

# Lowry Ave N

## Plans

| Plan   | Published Date | Figure 21  |
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| <i>Above the Falls Master Plan Update</i>  | 6/14/2013      |  <p>Riverfront along Lowry Ave N</p> |
| <i>Above the Falls Regional Park Master Plan</i>                                       | 6/1/2013       |  |
| <i>Mississippi River Critical Area Plan</i>  | 6/16/2006      |  |
| <i>Lowry Avenue Strategic Plan, Rezoning Study and Comprehensive Plan Modification</i> | 4/19/2011      |  |
| <i>Lowry Avenue Corridor Plan</i>  | 7/12/2002      |  |
| <i>RiverFIRST Vision</i>   | 3/15/2012      |  |
| <i>Hennepin County Pedestrian Plan</i>   | 9/14/2013      |  |

## Community Presentations

### Lowry Ave N Presentations

| Organization                                      | Meeting Date | Location   |
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| <i>Hawthorne Neighborhood Association</i>         | 4/14/16      | Farview Park                                     |
| <i>Above the Falls Citizen Advisory Committee</i> | 4/26/16      | Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Headquarters |
| <i>Folwell Neighborhood Association</i>           | 5/2/16       | Folwell Neighborhood Association                 |
| <i>Jordan Area Community Council</i>              | 5/19/16      | St. Olaf Lutheran Church                         |

## Community Feedback

### LOWRY AVE N

| BARRIER | Source of Barrier   | Additional Barrier Information from the Plan | OPPORTUNITY   | Source of Opportunity   |
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| I-94    | <p><i>Above the Falls Master Plan Update</i></p> <p><i>Lowry Avenue Strategic Plan, Rezoning Study, and Comprehensive Plan Modification</i></p> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future plans for the Above the Falls area calls for an improved connection to the river between Interstate 94 and the Mississippi River, and redevelopment of this three block stretch along on both sides of Lowry Avenue.</li> </ul> | <p><i>Above the Falls Master Plan Update</i></p> <p><i>Lowry Avenue Strategic Plan, Rezoning Study, and Comprehensive Plan Modification</i></p> |

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| <b>LACK OF RIVER CROSSING ACCESS OR AMENITIES</b> | <i>Above the Falls Master Plan Update</i>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connecting bridge and park/trails</li> <li>Additional connectivity between new Lowry Bridge structure and the surface routes is still needed; these can be completed as part of West River Parkway extension</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is likely that short segments of trail will be constructed and that wayfinding signs will direct users to alternative routes on local streets, as an interim measure.</li> <li>On the west bank, trail development will evolve primarily with the extension of West River Parkway as well as the acquisition of contiguous properties or easements.</li> <li>Short-term connections via streets, however, over long term some type of vertical pedestrian/bicycle connection from parkway directly to bridge is desired</li> <li>Connections to the Mississippi River and associated green spaces and linkages envisioned in the Upper River Master Plan</li> <li>Below-bridge space at west end of Lowry developed as park and possible commercial along with remodeled storm water detention</li> </ul> | <i>Above the Falls Regional Park Master Plan</i> |
|   | <i>Above the Falls Regional Park Master Plan</i>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaboration with the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County is needed at the Lowry bridge to determine how best to connect the park trails.</li> </ul>   |   |  |
|   | <i>Lowry Avenue Strategic Plan, Rezoning Study, and Comprehensive Plan Modification</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canadian Pacific Railroad (addressing roadway approaches to new Lowry Bridge)</li> </ul>  |   | <i>Above the Falls Master Plan Update</i>        |
|   | Hawthorne Neighborhood Council  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No connection to river</li> </ul>   |   | <i>Lowry Avenue Corridor Plan</i>                |
|   |   |  |   | <i>RiverFIRST Vision</i>                         |
| <b>INADEQUATE RIVERFRONT ACCESS</b>               | Hawthorne Neighborhood Council  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No connection to river</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stone Arch Bridge and/or public space</li> <li>Parks</li> <li>Activities</li> </ul>  | Folwell Neighborhood Association                 |
|   | Above the Falls Citizen Advisory Committee  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connections from Lowry to Pacific St</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect to the bridge, safely</li> </ul>   | Above the Falls Citizen Advisory Committee       |
|   | Jordan Area Community Council   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can't get to river</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connections from bridge/street to river.</li> </ul>  | Jordan Area Community Council                    |
| <b>LACK OF BIKE LANES</b>                         | Above the Falls Citizen Advisory Committee  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not protected bike &amp; sidewalks, bike lanes end</li> <li>Missing bike lane segment</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remote bicycle lanes for recreational bicyclists on parallel routes north or south of the Lowry corridor, following Minneapolis and neighborhood plans (not Hennepin County)</li> <li>Paint lanes on bridge</li> </ul>   | <i>Lowry Avenue Corridor Plan</i>                |
|   | Jordan Area Community Council   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not very bike/pedestrian friendly</li> <li>Heavy traffic making it feel less safe to bike on Lowry</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pedestrian friendly environment including protected walk &amp; boulevards</li> </ul>   | Jordan Area Community Council                    |
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| <b>SAFETY</b>                              | Above the Falls Citizen Advisory Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No crosswalk across 2<sup>nd</sup> Street</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development should include creating a stronger pedestrian realm on Lowry Avenue, with enhanced pedestrian crossings at intersections</li> </ul>   | <i>Above the Falls Master Plan Update</i>   |
|  | Folwell Neighborhood Association           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No walking or pedestrian paths</li> <li>Lack of safety measures</li> <li>No safety barriers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curb extensions for pedestrian safety</li> <li>Safety measures and barriers</li> <li>Repair sidewalks</li> <li>Pedestrian friendly environment including protected walk &amp; boulevards</li> </ul> | <i>Hennepin County Pedestrian Plan</i>  |
| <b>LACK OF WAYFINDING</b>                  | Above the Falls Citizen Advisory Committee |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add signage</li> </ul>  | Folwell Neighborhood Association<br>Above the Falls Citizen Advisory Committee          |
|  |  |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Branded neighborhood wayfinding</li> </ul>  | Hawthorne Neighborhood Council  |
| <b>POOR LIGHTING</b>                       | Hawthorne Neighborhood Council             |   |  |   |
| <b>LACK OF CLEAR NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTITY</b> |  |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The intersection of Lowry and Washington is expected to serve as a North Minneapolis gateway</li> </ul>   | <i>Lowry Avenue Strategic Plan, Rezoning Study, and Comprehensive Plan Modification</i> |
|  |  |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a brand identity for the area north of the Lowry bridge and to the east of I-94</li> </ul>  | <i>RiverFIRST Vision</i>  |
| <b>LACK OF GREEN SPACE</b>                 | Folwell Neighborhood Association           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hills</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visually appealing greenage along the Lowry corridor</li> </ul>   | Folwell Neighborhood Association  |
|  |  |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greening</li> </ul>   | Hawthorne Neighborhood Council  |
|  |  |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land bridge</li> </ul>  | Jordan Area Community Council   |
| <b>POLLUTION</b>                           | Hawthorne Neighborhood Council             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pollution from Northern Metals</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close GAF</li> </ul>  | Jordan Area Community Council   |
|  | Above the Falls Citizen Advisory Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air quality</li> </ul>   |  |   |
|  | Folwell Neighborhood Association           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pollution rumored to be in or near the river</li> </ul>  |  |   |
|  | Jordan Area Community Council              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industrial blight along the riverfront</li> <li>Industry along river</li> </ul>                        |  |   |