



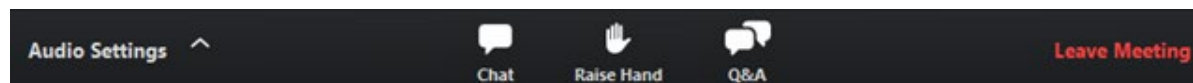
Olson Memorial Highway Multimodal Study

Policy Advisory Committee

Meeting #4 – August 8, 2024, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

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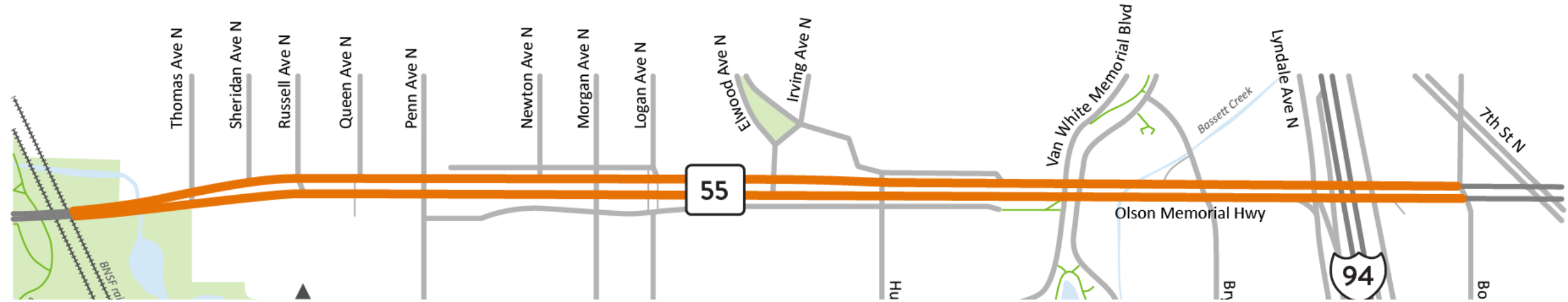


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4. Upcoming Engagement and Next Steps

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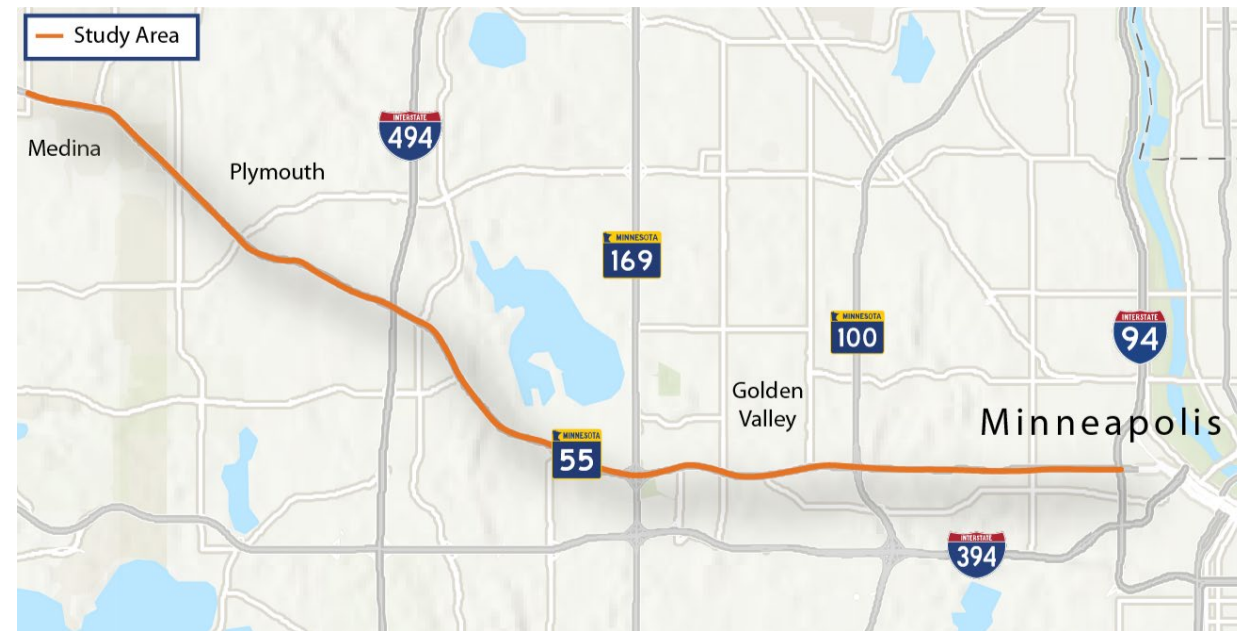
- Guide policy and funding decisions about the Olson Memorial Highway Multimodal Study
- Assist with identifying important community issues related to the corridor
- Communicate with neighboring constituents on project decision points/major milestones and encourage public participation



