

Project Purpose and Need

Reconstruct Highway 61 in downtown Red Wing to address:

- Aging utilities and pavement
- Safety and mobility issues with numerous accesses and heavy traffic volumes
- Difficult connections from neighborhoods to river across Highway 61
- Limited aesthetics to support commerce and tourism



Project Schedule

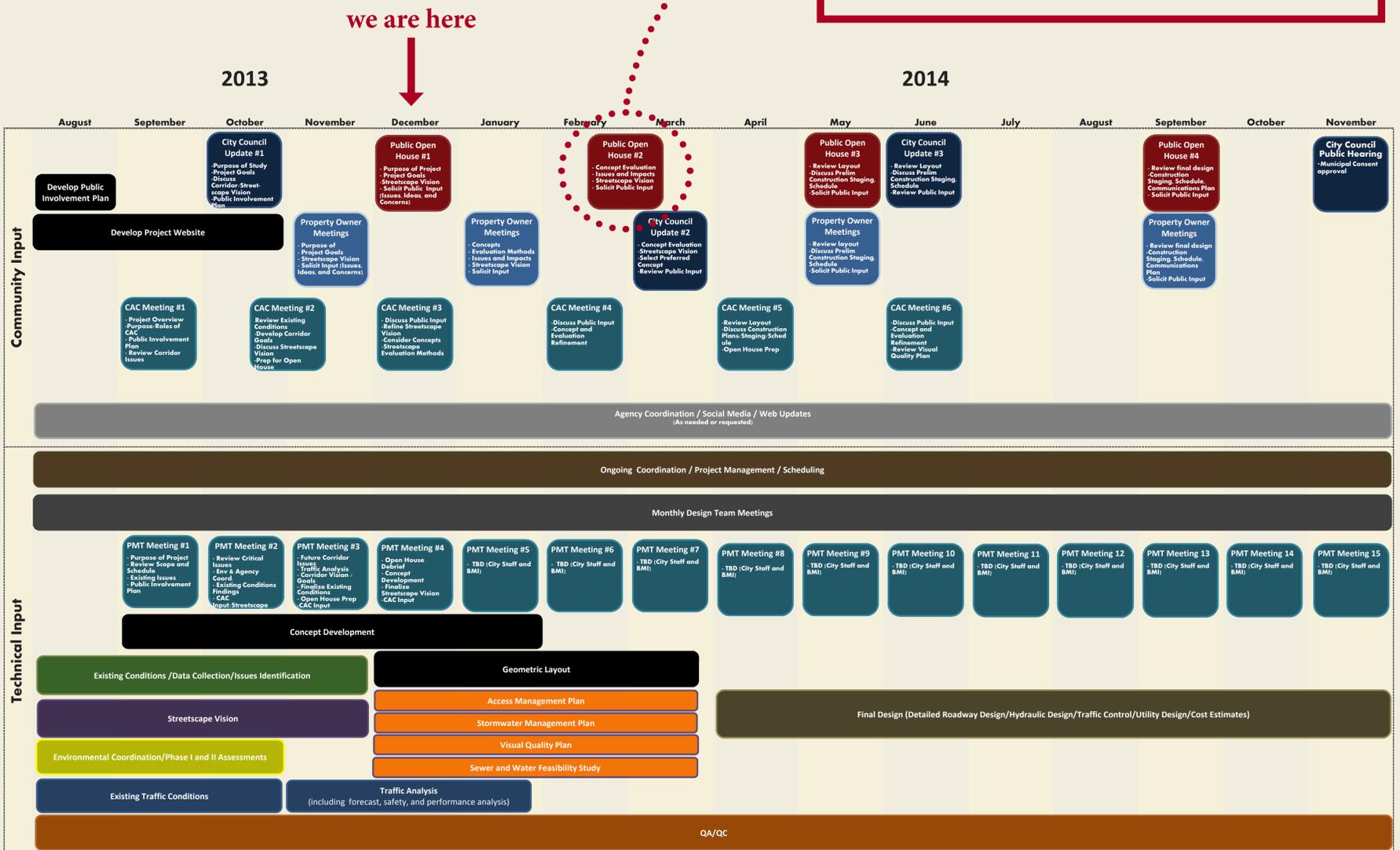
City of Red Wing has \$4 million in state funding to reconstruct Highway 61 in 2015.

