

**Chair:**  
Rich Straumann

**Committee Members:**  
Nancy O'Malley  
Harold Petersen  
Steve Scott  
John Van  
Valkenburg  
Josh Bloyer  
Keri Bloyer  
Terry Finlay

**Council Liaison:**  
Fran Holmes



**Parks, Trails, and Recreation  
Committee  
October 18, 2016  
6:30 p.m.  
City Hall**

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## City Vision

Arden Hills is a strong community that values its unique environmental setting, strong residential neighborhoods, vital business community, well-maintained infrastructure, fiscal soundness, and our long-standing tradition as a desirable City in which to live, work, and play.

## Agenda

### CALL TO ORDER

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.A. June 21, 2016 Minutes

Documents:

[06-21-16 PTRC MINUTES.PDF](#)

2.B. September 20, 2016 Minutes

Documents:

[09-20-16 PTRC MINUTES.PDF](#)

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.A. Sampson Park

Documents:

[SAMPSON PARK DOG OBSTACLE COURSE MEMO.PDF](#)

3.B. Ramsey County-Wide Pedestrian And Bicycle Plan

Documents:

[RAMSEY COUNTY PED AND BIKE PLAN MEMO.PDF](#)  
[ATTACHMENT A - RAMSEY COUNTY PLAN.PDF](#)  
[ATTACHMENT B - RAMSEY COUNTY RESOLUTION.PDF](#)

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.A. Trail Tour Evaluations

Documents:

[TRAIL TOUR EVALUATION MEMO.PDF](#)  
[TRAIL EVALUATIONS.PDF](#)

4.B. Prioritizing Trail Concerns

Documents:

[PRIORITIZING TRAIL CONCERNS MEMO.PDF](#)

4.C. Arden Hills Bee Hives

Documents:

[BEE HIVE MEMO.PDF](#)  
[ATTACHMENT A.PDF](#)

5. REPORTS

6. NEXT MEETING

**ADJOURN**

**A quorum of the City Council may be present at this meeting.**



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**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS  
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016  
ARDEN HILLS CITY HALL**

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Acting Chair Scott called the June 21, 2016, meeting of the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee to order at 6:30 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Acting Chair Steve Scott and Committee Members Harold Petersen, Chuck Michaelson, Terry Finlay, Josh Bloyer and Keri Bloyer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Council Liaison Fran Holmes, Staff Liaison Sara Grant, Recreation Programmer Aaron Thelen and Acting Public Works Director John Anderson

**ABSENT:** Chair Rich Straumann and Committee Members Nancy O'Malley and John Van Valkenburg

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** The agenda was approved by the Committee unanimously (6-0).

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 17, 2016 PTRC Meeting**

Committee Member Michaelson requested the minutes be amended to note that Council Member Nancy O'Malley was absent from the May 17, 2016 meeting.

**MOTION:** The minutes were approved by the Committee unanimously (6-0).

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Johanna Marsh Survey**

Acting Public Works Director Anderson indicated that at the City Council Work Session on June 20, 2016, the City Council directed staff to gather additional information relating to costs associated with potentially reconstructing the tennis court. He said that the City Council also directed staff to obtain soil borings in order to gain a better understanding of the current condition of the soils underneath the court. Upon completion of this information gathering, the City Council would then make a decision regarding moving forward with the survey.

Acting Public Works Director Anderson stated that the City Council thanked the PTRC for its work on the survey and noted that questions 4 and 5 should be removed from the survey. He said that the City Council suggested questions be added to the survey regarding how often the tennis court is used and by whom in order to determine the level of use. He stated he was asked to inform the neighborhood of the status of this process, noting a survey may be provided in the future.

Acting Chair Scott asked if this topic was addressed in a prior newsletter.

Council Liaison Holmes stated that the property owners in the neighborhood were contacted directly about the survey and that Acting Public Works Director Anderson would be updating them directly regarding the survey being on hold at this time pending further information.

Acting Public Works Director Anderson indicated including a short article in the Arden Hills Notes was previously discussed, but since Johanna Marsh is more of a localized park and not a broad community park, it made more sense to contact the affected residents directly.

Committee Member Michaelson suggested including information regarding the current state of the tennis court so as to support findings regarding any potential costs.

Acting Public Works Director Anderson stated that a letter of explanation would be included with the survey. The City Council directed staff to proceed with a survey.

Acting Chair Scott asked if the letter would provide background information of the site as the location on a marsh complicates potential reconstruction.

Acting Public Works Director Anderson indicated that a wetland delineation may be performed and it was possible that Ramsey County would perform this function. He said that it could take a couple of months to gather all information and that the City Council may put a "placeholder" in the CIP pertaining to work on the tennis court. He did not expect that any reconstruction would be performed this summer.

**B. Perry Park Dog Park**

Staff Liaison Grant stated it was previously discussed that the hockey rink at Perry Park would be used for the off leash dog park area. However, after review of the park, it was determined that field number 4, which was previously used as a little league field, would be a better location. She said the hockey rink consists of asphalt and dirt and is closer to the busy road, whereas field number 4 is set back further, is nice and grassy, and is completely fenced in.

Committee Member Michaelson asked what the costs were, if any.

Staff Liaison Grant stated that costs would consist of adding some minor fencing to the dugout area and that the cost would be less than the added fencing last year at

Hazelnut Park (which was \$800). She asked if the PTRC would like to move forward with providing this request to the City Council.

Committee Member Josh Bloyer asked when the dog park area would be available and ready to use.

Acting Public Works Director Anderson stated the request could be presented to the City Council at its first meeting in July and if approved, would be implemented thereafter.

Staff Liaison Grant suggested a Grand Opening for Bark and Rec Day and stated she has received emails from vendors that include a dog training company called Beyond the Dog that would like to set up a table and sponsor the event.

Committee Member Keri Bloyer said she felt that grass is more inviting to the dogs than asphalt and dirt.

Council Liaison Holmes asked why Perry Park is being considered for a dog park now as it previously was not considered a viable option.

A discussion ensued regarding the various fields at Perry Park, their current use, and why this is now a good fit for a dog park.

The Committee agreed to ask the City Council for approval to have a dog park at Perry Park and it was noted that the second annual Bark and Rec day is set for July 30, 2016.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Ingerson Parking Lot Improvements**

Staff Liaison Grant showed the PTRC members pictures of the paved parking lot at Ingerson Park.

Acting Public Works Director Anderson explained the process, stating the final product is four inches thick and should last for many years.

#### **5. REPORTS**

Council Liaison Holmes thanked the PTRC members for attending this meeting even though the intent was to discuss finalization of the survey. She was appreciative that the Committee understood that the survey is on hold pending gathering further information.

Council Liaison Holmes stated the City Council is currently working on the 2017 budget and stated that since a master developer has been chosen for the TCAAP reconstruction area, information will be provided to the PTRC as it is a desire to

make this area a destination area. She also stated that MnDOT will be designing the MnPASS project on I-35W.

Acting Public Works Director Anderson concurred, stating the project is programmed for 2019 but if funding becomes available, the project could begin in 2018. He stated the project will consist of the addition of a third lane in both directions extending from County Road C to Lexington Avenue. He said this is slated to be a four-year project and will include reconstruction of various bridges.

Committee Member Petersen asked if there are any new businesses coming to town.