Study and Corridor Update

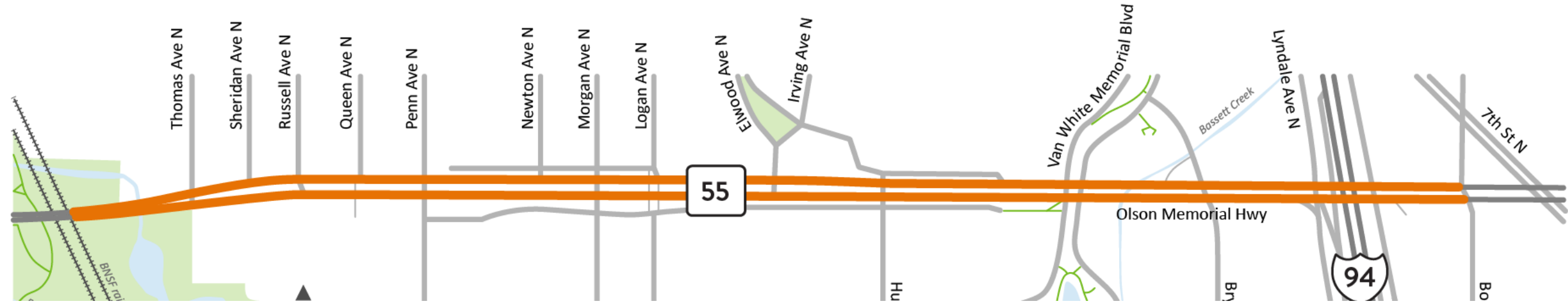
Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Planning Grant

- MnDOT received a federal planning grant to support:
 - Additional planning and design in Minneapolis
 - Additional coordination between transportation and land use in Minneapolis
 - Develop a corridor vision in suburban cities
- Local non-profit Our Streets also received a planning grant for MN 55 in Minneapolis



Study Process & Questions/Discussion





Alternatives Engagement Overview and Outcomes

Alternatives Engagement Activities (Spring 2024)

Community Workshops
2 Events

Community Leader Outreach
16 Organizations

Community and Neighborhood Meetings
5 Events

Door Knocking
400 Doors

Pop-up Events
3 Events

Survey
Nearly 1,800 Responses

Olson Memorial Highway Alternatives



Alternative 1: 4-lane, Mixed transit



Alternative 2: 4-lane, Curbside bus lanes



Alternative 3: 5-lane, Center bus lanes



Alternative 4: 2-lane, Bus-way

Who we heard from



404 Walkers



571 Bikers



1,358 Drivers



656 Neighbors



Support for change:

- Increased safety for all users
- Improve mobility for walkers and bikers
- Focus on community and future investment

Engagement Themes: Crossing



CROSSING

- Crossing elements
 - Driving lanes
 - Bikeways
 - Bus-ways



BIKING

- Separated one-way bikeway
- Separated two-way bikeway
- Separated on-street bikes lanes



