

Holyoke-Highview Avenue Improvements Project Engagement Summary

March to April 2023

The first phase of public engagement occurred from March to April 2023. The purpose was to introduce the project and collect community feedback on the challenges and opportunities of using the road today to inform the development of future design concepts.

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Project staff have engaged with residents about the project through:



Project team engaging with residents over project map at open house on 3/14.

- Project Open House at Lakeville Water Treatment Facility
 - March 14, 5-7 pm - 40 attendees
- Project Website
 - Project overview, map, timeline, project goals, documents, upcoming events, and survey
- Online Survey (Open February 14 to April 14)
 - 94 responses total
 - Survey responses gathered through open house, website, and social media advertisements
- Interactive Feedback map (Closed April 14)
 - 135 comments
 - Shared posts on city's social media platforms

FEEDBACK RECEIVED

Online Survey

94 survey responses were received. Survey questions included:

- What role describes your primary use of Holyoke-Highview Ave?
- Where would you like to have pedestrian/bicycle crossings across or along Holyoke-Highview Ave?
- What destinations do you travel to along Holyoke-Highview Ave?

Common themes observed in the survey responses received during round 1 engagement:

- Dangerous to cross Holyoke-Highview Ave due to high vehicle speeds and sight lines impeded by roadway curvature and hills, especially near All Saints during school drop off and pick up.
- Prioritize safety of pedestrians and children crossing and traveling along Holyoke-Highview Ave.
- Add bridges or tunnels crossing Holyoke-Highview Ave at intersections.
- Add dedicated turn and bypass lanes to make turning onto and off of Holyoke-Highview Ave safer. Accidents have occurred due to lack of turn and bypass lanes.
- Top destinations along Holyoke-Highview Ave are All Saints Church/Catholic School and downtown Lakeville.
- The highest numbers of respondents want ped/bike crossings at 194th St, 190th St, and 197th St. However all intersections in the project corridor received responses, including All Saints church and the new elementary school.

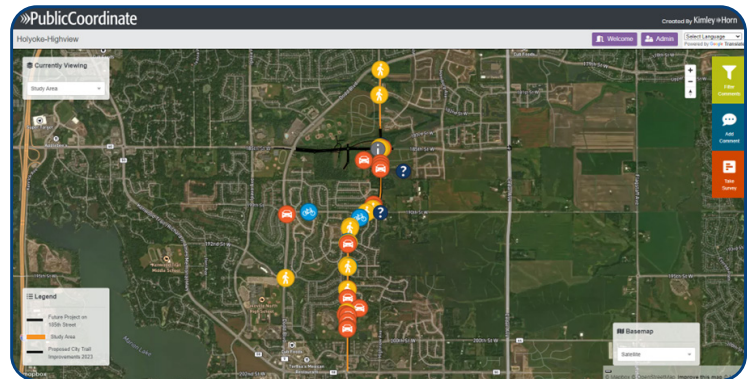
Open House

The project team hosted the first public meeting for residents to learn more about the project goals and share what they want to see improved on Holyoke-Highview Ave. Residents talked to project staff, reviewed an aerial map of the project corridor, filled out surveys, and were informed of additional ways to share their feedback. About 40 people attended the event.

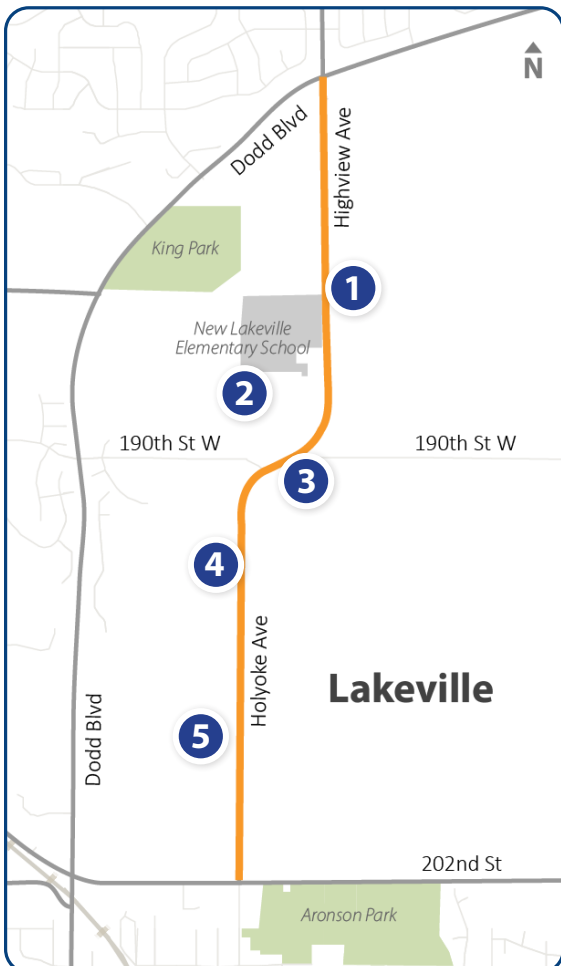
Interactive Map

The interactive feedback map received 135 comments. Map comments focused on the following categories (number of comments):

- Bike idea or concern (12)
- Auto traffic idea or concern (66)
- Walk/roll idea or concern (51)
- Question (6)



Community members who attended the open house or viewed the interactive map could provide location-specific comments within the project area. Interactive map or in-person comments were received and are summarized here.



- Holyoke Ave & 185th Roundabout**
 - Roundabout unsafe for children crossing. Tunnels, traffic lights, speedbumps, or reduced speeds are needed here.
- New Lakeville Elementary School**
 - Long vehicle lines on road shoulder during school pick-ups and drop-offs. Poor traffic control near schools at other locations in Lakeville.
- Curve/190th St/Holland Dr**
 - Curve of road with high traffic speeds makes it difficult to turn onto or cross Holyoke-Highview Ave.
 - Frequent location for run off the road accidents and people getting stuck in ditch.
- 193rd St/194th St/197th St Intersections**
 - Highest concentration of need for improved pedestrian and bicycle crossings. Reduction in speeds through this area would help.
- All Saints Catholic Church/School**
 - Always busy for school transportation and church days. Speed should be reduced and visibility is impaired with traffic coming over hill to the north. Dedicated turn lanes needed to make left turns less dangerous. Improvements should consider coordination with the school on their parking lot operations and circulation.