Acting Public Works Director Anderson stated permits have been obtained for the Tavern Grill and ground breaking should occur shortly. He was unsure when they would be open for business.

Council Liaison Holmes stated that Arden Hills has achieved its first step as a Green Step City and she showed the Committee the award received, which also will be placed in the lobby display case.

## **6. NEXT MEETING**

Staff Liaison Grant stated there is no regular meeting in July but instead the All Committee Picnic is scheduled for July 19, 2016. She asked everyone to RSVP if they had not already done so. She also noted that Hazelnut Park was voted "Best Park" by the readers of Lillie News newspaper (which include the cities of Arden Hills, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, North Oaks, St. Anthony and New Brighton).

A discussion ensued regarding the All Committee Picnic and the success of the recent pickle ball demonstration at Cummings Park.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Committee Member Michaelson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m., seconded by Committee Member Josh Bloyer. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).



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**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS  
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016  
ARDEN HILLS CITY HALL**

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Rich Straumann called the September 20, 2016, meeting of the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee to order at 5:00 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Rich Straumann, Committee Members Steve Scott, Terry Finlay, John Van Valkenburg, Nancy O'Malley, Josh Bloyer, and Keri Bloyer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Council Liaison Fran Holmes, Staff Liaison Aaron Thelen, Recreation Programmer and Jon Oyanagi, Director of Parks and Recreation, Ramsey County, Mike Stralka, Planning Intern, Active Living Ramsey Communities

**ABSENT:** Committee Members Harold Petersen, Chuck Michaelson

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** The agenda was approved by the Committee unanimously (5-0).

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 14, 2016 PTRC Meeting**

Chair Rich Straumann noted that the minutes were unavailable and would be looked at next month, and that most committee members attended the July picnic.

**MOTION:** No motion.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Ramsey County-Wide Pedestrian And Bicycle Plan**

Mike Stralka, Planning Intern, Active Living Ramsey Communities and Jon Oyanagi, Director of Parks and Recreation, Ramsey County gave a presentation of

the proposed Ramsey County-Wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. Mr. Strowka asked for the support of the Parks and Recreation Committee and the City Council.

Committee Members Josh Bloyer and Keri Bloyer arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Committee Member Finlay asked if they will be alerting kids to be careful on the bike lanes on the streets. Mr. Stralka stated there will be education pieces put in place.

Committee Member Finlay asked if there are plans to put licenses on bicycles. Mr. Stralka said not at this time as they can't request state law changes.

Mr. Oyanagi said there will be a community engagement primer to make it easier for developing a comprehensive plan in relationship to pedestrian and bicycle issues, street or trail projects.

Chair Straumann asked Committee Member Van Valkenburg to review the resolution and bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

**B. Sampson Trail Project**

Resident Dennis Werner is proposing a dog obstacle/challenge course for a portion of his property adjacent to Sampson Park that would be built by volunteers and maintained by the city. Committee members will see the area on the trail tour.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Committee Member Finlay moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m., seconded by Council Liaison Fran Holmes. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

**PTRC Trial Tour followed the meeting.**



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MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** October 18, 2016

**TO:** Parks Trails and Recreation Committee

**FROM:** Sara Grant, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** Sampson Park – Dog Obstacle Course

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**Background**

Is the Sampson Park dog obstacle course something that the PTRC would like to move forward with? This was an idea brought to the Arden Hills Parks and Recreation Staff by an Arden Hills Resident. The Arden Hills Resident thought it would be a fun and exciting new activity to promote trail usage in Arden Hills.



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MEMORANDUM

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**Background**

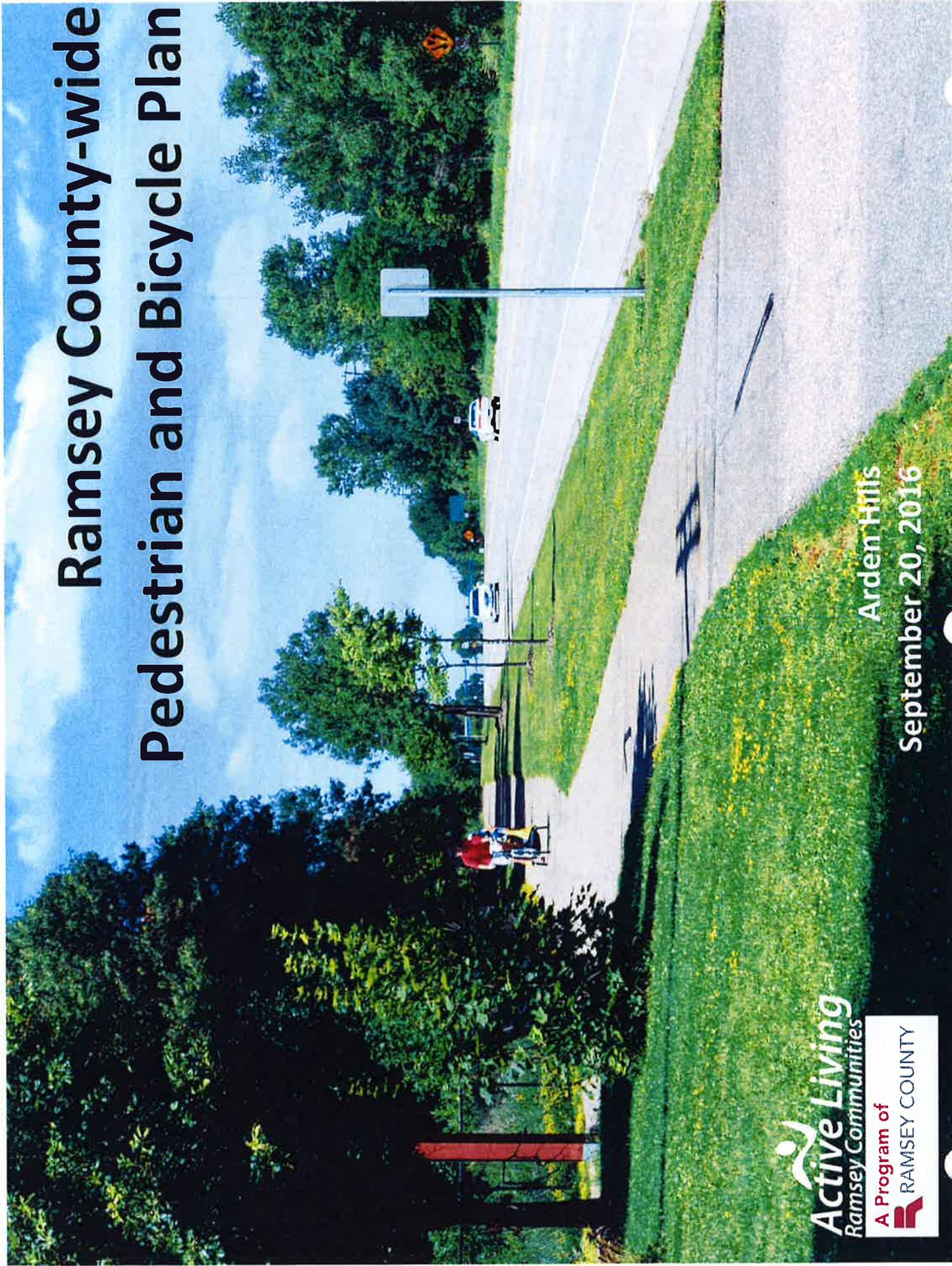
At the last PTRC Meeting held on Tuesday, September 18 the PTRC Members were presented with an item on the Ramsey County-Wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. What did you think of the presentation? Is this something that the PTRC would like to move forward with? Our next step would be to discuss it with the Arden Hills City Council at a work session. After the PTRC Members have the discussion with the Arden Hills City Council we will be able to move forward with the resolution.