BUS

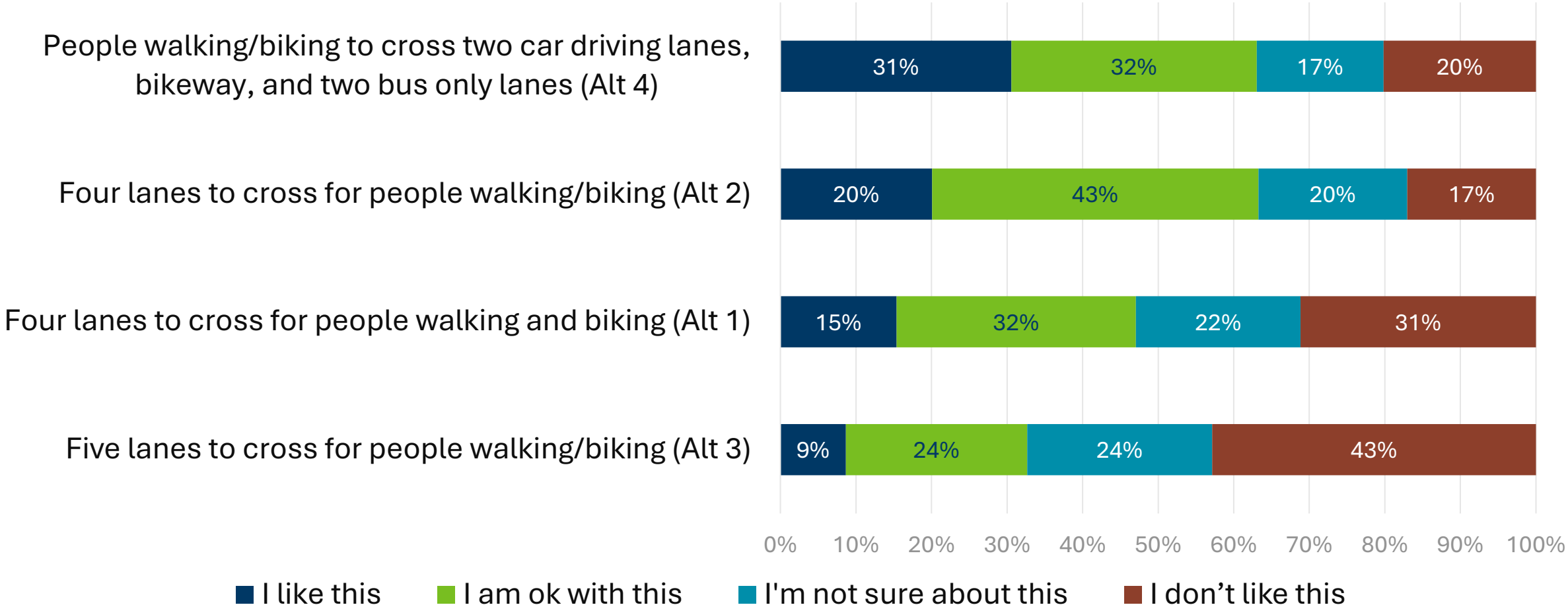
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- Curb side bus lanes
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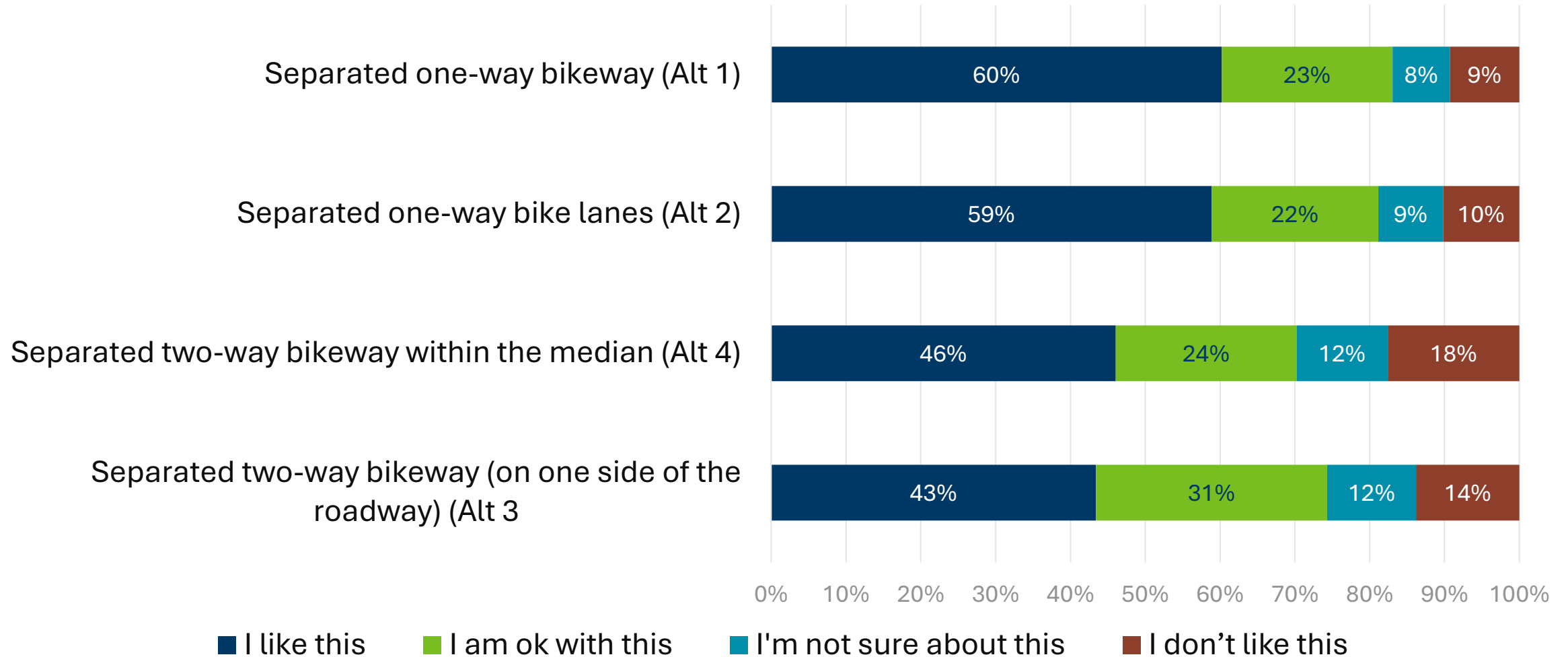
DRIVING

