











# AUSTIN MINNESOTA I-90 BRIDGES PROJECT

## PHASE 3 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY - WINTER 2022/2023

Interstate 90 (I-90) is an important national east-west transportation route that connects many population centers in the U.S. In the Austin area, I-90 was built in the 1950s and the structures are at the end of their useful design life. Many of these bridges are key community connectors in Austin. There are six sites along I-90 in Austin that have bridges which are scheduled to be replaced or repaired from 2024 to 2026. In January 2023, MnDOT engaged area residents and stakeholders regarding upcoming construction work on I-90.

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|  <p><b>WHAT ENGAGEMENT OCCURRED?</b></p> |  <p><b>Public meeting</b></p> <p>Jan. 31, 2023<br/>Austin Public Library</p>  |  <p><b>Stakeholder meetings</b></p> <p>Elected Officials,<br/>Welcome Center, APEX</p> |  <p><b>Online materials</b></p> <p>Meeting materials and comment form available on project website.</p>   |
|  <p><b>ENGAGEMENT METRICS</b></p>       |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 200+ online visitors</li> <li>• 144 new email sign-ups</li> </ul>  |  |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 47+ attendees in-person Jan. 31, 2023</li> </ul>   |
|  <p><b>HOW WE SPREAD THE WORD</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeted Facebook ad</li> <li>• MnDOT GovDelivery email recipients</li> <li>• Visit/Email/Call BIPOC community locations</li> <li>• Translated flyer (Spanish / Karen)</li> <li>• News release</li> <li>• Facebook event</li> <li>• APEX Austin presentation</li> </ul> |  |  |
|  <p><b>WHAT WE HEARD</b></p>           |  <p><b>Big improvements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic safety</li> <li>• Roadway design and appearance</li> <li>• Better pedestrian connections</li> </ul>   |  | <p><b>Biggest concerns:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Access Management:</b> Pulling in and out of driveways and business entrances. (i.e. westbound off-ramps at 4th St. NW)</li> <li>• <b>Construction Staging:</b> Impacts for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists</li> </ul> |

### STAY INFORMED

In September 2023, MnDOT will prepare for upcoming construction on I-90. In 2024, construction will start at Oakland Ave. West and then begin at 4th St. Learn more and sign up for updates about I-90 construction on the project website.

[mndot.gov/d6/projects/i90-austin-bridge-replacements](https://mndot.gov/d6/projects/i90-austin-bridge-replacements)