- Preliminary Design - (September 2013-April 2014)
- Final Design - (April 2014-December 2014)
- Construction - (Spring 2015-Fall 2015)

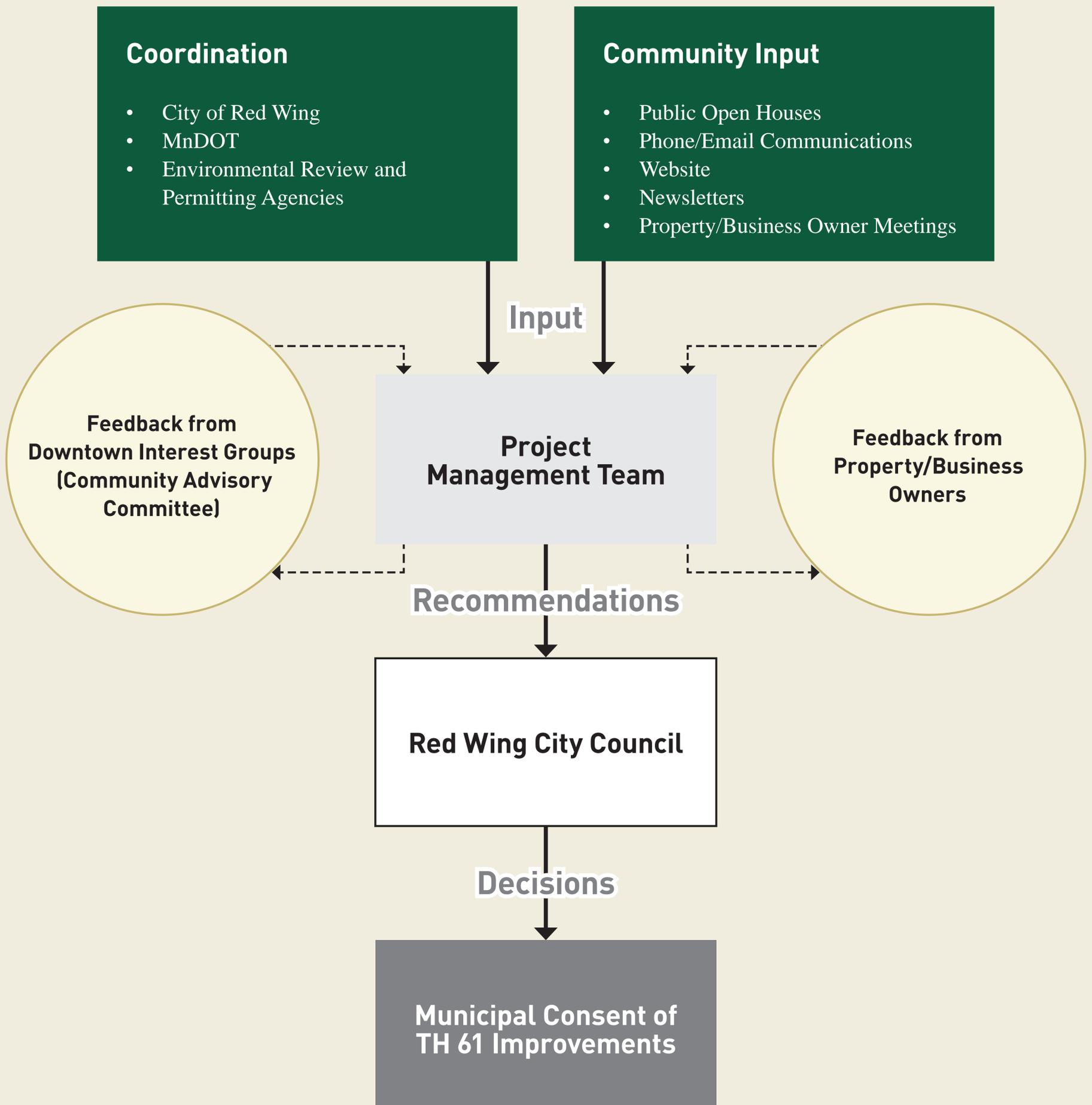
Project Schedule

Next Public Open House

- February/March 2014
- Review improvement concepts

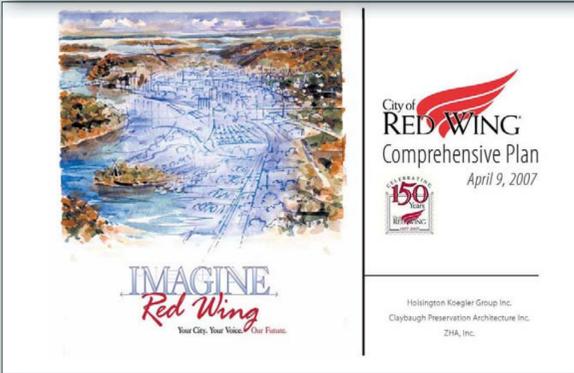


Project Decisions and Input



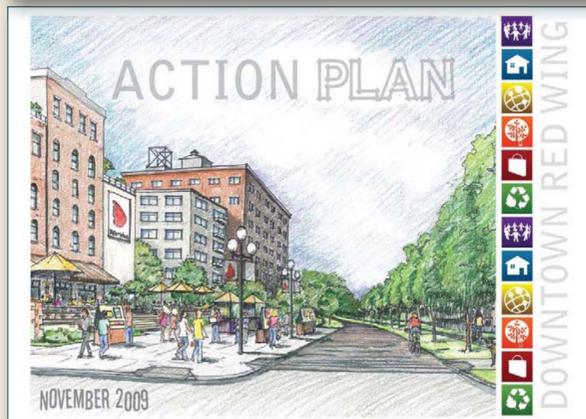
Related Planning

Red Wing Comprehensive Plan 2007



“The Community Vision for the City of Red Wing is to capture the vibrancy of growth while preserving and enhancing the city's unique historic and natural environmental character”

Downtown Action Plan 2009



“...to become more sustainable and attractive to residents and visitors; thus establishing downtown Red Wing as a premier historic river town.”

Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan 2009



“The intent of this plan is to transform Red Wing into a community where choosing to walk or bicycle is a safe, convenient and enjoyable recreation and transportation option for all users.”

Complete Street Policy adopted 2011



The City of Red Wing adopted a Complete Streets Policy in 2011. A Complete Streets Community is one where streets are safe, convenient and pleasant for all users.

2013 projects (in progress)

T.H. 61/Main Street Reconstruction Project

Schedule

2013-2014 Preliminary design
2015 Final design
2015 Construction

For more info:

<http://www.red-wing.org/th61home.html>

to be completed 2015



Red Wing Bridge Project

Schedule

2013-2014 Preliminary design
2014-2017 Final design
2018 Construction

for more info:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/redwing-bridge/index.html>

to be completed 2018

Values and Goals

VISION STATEMENT

“Establish downtown Red Wing as a premier riverfront destination by creating vibrant gathering places, attractive housing options, thriving commerce, and strong linkages that celebrate the experience and foster sustainability.”

