Creative Placemaking Survey: 86th St/Nicollet Ave Intersection

Survey Results Summary

As part of the City of Bloomington's neighborhood focus initiative, and Bloomington and Artistry’s Creative Placemaking efforts, the Creative Placemaking Commission identified the intersection of 86th St E and Nicollet Ave in Bloomington as a potential site for a few small creative projects to enhance the area. This intersection is embedded within a primarily residential neighborhood, along the 86th Street bike path, consists of four transit stops that are well-utilized, and close to senior housing and businesses. The goals are that the selected project(s) will visually enhance the area, improve the pedestrian experience, and build social cohesion.

This survey provides preliminary direction and input from people who care about this area in order to get a better idea of what type of creative project they would like to see here. This is a summary of responses. 104 responses, demographic breakdown in following pages.

What is unique or great about the neighborhood surrounding the intersection of 86th St E and Nicollet Ave?

- Health Partners Clinic
- Apartments
- Nothing, Regular, Normal
- Cub Foods
- Diverse
- Schools
- Families, youth
- Residential
- People walking/biking
- Bus stop, buses, transit
- Restaurants
- Industrial
- Suburban
- Community

What words come to mind when you think of this intersection?

- Busy
- Clinic
- Boring, plain, not memorable
- Intersection
- Traffic, congested
- Dangerous, unsafe
- Bus
- Cub Foods
- Quiet

What words symbolize how you would like this intersection to look/feel?

- Welcoming, inviting, friendly
- Safe
- Signage
- Colorful
- Light, bright
- Clean
- Attractive

Top projects:

1. Bus Stop Shelter
2. Wayfinding Signage
3. Little Library
4. Planter Pots
Do you live or work within walking distance of the intersection of 86th St E and Nicollet Ave?
104 responses

- Yes: 35.6%
- No: 63.5%
- Not Sure: 1.0%

Do you ever walk or bike around the intersection of 86th St E and Nicollet Ave?
104 responses

- Yes: 68.7%
- No: 31.3%

Do you ever use the bus stops at the intersection of 86th St E and Nicollet Ave?
104 responses

- Yes: 85.6%
- No: 14.4%
Which type of creative project ideas do you think would be a good addition to this intersection? (The images below are only included as examples.) Check all that apply. Please contribute your ideas in the "other" field.)

- Artistic Bench
- Bus Stop Shelter
- Creative Shading for Bus Stop
- Leaning Bus Stop Bench
- Little Library
- Planter pots for plants or flowers
- Small Sculpture(s)
- Utility Box Art Wrap
- Wayfinding Signage
- Painted designs on light posts
- Unique art/transit stations with special lighting
- Fine as it currently is
- Native pollinator friendly plantings
- Roundabout with plants and/or sculpture
- Welcome to “neighborhood name” sign
- Additional plant material
- HealthPartners corner could use some help
- Better bus wayfinding
- Bike racks
- Lights

(104 responses)

- Artistic Bench: 40 (38.5%)
- Bus Stop Shelter: 66 (63.5%)
- Creative Shading for Bus Stop: 28 (26.9%)
- Leaning Bus Stop Bench: 13 (12.5%)
- Little Library: 57 (54.8%)
- Planter pots for plants or flowers: 49 (47.1%)
- Small Sculpture(s): 36 (34.6%)
- Utility Box Art Wrap: 36 (34.6%)
- Wayfinding Signage: 64 (61.5%)
- Painted designs on light posts: 1 (1%)
- Unique art/transit stations with special lighting: 1 (1%)
- Fine as it currently is: 1 (1%)
- Native pollinator friendly plantings: 1 (1%)
- Roundabout with plants and/or sculpture: 1 (1%)
- Welcome to “neighborhood name” sign: 1 (1%)
- Additional plant material: 1 (1%)
- HealthPartners corner could use some help: 1 (1%)
- Better bus wayfinding: 1 (1%)
- Bike racks: 1 (1%)
- Lights: 1 (1%)
With which race/ethnicity do you identify? (Check all that apply)

103 responses:

- American Indian or Alaska Native: 2 (1.9%)
- Asian or Asian American: 1 (1%)
- Black or African American: 3 (2.9%)
- Hispanic or Latinx: 31 (30.1%)
- Middle Eastern: 0 (0%)
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 1 (1%)
- White or Caucasian: 88 (66%)

Do you identify as someone with a disability or impairment?

87 responses:

- Yes: 13.8%
- No: 86.2%
In what language do you read/speak most fluently?
100 responses

What is your age?
101 responses
With which gender do you identify?
100 responses

What is your Bloomington residential zip code (or place of employment if you are not a resident)?
103 responses