**Attachments**

Attachment A – Ramsey County-Wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan

Attachment B- Resolution for support of the Ramsey County-Wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan

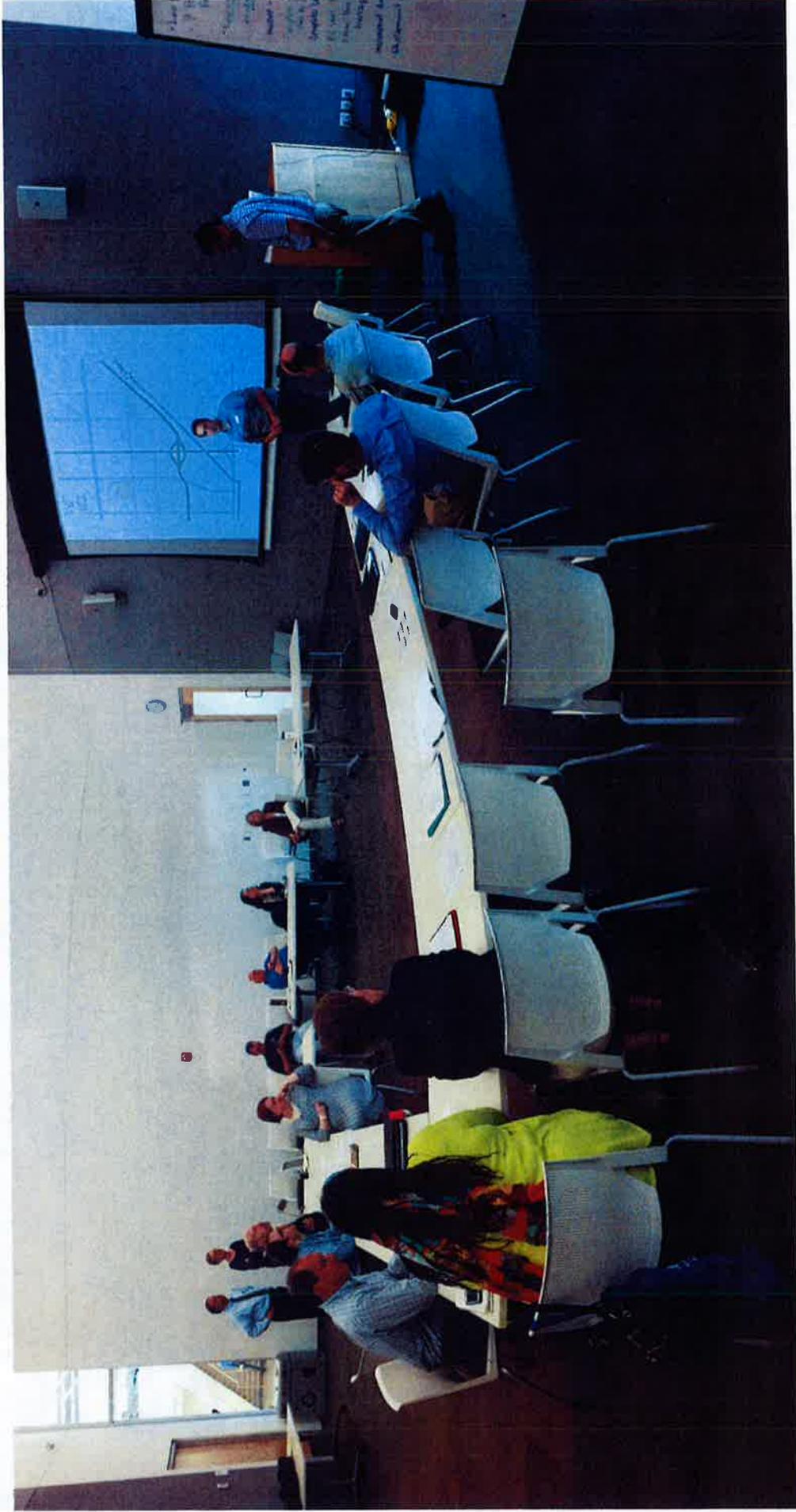
# Ramsey County-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan



Arden Hills  
September 20, 2016

**Active Living**  
Ramsey Communities  
A Program of  
**RAMSEY COUNTY**

# Project Advisory Team



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- 3M Bicycle Users Group
- Active Living Ramsey Communities Bike/Walk Team
- Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota
- District Councils Collaborative of St. Paul and Minneapolis
- Major Taylor Bicycle Club
- Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) - Olmstead Plan Office
- Minnesota Department of Transportation – ADA Program
- National Park Service
- NE Communities Bike Walk
- Saint Paul Bicycle Coalition
- Saint Paul District Councils
- Ramsey County Residents

# System Advisory Team



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- City of Arden Hills
- City of Falcon Heights
- City of Lauderdale
- City of Little Canada
- City of Maplewood
- City of Mounds View
- City of New Brighton
- City of North Saint Paul
- City of Roseville
- City of Saint Anthony
- City of Saint Paul
- City of Shoreview
- City of Vadnais Heights
- City of White Bear Lake
- White Bear Township
- Metro Transit
- Metropolitan Council
- Minnesota Department of Transportation
- University of Minnesota – Center for Changing Landscapes
- US Department of Transportation

# Additional Partners

- Alliance for Sustainability
- Bike and Walk Saint Anthony
- Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES)
- Cycles for Change
- Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging
- Ramsey County Toward Zero Deaths Coalition
- Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District
- Rondo Avenue Inc.
- Roseville Area Senior Program
- Roseville Visitors Bureau
- Saint Paul Public Housing Agency & Residents
- Saint Paul Smart Trips – Women on Bikes
- Shoreview Trails Committee
- Sierra Club
- Transit for Livable Communities

# How the Plan Improves Walking & Biking

## **Improves communication and coordination by:**

- **Developing a shared framework** for planning, prioritizing and designing
- **Coordinating comprehensive plan updates**
- **Creating shared understanding**
- **Collaborating to make the most of funding opportunities** and shared resources
- **Developing a shared vision**
- **Providing analysis** and background for projects
- **Providing a guide** for measures to **track progress**

# What is and what is not the plan?

## **This plan IS:**

- a guide, resource and a framework for developing a connected Ramsey County
- a set of tools, analyses and actions to engage community members at all levels
- A guide for future investments

