

Highway 61 Resurfacing

Online Engagement Summary | December 2023 - January 2024

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is planning to resurface Highway 61 in Duluth from Lester River bridge to just past the Superior Street intersection. The project may also include intersection and other related improvements. Engagement included an interactive online map which prompted participants to comment on issues they encounter along the corridor by placing a map marker on the issue location. The map was open for comment on the project website for six weeks. 43 comments were received within the project area.



Most Noted Concerns

- 53% of comments expressed concerns with **high vehicle speed** and the safety impacts on other drivers and pedestrians.
- 42% of comments expressed **feeling unsafe when entering Hwy 61** traveling eastbound from Superior St and westbound from Congdon Blvd/Scenic 61
- 33% of comments expressed the need for **safer pedestrian and cyclist access** along and across the corridor.
- 21% of comments expressed concerns with **traffic volume and vehicle back-ups** at the intersections along the corridor.
- 10% of comments expressed the need for **improved parking options** to access trail heads, overlooks, and the beach.

Common Comments

- **Vehicles on Hwy 61 are traveling too quickly** when entering from Superior St and from Congdon Blvd/Scenic 61.
- **Traffic entering and crossing Hwy 61** from Superior St and Congdon Blvd/Scenic 61 cannot safely view oncoming traffic and are confused about which vehicle has the right of way, due to drivers **frequently stopped in the median.**
- High traffic speed and volume creates an **unsafe and inaccessible environment for pedestrians and cyclists** to travel along and across the corridor.