

Highway 47 (University Ave.) and Highway 65 (Central Ave.) Study

Blaine, Columbia Heights, Coon Rapids, Fridley, Hilltop, Spring Lake Park and Northeast Minneapolis



Two roads, many modes

Hwy 47 (University Ave.) and Hwy 65 (Central Ave.) are important parts of the local and regional transportation system. They connect people, neighborhoods, and businesses from Northeast Minneapolis to Blaine. People travel these roads by walking, rolling, biking, riding transit, and driving. In addition to moving people, these roadways help deliver a variety of goods to and from businesses and distribution sites in the area, and national and international markets.

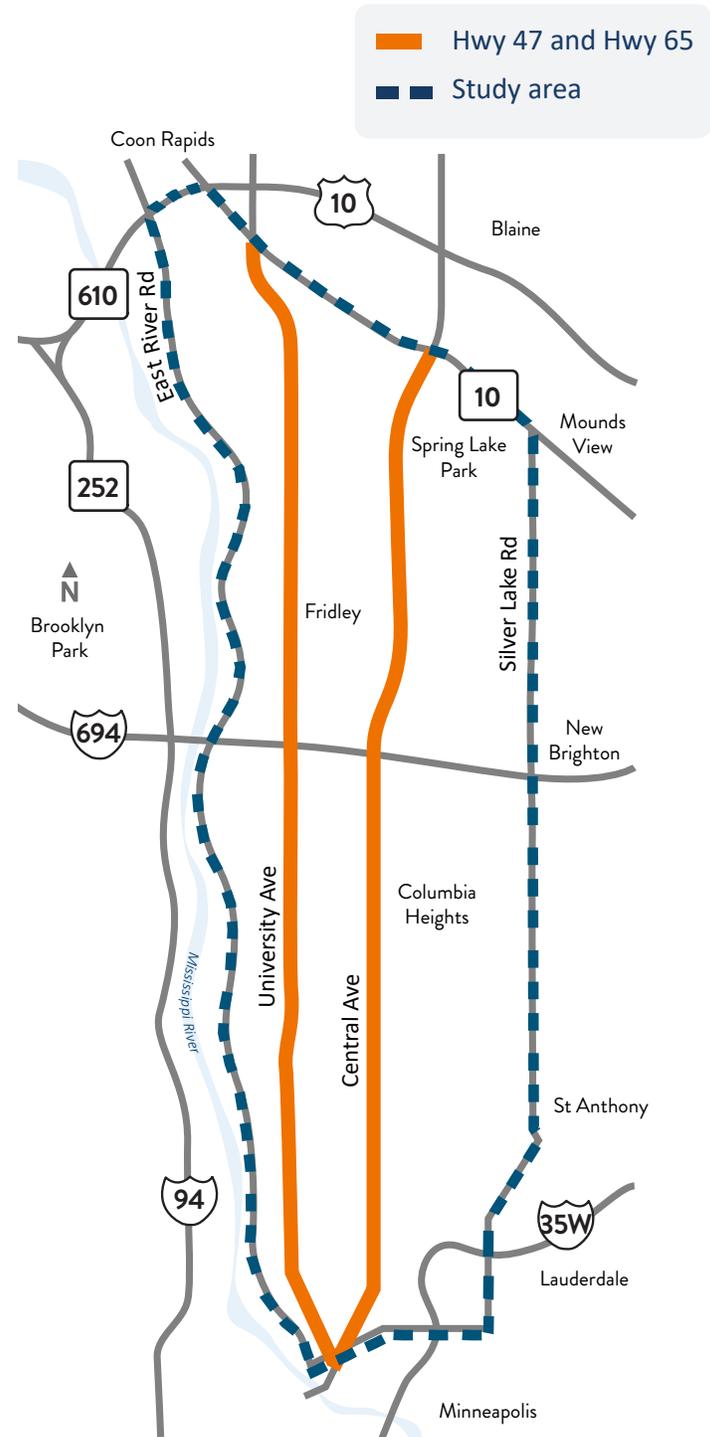
Along both roadways, there are locations that have higher than average instances of crashes — and crashes that involve pedestrians and bicyclists are far more likely to result in death or severe injuries. So MnDOT is asking communities and users of these two roads what they need to travel more safely and comfortably.

Study area

The communities along University Ave. and Central Ave. are diverse, both in the people who live and work here, and the ways people use the roadways to move around. By studying these corridors together, MnDOT will better understand the overall transportation needs of the area, and be able to understand the kinds of improvements that make travel safer and more convenient for all users.

Expected outcome: A shared vision

This study will develop a shared vision for the types of improvements that the communities say—and the data show—are needed most. The study will not design specific construction projects, but will lay the groundwork to seek future funding and environmental approval.



For more information and to sign up for email updates, visit:

mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy47andhwy65study

Study schedule:

- **Phase 1: 2020**

MnDOT will reach out to the public for feedback, collect data and summarize the existing conditions and needs of the roadways

- **Phase 2: 2021**

MnDOT will develop concepts for improving the roadways, evaluate them with the help of the public, and reach a shared vision

Help us shape the vision!

MnDOT is listening. We're offering several ways for you to share your knowledge of the corridor. Visit the study website for the most up to date information and interactive ways to get involved. You can take a video tour of University Ave. and Central Ave., dive into the data and provide feedback on ways University Ave. and Central Ave. can better meet your needs in the future.

www.UniversityCentralVision.com

You can also sign up for email updates. You will receive notifications when new information is released and be kept up-to-date on ways you can participate in the next steps of the study.

Accessibility

MnDOT invites and encourages participation by all. If you need an ASL or foreign language interpreter, other reasonable accommodation, or need documents in an alternative format (such as braille or large print), please email your request to Janet Miller at ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us or call 651-366-4720.

Study area quick facts

145,000
residents



■ 10% do not have access to a vehicle

60,000+
jobs

4,000
businesses



2,400 freight businesses

2015 to 2019 pedestrian & bicyclist crashes

Deaths	University Ave.	Central Ave.
	10	2*
Severe injuries		
	8	11



* There have been two additional pedestrian deaths on Central Ave. in the summer of 2020

Need more info?

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