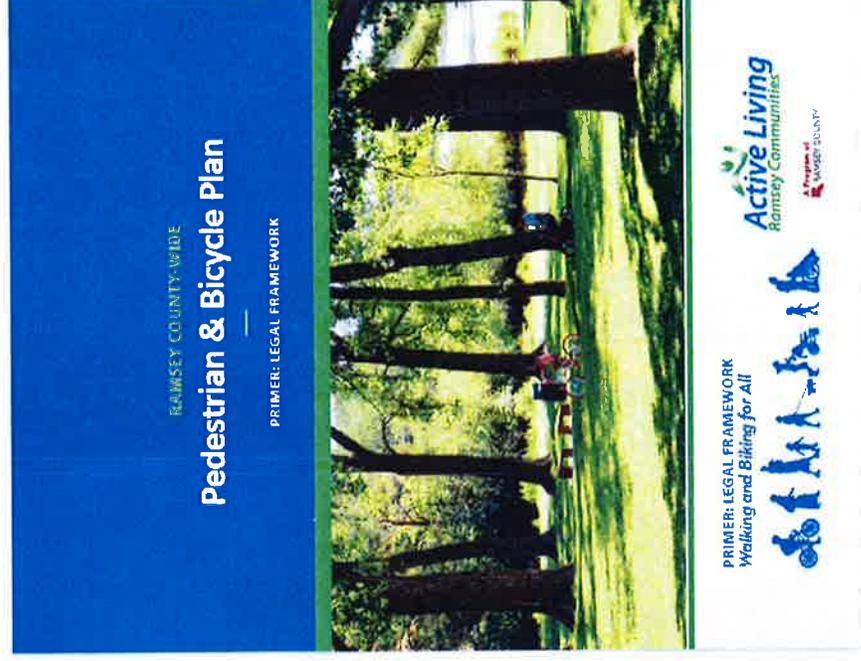
## **This plan IS NOT:**

- a typical plan focused on specific projects for an individual jurisdiction
- a priority list of prescribed projects

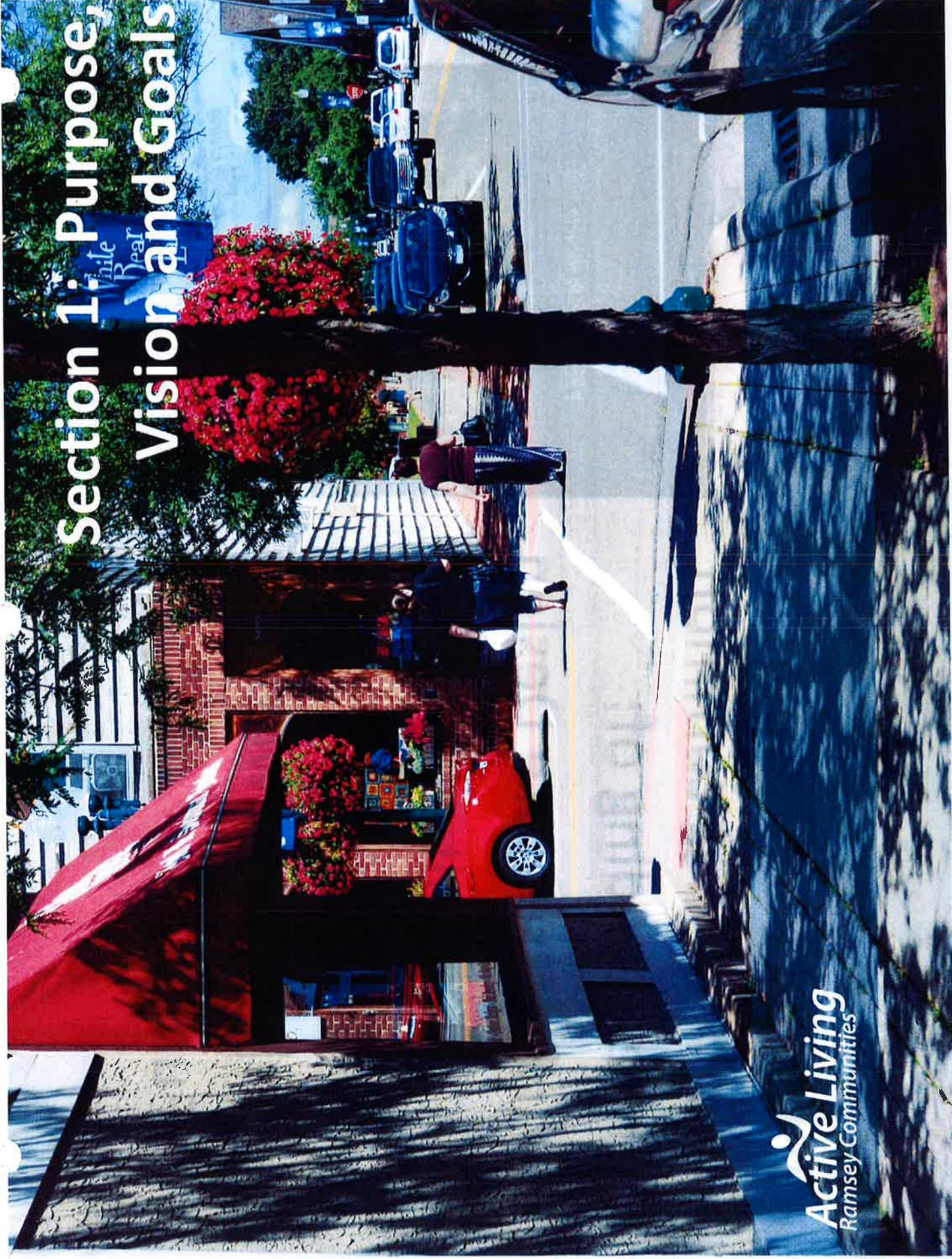
# Primers

Introductory resource  
that provides common  
understanding of:

- Infrastructure Design
- Community Engagement
- Legal Framework
- Funding



# Section 1: Purpose, Vision and Goals



# Section 1: Vision

*St. Paul says:  
8 + 80 system*

## All Ages and Abilities



# Section 1: Goals

1. Improve **health through active mobility** for all
2. Complete and **connected multi-modal network**
3. Safe transportation system for pedestrians and bicyclists of **all ages and abilities**
4. **Equity** and social justice in transportation system development
5. **Coordinated approach** to filling gaps in the pedestrian and bicycle system
6. Transportation system that contributes to **sustainable and prosperous communities**