- Number of vehicle lanes:
 - 5 lanes
 - 4 lanes
 - 2 lanes

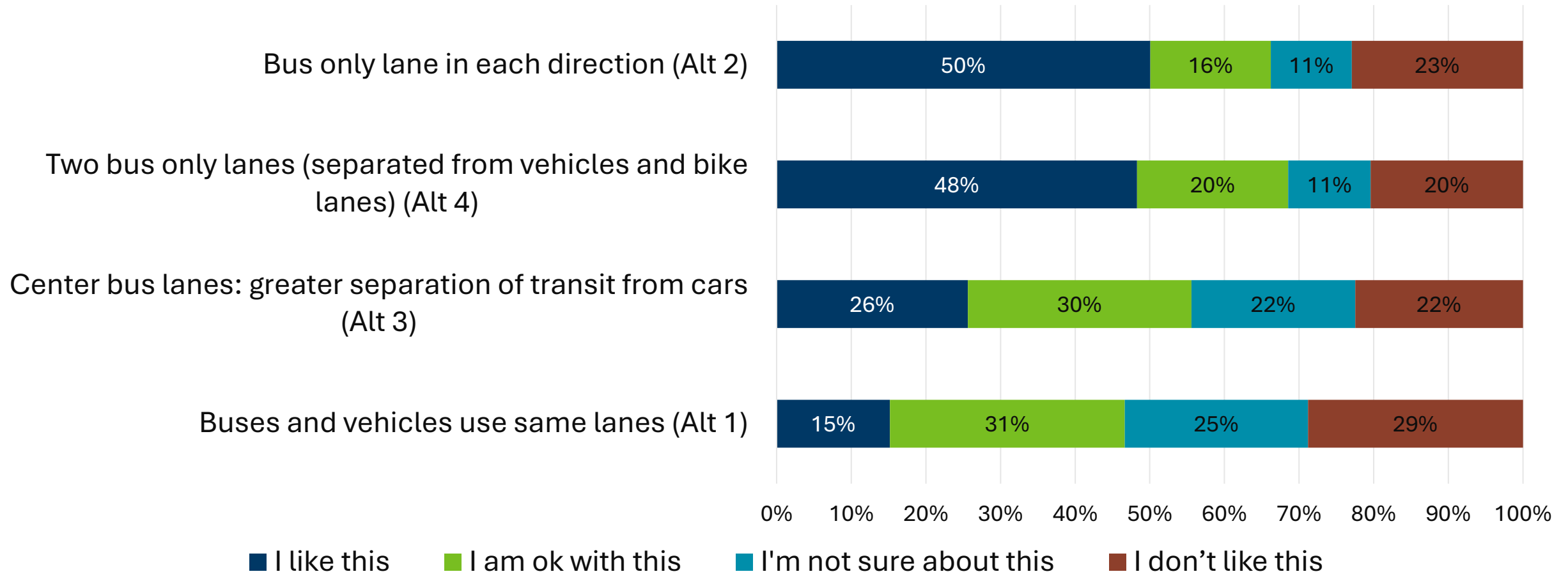
Engagement Themes: Crossing



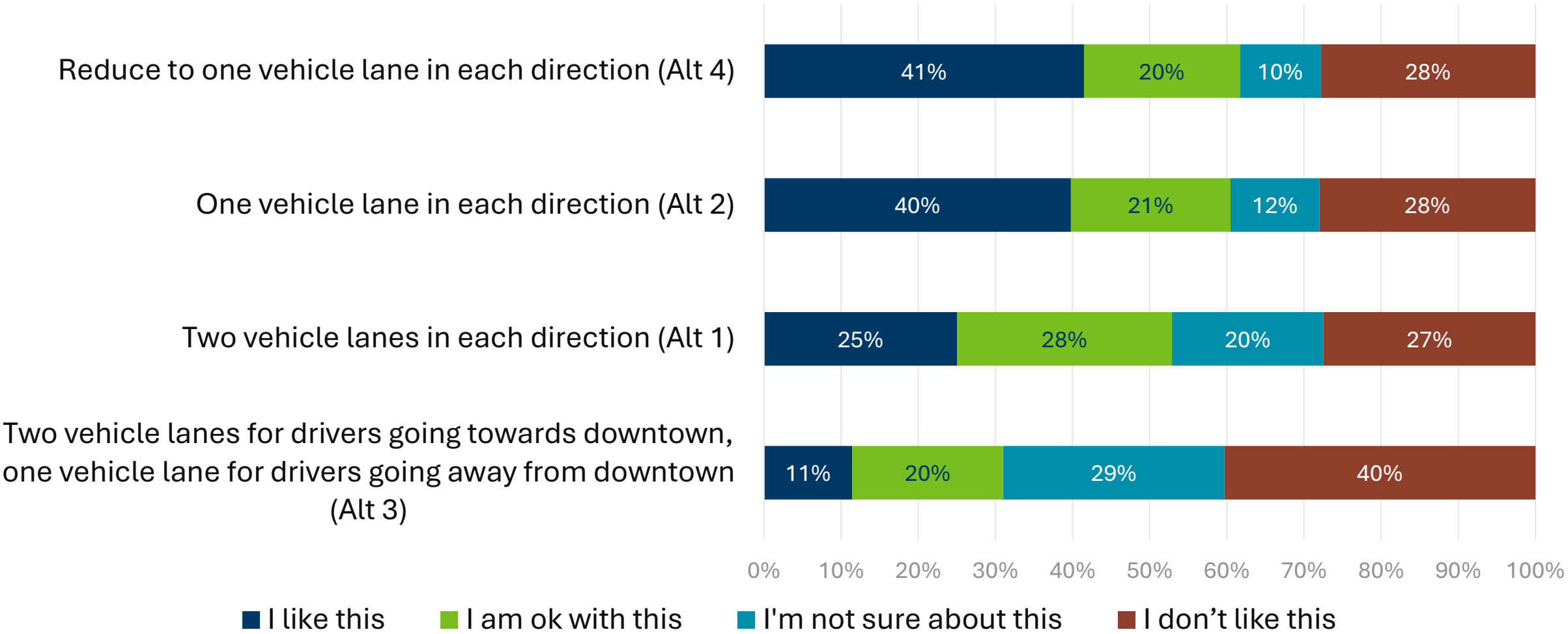
Engagement Themes: Biking



Engagement Themes: Transit