Vision Statement from 2009 Red Wing Downtown Action Plan



VIBRANT GATHERING PLACES

- Create vibrant, attractive, safe and functional gathering spaces



ATTRACTIVE HOUSING OPTIONS

- Improve livability of corridor: safety, traffic calming, transportation options, walkable, attractive, etc.



THRIVING COMMERCE

- Build on Historic Downtown commerce and tourism
- Create a Main Street corridor character
- Create a TH 61 commercial gateway



STRONG LINKAGES

- Create multiple safe crossings of TH 61
- Support bicycle network: trail connections and support facilities
- Design for multi-modal network of transportation
- Strengthen connection from downtown to the River



CELEBRATE THE EXPERIENCE

- Celebrate the identity of Red Wing
- Improve bicycling experience / safety
- Improve walking experience / safety
- Provide wayfinding to improve legibility of experience
- Public Art



FOSTER SUSTAINABILITY

- Improve water and air quality
- Use long lasting, low maintenance materials and timeless design
- Improve circulation: fewer delays/conflicts
- Energy Conservation



Provide missing pedestrian and bicycle links



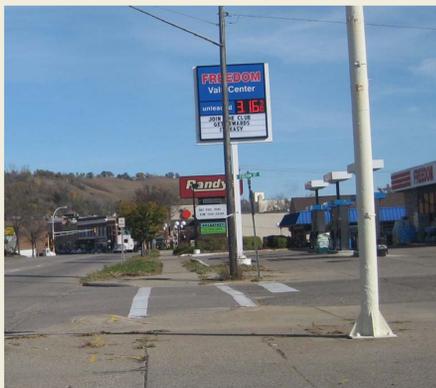
Strengthen connection to River, (Levee Park and Depot), used by many modes of transportation



Create vibrant, attractive and functional gathering space at Y



Opportunity to expand Civic Mall and strengthen connection to river



Reduce pavement, improve pedestrian comfort, calm traffic along west end of corridor



Constant View of Barns Bluff unifies corridor



Build on strong Historic character existing on east end of corridor



Build on Historic Downtown and existing wayfinding system



Expand planted median for gateway and traffic calming



Potential for gateway at Old Main Street



Build on Historic Downtown Character



Bluff character exists on NE end of corridor

HWY 61/MAIN STREET PROJECT