# Section 2A: State of Walking & Biking Environment



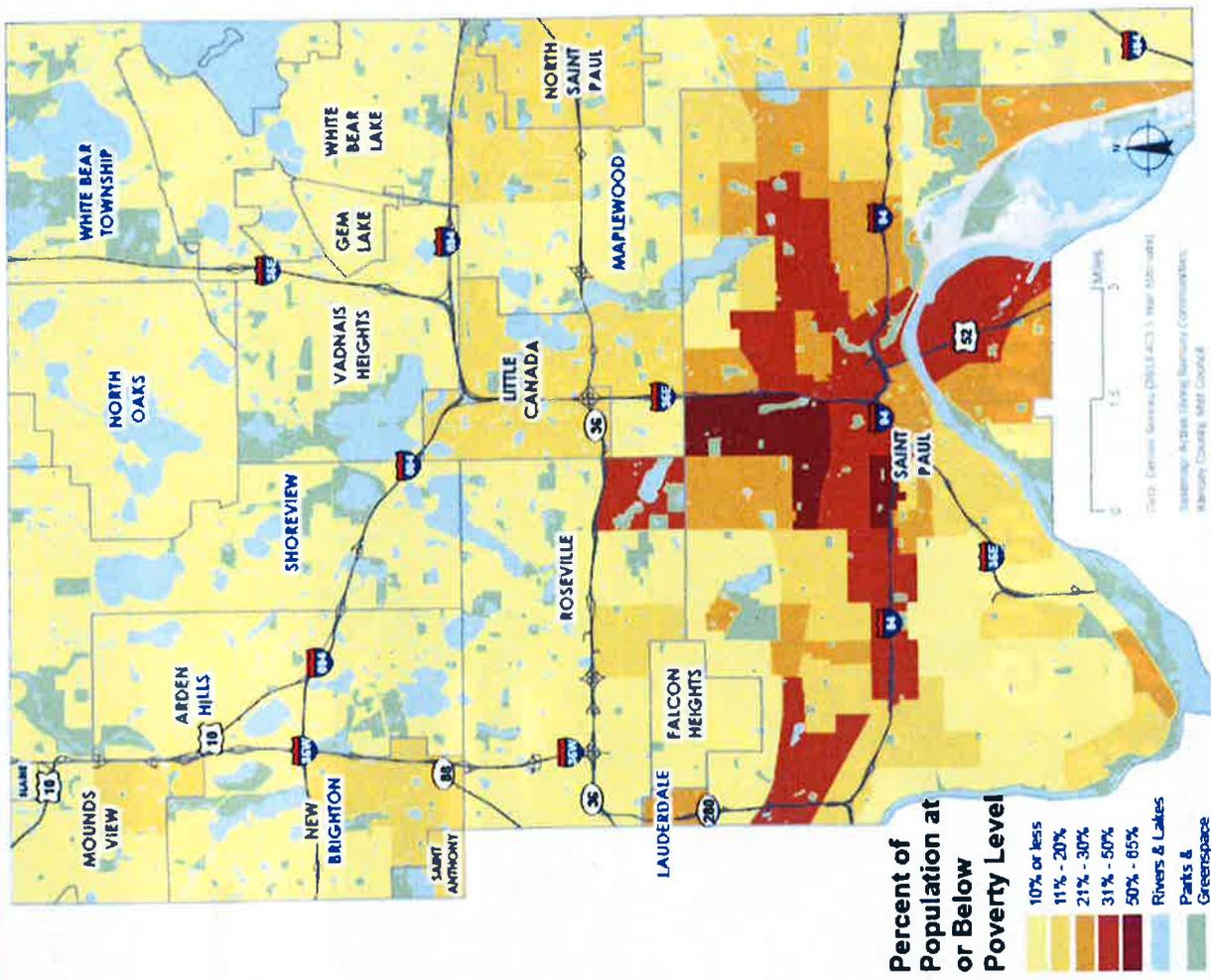
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## Section 2A: Atlas of Existing

- Population and Land Use Characteristics
- Key Destinations and Activity Centers
- Walking, Bicycling and Transit Use for Transportation
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Networks
- Transit Stops and Centers
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Involved Crashes
- Recreational Running and Bicycling Activity

# Section 2A: Atlas of Existing Conditions

- High Impact Populations
- Below Poverty Line
- 65 Years and Older
- People with a Disability
- Youth Aged
- People of Color



# Section 2B: System Analysis - Gaps and Barriers



# Section 2B: Pedestrian Network

## Pedestrian Level of Service:

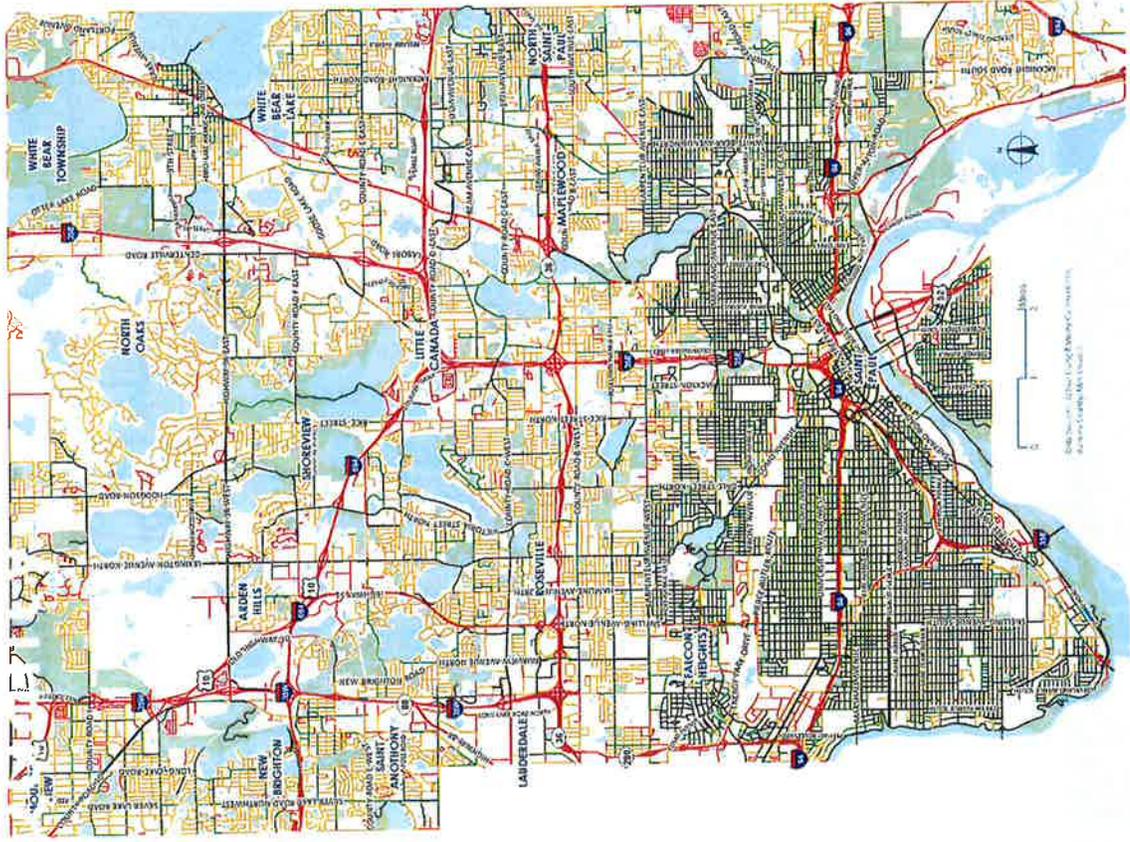
- Sidewalk or Trail
- Posted Speed
- Residential Street