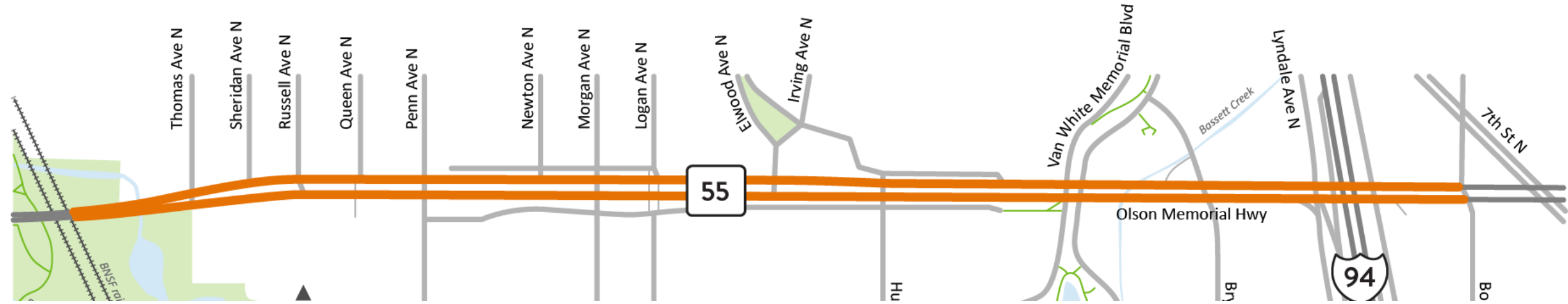


Engagement Themes: Driving



Questions/Discussion





Alternatives Analysis Process

No Build Alternative: 6-lane, Mixed transit



Olson Memorial Highway, looking west towards Golden Valley at Van White Memorial Blvd

