

Eyes on the Street A Front Porch Addition

4741 Washburn Avenue [Fulton Neighborhood]

EXISTING CONDITIONS

With a picture window obscured by large trees and a front entry that was pulling away from the house, this home lacked the curb appeal desired by its owners. The homeowners were also looking to expand main level living space and connect more directly to the street and the neighborhood.

PROJECT

To remedy the issue, the entry was removed as well as all of the existing landscaping. The porch introduced much needed scale and articulation to a plain street elevation. What originally was a featureless west elevation of a mid-century S.W. Mpls. residence has been enhanced by a screened-in, three-season sitting porch. Added to the street side, the porch seamlessly ties into the existing house and introduces rhythm and a human-scale details. The porch features reclaimed, 5/4" Douglas Fir decking. Extending along most of the house, the addition expands the main level living area by over 210 sq. ft. and connects the home and homeowners to an active street life.