Low Stress

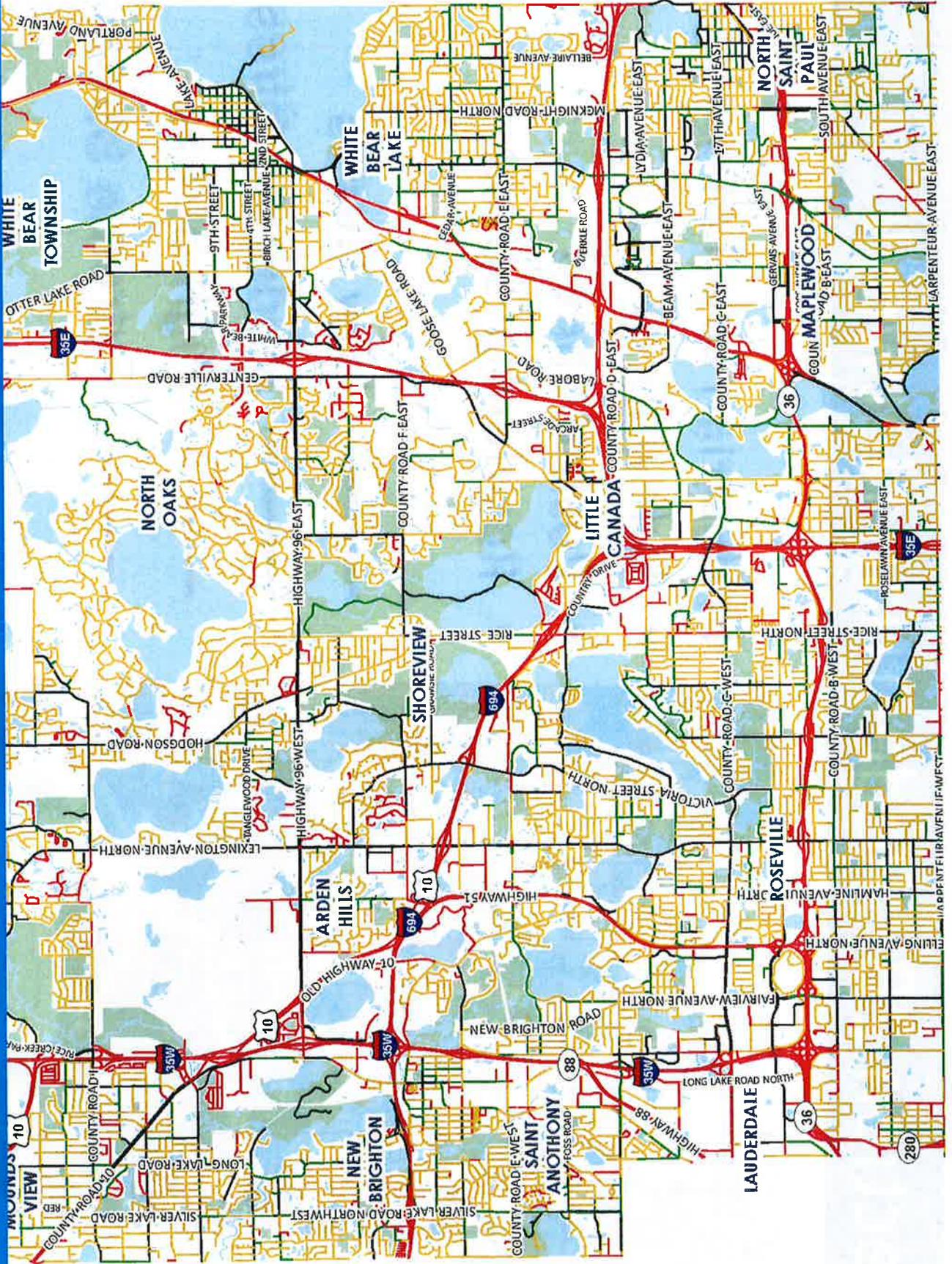
Moderate Stress

High Stress

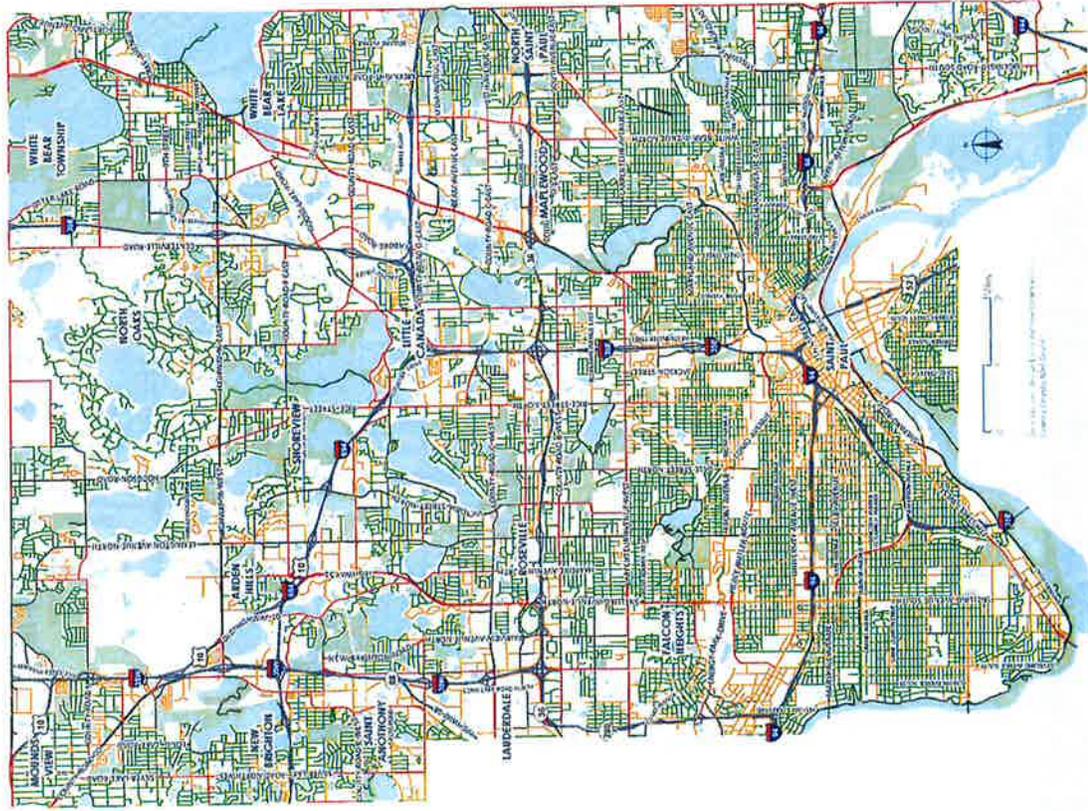
Extreme Stress



# Pedestrian Network Quality



# Section 2B: Bike Network Quality



Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress:

