

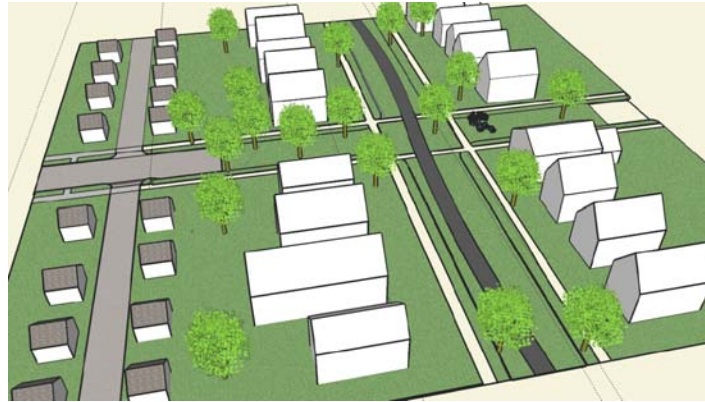


The Twin Cities Greenways vision is to convert existing residential streets into parks with bike paths, allowing for fast, safe, pleasant biking along several new corridors. Our vision is inspired by the tremendous success of the Midtown Greenway in Minneapolis. In fair weather, the Midtown Greenway is used by over 2,500 bicyclists and hundreds of pedestrians each day.

We are proposing several new routes that would complement existing bike trails and improve access between neighborhoods and downtowns. See map on reverse for more details about the proposed routes.



The benefits of Greenways would extend far beyond cycling. As the Midtown Greenway has shown, high quality linear parks strengthen neighborhoods and attract investment. In the past five years, over 1,000 new condos and apartments have been built adjacent to the Midtown Greenway, bringing over \$165 million in new investment to Minneapolis.



Because the Twin Cities has few additional rail trenches that could easily be converted to Greenways, our proposal is to convert quiet residential streets into Greenways, following the successful approach taken at Milwaukee Avenue. More details about our proposal can be found at www.tcgreenways.org.



The Milwaukee Avenue model removes the auto traffic from a street to create a linear park. Residents retain access to garages via the alley, and minor intersections are converted to pocket parks with space for guest parking. Sidewalks remain in place for pedestrians, and a bike path is created at the center of the new park. The bike path would be engineered to provide access for emergency vehicles. (Drawings courtesy of Michael Nelson)

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Map of Proposed Corridors

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|  | Trails |
|  | Bike lanes |
|  | TCGI corridors |

Note: The map data currently available to us includes some planned trails and bike lanes that do not yet exist.

North Minneapolis: Connecting the Humboldt Greenway, the Grand Rounds, Polwell Park, Cottage Park, Jordan Park, and North Commons Park to downtown Minneapolis.

Northeast Minneapolis: Linking the NE Diagonal Trail, river trails, Cedar Lake Trail, and downtown Minneapolis.

University greenway: Linking the U of M Transwisy to the State Capitol and downtown St. Paul, paralleling future light rail. The eastern end of this corridor is in the vicinity of the Gateway trail.

An extension of the Midtown Greenway into St. Paul has been in the planning stages for many years. St. Paul Smart Trips is coordinating the advocacy for this Greenway. For more information, please contact Laura Baum via laura@smart-trips.org

South Minneapolis: Connecting downtown Minneapolis to Elliot Park, the Midtown Greenway, Powderhorn Park, Minnehaha Creek, Diamond Lake Park, and Richfield.

