

Nicollet Mall

PROJECT

James Corner Field Operations Chosen to Design Nicollet Mall

MINNEAPOLIS (September 19, 2013) – The City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Downtown Council announced today that James Corner Field Operations has been chosen as the team that will redesign Nicollet Mall, pending final approval from the Minneapolis City Council. James Corner Field Operations was one of three final teams to present their visions for Nicollet Mall at a public event at the Guthrie Theater on Tuesday, Sept. 17. The three teams were chosen as finalists from among 20 initial submissions from firms around the world.

“Almost 50 years ago, Architect Lawrence Halprin helped Minneapolis transform Nicollet Mall into Minnesota’s Main Street and the greatest street in America,” Minneapolis Mayor R. T. Rybak said. “Today, I’m confident that we’ve chosen the right team in James Corner Field Operations to transform what is now a very good street into the greatest street in America once again.”

James Corner Field Operations is a leading-edge urban design and landscape architecture practice based in New York City. Previous projects by the team include the High Line in New York City and the transformation of London’s Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

The City Council will consider final approval for the winning design team at its Oct. 4 meeting. Following final approval, the City and Minneapolis Downtown Council will get to work with James Corner Field Operations to develop an official design. As the team begins its work on the design, the public will have many opportunities to share their ideas and feedback on the future of Nicollet Mall. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2015 with an expected completion date in 2016.

For more information about Nicollet Mall and to read about the project’s progress, visit www.nicolletmallproject.com.

About Nicollet Mall

Since the 1880s, Nicollet Mall has been a retail and business hub for Minneapolis. Over the years, “Minnesota’s Main Street” has been through two major renovations – 1965 and later in the 1980s. Today the space is home to events such as the Nicollet Mall Farmers’ Market and the annual Holidazzle Parade and a thoroughfare for more than 140,000 Minnesotans daily.

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