- Bicycle Facility
- Posted Speed
- Street Width

Low Stress

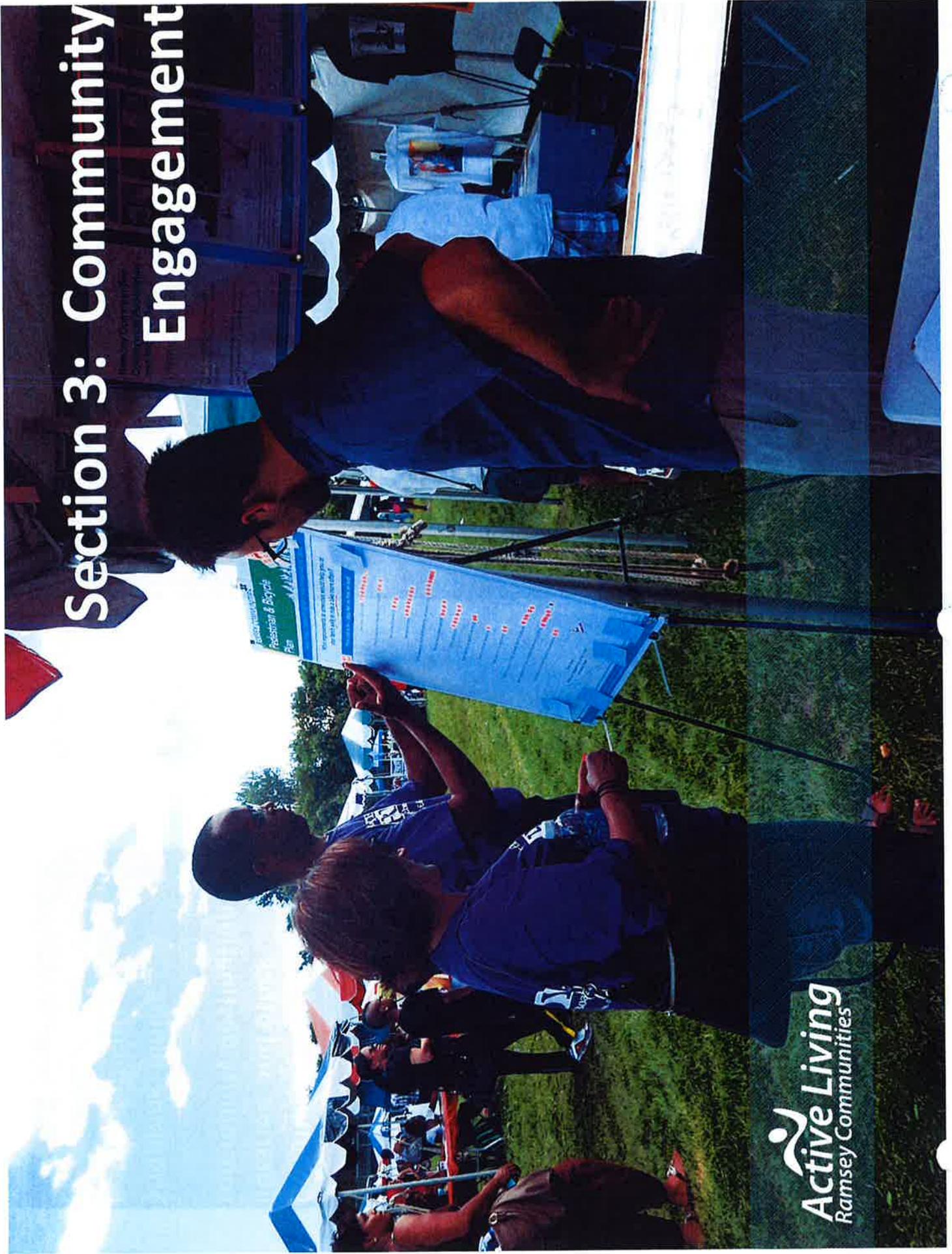
Moderate Stress

High Stress

Extreme Stress



# Section 3: Community Engagement



# Section 3: Survey

What types of destinations should be prioritized in Ramsey County when deciding where to improve **walking** conditions?

	Rank
Schools	1
Transit stops / stations	2
Parks and other recreational destinations	3
Community centers, libraries, and other community destinations	4
Shopping, dining, entertainment	5
Employment centers	6

What types of destinations should be prioritized in Ramsey County when deciding where to improve **biking** conditions?

	Rank
Parks and other recreational destinations	1
Schools	2
Community centers, libraries, and other community destinations	3
Shopping, dining, entertainment	4
Transit stops / stations	5
Employment centers	6

# Section 3: In-Person Engagement



# Section 3: Walking and Biking Audits

## - Saint Paul Public Housing Residents



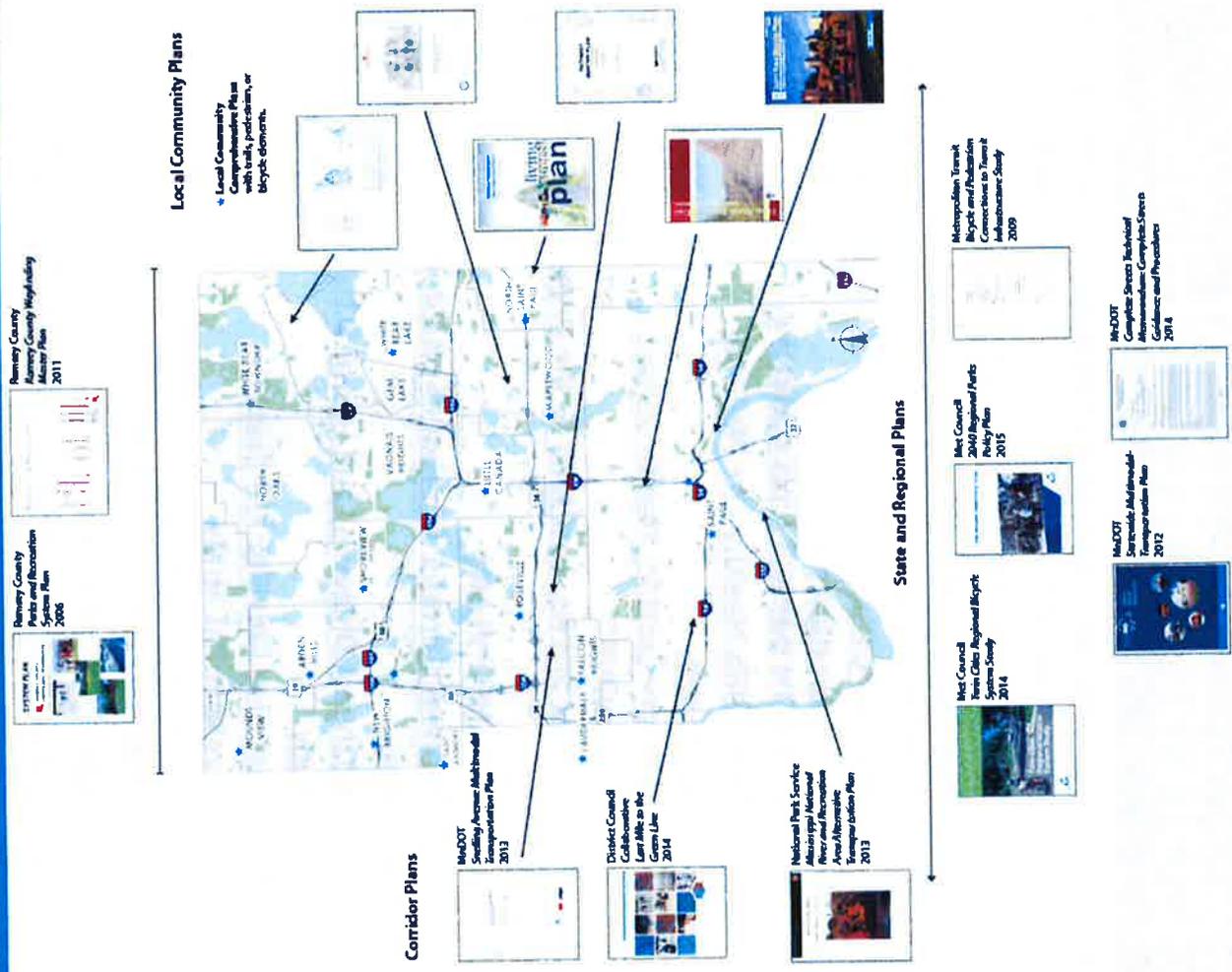
# Section 3: Practitioner & Targeted Community Listening Sessions