SAFETY

High crash rates
Long crossing distances

WALKING/BIKING

No consistent bike facilities;
Sidewalk for much of the
corridor

BUS

Buses shares driving lanes
with vehicles

DRIVING

6-lane roadway

GREEN SPACE

Existing trees and green space
in median and sides of road

Primary and Secondary Needs

Primary Needs:
*Main transportation
problem*

1. Walkability/Bikeability - Safety
2. Vehicle Safety
3. Walkability/Bikeability - Mobility
4. Pavement Condition

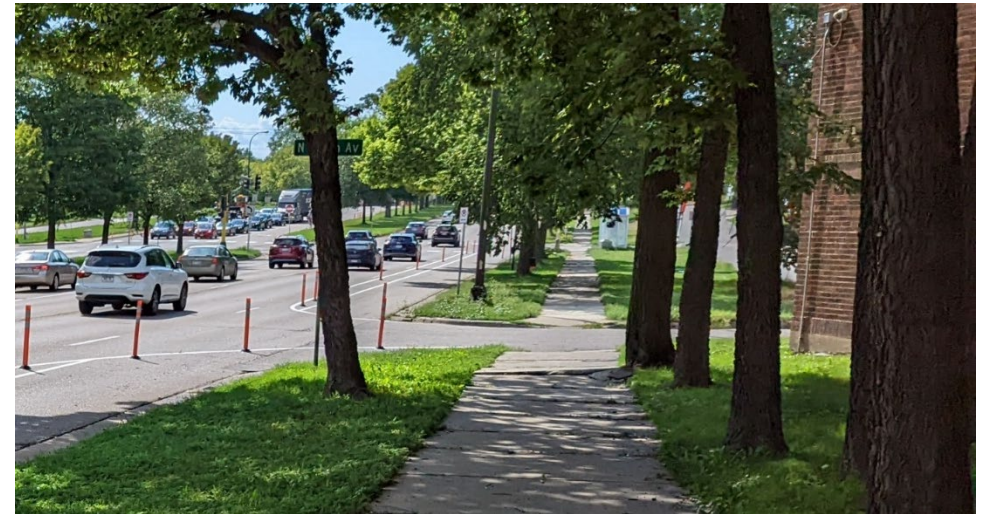
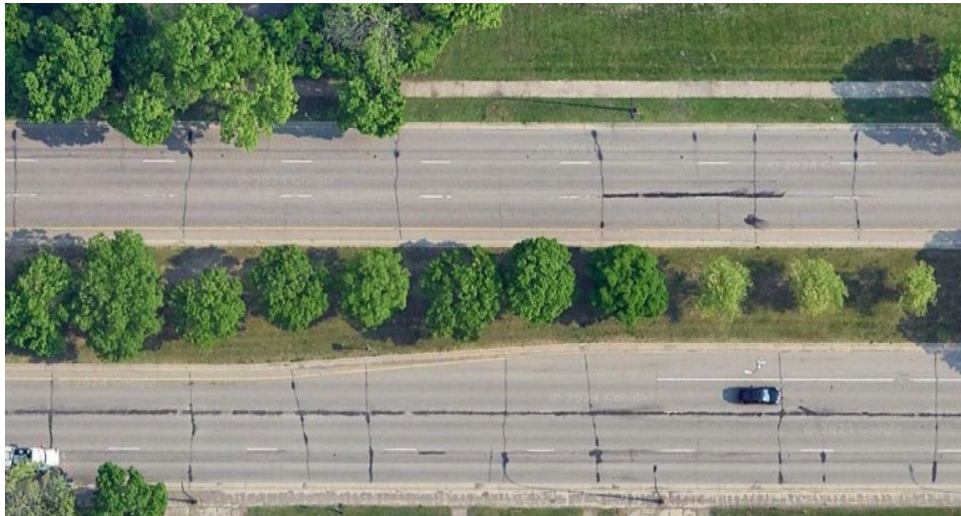
Secondary Needs:
*Other transportation
problems and
opportunities*

