 PM** for an open house at the Douglas County Public Works building, or join us virtually.

Visit the project website at dot.state.mn.us/d4/projects/Hwy293rdAve for more information and instructions for how to join the open house online.



Can't make it? Email your thoughts to mary.safgren@state.mn.us.