Bike/ped demonstration projects

Making it easier for residents to get to transit stations by walking, biking and rolling is one focus of the Hennepin County Bottineau Community Works program. Improving mobility options within station areas can involve investments in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

With funding support from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, Bottineau Community Works staff are working with city and community partners to identify bicycle and pedestrian demonstration projects in planned METRO Blue Line LRT extension station areas. These projects are meant to temporarily demonstrate specific health equity strategies identified in the Bottineau station area plans, evaluate their success and plan for long-term implementation and investment.

**StarLite Shopping Center demonstration project**

- Community members identified a need for improved pedestrian and bicycle connections near the station area as a during the county-led station area planning process.
- 345 feet of a protected crossing for people walking, biking and rolling through the parking lot in front of Cub Foods grocery store.
- Temporary treatment will create a more comfortable and safer way for residents, walkers, and bicyclists to access the grocery store.
- The temporary protected crossing will remain in place until the end from June 2018 through August 2018.

**Outcomes:**

- Bottineau Community Works staff will be evaluating the success and impact of the project by conducting surveys and collecting data about pedestrian and bicycle activity within this station area.
- This pathway installation is intended to encourage walking and biking, support local businesses, and demonstrate the value of the infrastructure improvements for future investments.

**Contacts**

**Community Works**
Joan Vanhala
Community Works Engagement Coordinator
Office: 612-348-0043
Joan.vanhala@hennepin.us

**Partners**
City of Brooklyn Park
Cub/SuperValu
Fine & Associates
ACER, Asamblea & CAPI USA

**Funding**
This work is funded by a grant from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota

**Website** [hennepin.us\bottineau](http://hennepin.us\bottineau)