1. Infrastructure Conditions
2. Vehicle Mobility - Transit
3. Vehicle Mobility - Vehicle
4. Vehicle Mobility - Freight

Alternatives Analysis Process

1. Do the design elements meet the four Primary Needs (Yes/No)?
2. How do the design elements perform (Good/Fair/Poor) on 45 performance measures?
 - Transportation Needs
 - Social, Environmental, and Economic
 - Additional Considerations

Design Elements



Design Elements



DRIVING

- Vehicle lanes:
 - 6 lanes
 - 5 lanes
 - 4 lanes
 - 3 lanes
 - 2 lanes



WALKING

- Sidewalks



BUS

- Mixed transit
- Curb side bus lanes
- Center bus lanes
- Separated bus-way



BIKING

- Separated one-way bikeway
- Separated two-way bikeway

Design Elements Screening Results



DRIVING

- Vehicle lanes:
 - ~~6 lanes~~
 - 5 lanes
 - 4 lanes
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 - ~~2 lanes~~



WALKING

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PLANNING STUDY

“Planning level” design includes:

- Options for each mode of travel between intersections

PRELIMINARY DESIGN

“Layout level” of design includes:

- Intersection design
- Connection to local streets/frontage roads
- Stormwater treatment
- Land use considerations
- Roadway maintenance considerations
- Much more

Developing Preliminary Designs



Alt 1: 4-lane, Mixed transit



Alt 2: 4-lane, Curbside bus lanes



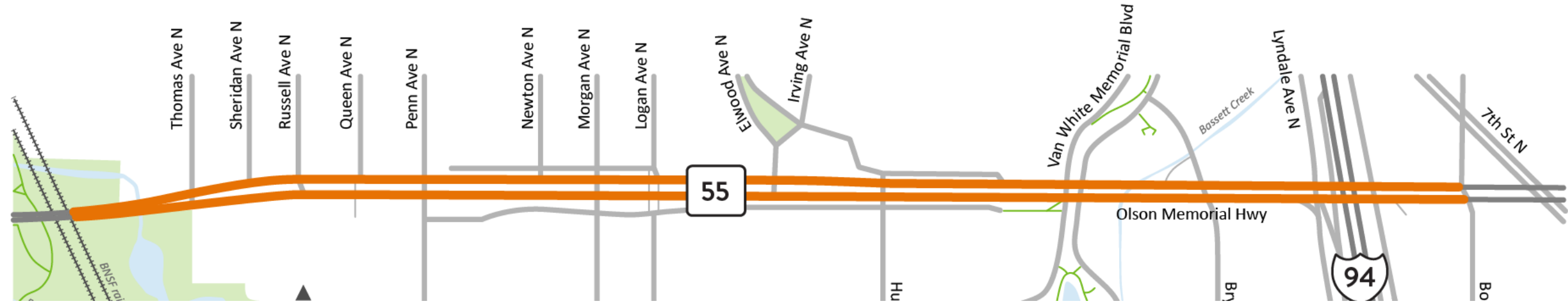
Alt 3: 5-lane, Center bus lanes

Intersection design
Connection to local streets
Frontage roads
Stormwater treatment
Land use considerations
Roadway maintenance considerations
Much more

Preliminary
Design to be
developed
under next
phase of work

Questions/Discussion





Upcoming Engagement and Next Steps

Final Engagement Activities



PAC Meeting (today)

**Community Leader
Conversations**

**Community
Connector
Collaboration Session**

Pop-up Events

Join us at an event this month!

Pop-Up Events

August 14 – 6-7pm

**Theater in the
Park @ Harrison
Park**

August 26 – 7pm

**Music in the
Park @ North
Commons Park**

Study Outcomes

Study Goal

How Study Addressed This

Identify transportation problems



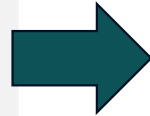
Purpose and Need Statement

Identify process to assess projects



Developed Evaluation Criteria

Introduce project to the public



Held multiple rounds of public engagement and started building relationships with community organizations

Introduce project to partner agencies



Collaborated with Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Metro Transit, Park Board throughout study

Identify design elements



Carry forward or eliminate design elements that do/do not meet purpose and need

Questions/Discussion



Thank you!

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Find out more about the study here:

mndot.gov/metro/projects/olsonmemorialhwystudy