

Improving Infrastructure

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Introduction

- Always nice to make improvements
- Most things can be improved
- Incremental changes make tremendous long-term impact

People-Friendly Underpass

- Residential neighborhood on one side
- Rosa Parks Elementary School on the other
- Busy road (26th Street) between
- Underpass provides safe transit
- Encourages exercise and walking to school
- Helps mitigate childhood obesity
- Kudos to city planner

The Underpass



Dangerous Intersection

- Benson Road and Minnesota Avenue
- Four lanes in all directions
- Zero space for bikes and pedestrians
- High concrete guardrail reduces visibility
- Guardrail shows tire impacts!
- Very hazardous for pedestrians

The Intersection



Another View



Hostile Architecture

- Under a bridge
- Bumps very aesthetic
- Probably there to discourage homeless people sleeping there
- There are better ways to deal with homelessness

No
Rest
Here



Temporary Bike Trail Ramp

- Even temporary ramps need to be high quality
- Heavy ground protection mats were on the bike trail during construction – good idea
- Prevented damage from heavy machinery
- Spaces between mats caught my front tire
- Narrow plywood ramp could have been wider and safer
- Construction is done, mats were removed

The Scene



Another View



Recommendations

- Every transit route should be designed for pedestrians, bikers, autos
- Retrofit some dangerous areas
- Be cognizant of bicyclists during construction

