



Crosstown Pedestrian Bridge



The Crosstown Pedestrian Bridge in Edina is a piece of critical transportation infrastructure that must be replaced. The bridge connects the north and south of community by providing a safe overpass bridge above Minnesota Highway 62. It is a critical connection for pedestrians from northern Edina to safely access Rosland Park and its amenities, including the Edina Aquatic Center, at 4300 W. 66th St.

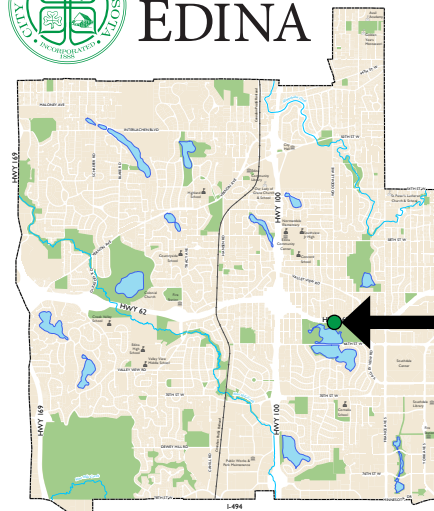
The current pedestrian bridge is owned and managed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). It was built in the 1960s. The bridge does not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and was substantially damaged when it was struck twice in 2022 by vehicles traveling on Minnesota Highway 62. The damage resulted in the closure of the bridge for most of 2022, until expensive temporary repairs were made in January 2023.

There have been extensive discussions between City staff and MnDOT staff about a plan to replace the bridge. The general agreement, which has not been formalized, is for the City to contract the design of a new pedestrian bridge to MnDOT's standards, followed by a shared construction project. Upon completion of the new bridge, the City would assume ownership and future maintenance responsibilities.

The City has engaged the engineering firm of Bolton-Menk to start the design process for the new bridge. The City and MnDOT jointly estimate the cost of this project, not including design costs, to be in the range of \$3.5-\$5.5 million. The City is requesting a 2023 bonding bill allocation of \$3 million to cover the design costs plus a portion of the construction costs.



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