# Section 3: Open House



# Section 3: Community Plans



# Section 3: Community Plans

## 14 LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

[Arden Hills](#)

[Falcon Heights](#)

[Lauderdale](#)

[Little Canada](#)

[Maplewood](#)

[Mounds View](#)

[New Brighton](#)

[North Saint Paul](#)

[Roseville](#)

[Saint Paul](#)

[Shoreview](#)

[Saint Anthony Village](#)

[White Bear Lake](#)

[White Bear Township](#)

## 8 OTHER LOCAL PLANS

[Country Drive Off-Street Walk Feasibility Study](#)

[Maplewood Living Streets Policy](#)

[Maplewood Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan](#)

[North St. Paul Living Streets Plan](#)

[St Paul Bicycle Plan](#)

[St Paul Street Design Manual](#)

[St. Paul Great River Passage Master Plan](#)

[Wilshire Park Elementary Safe Routes to School Plan](#)

## 6 CORRIDOR PLANS AND REPORTS

[I-694 Crossing Study\\*](#)

[Mississippi National River and Recreation Area Alternative Transportation Implementation Plan](#)

[Snelling Avenue Multi-Modal Transportation Plan](#)

## 3 HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

[Arden Hills Healthy City Planning Workshop.](#)

[Gateway Corridor Health Impact Assessment\\*](#)

[Making Strides: Last Mile to the Green Line](#)

## 6 TRANSIT PLANS

[Gateway Corridor Alternatives Analysis Study](#)

[Northeast Diagonal Land Use and Transit Study](#)

[Riverview Corridor Pre-Project Development Study](#)

[Rush Line Transit Study](#)

## 4 RAMSEY COUNTY PLANS

[Ramsey County Parks and Recreation](#)

[System Plan \(Including the Regional Park Master Plan and Regional Trail Master Plan\)](#)

[Ramsey County Parks and Recreation](#)

[Wayfinding Master Plan](#)

## 6 REGIONAL PLANS

[2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan](#)

[Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections to Transit Infrastructure Study](#)

[Lake Links Regional Trail Plan](#)

[Met Council Regional Bicycle System Study](#)

[Met Council Choice, Place and](#)

[Opportunity: An Equity Assessment of the Twin Cities Region](#)

[Met Council 2040 Transportation Policy Plan](#)

## 8 STATEWIDE PLANS AND REPORTS

[I-35E MnPASS\\*](#)

[Minnesota Towards Zero Deaths Initiative MnDOT Complete Streets Plan, Policy, and Tech Memo](#)

[MnDOT Ramsey County Pedestrian Crash Study\\*](#)

[MnDOT Statewide Bicycle Plan and Policy Plan\\*](#)

[Statewide Multimodal Transportation](#)

[Plan Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections](#)

[to Transit Infrastructure Study](#)

[Ramsey County Pedestrian Facility and](#)

[Serious Injury Study](#)

## Section 3: Key Engagement Themes

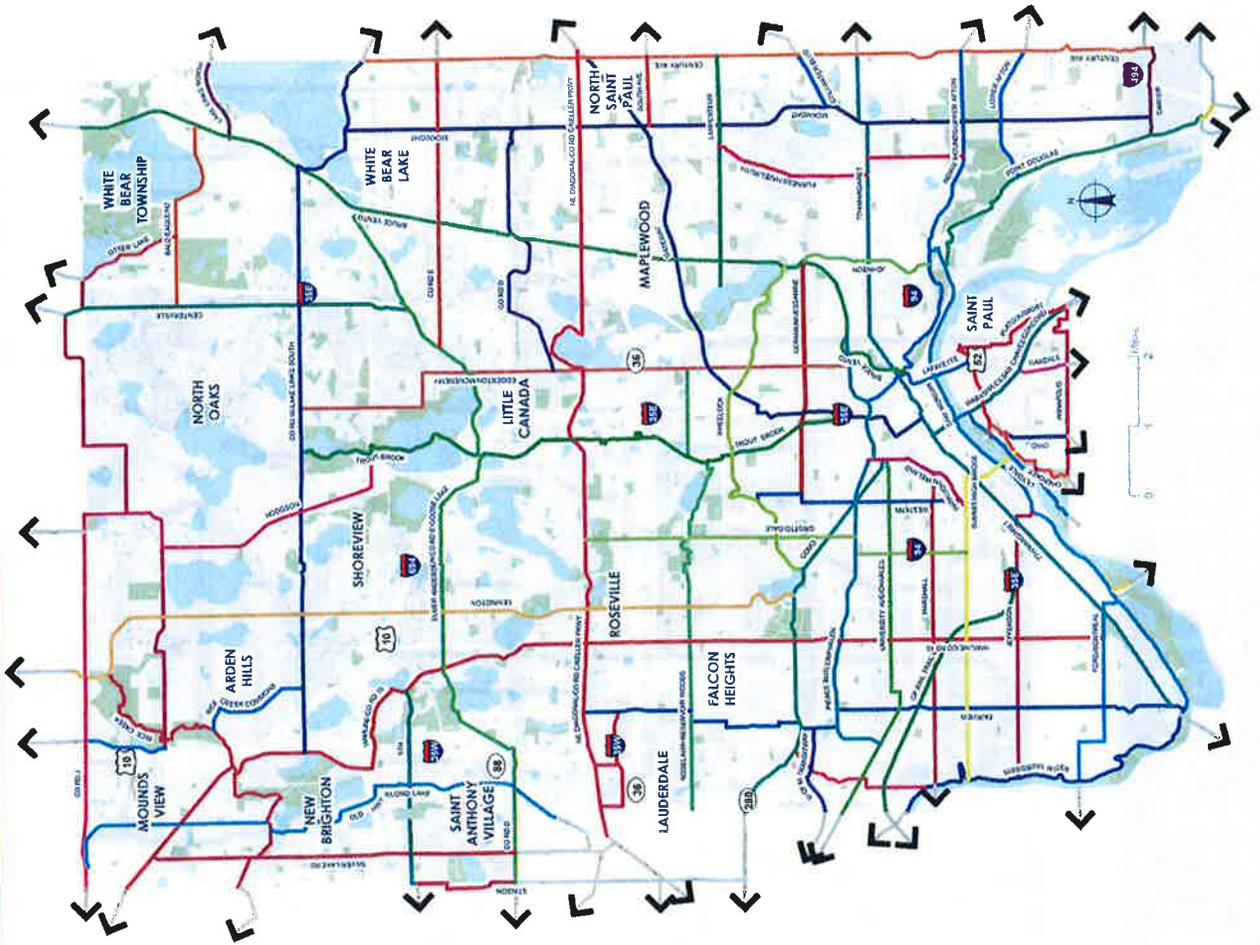
- People walking and biking want more **separation** from motor vehicle traffic.
- People walk and bike for both **transportation and recreation**.
- Participants want a **connected network across barriers**.
- People who have not been involved in planning processes in the past- including people of color and people with disabilities - want more opportunities for **meaningful engagement**.
- **Maintenance**, especially in winter, is important to allow people to walk and bike safely.

# Section 4: Connected Ramsey Communities Network

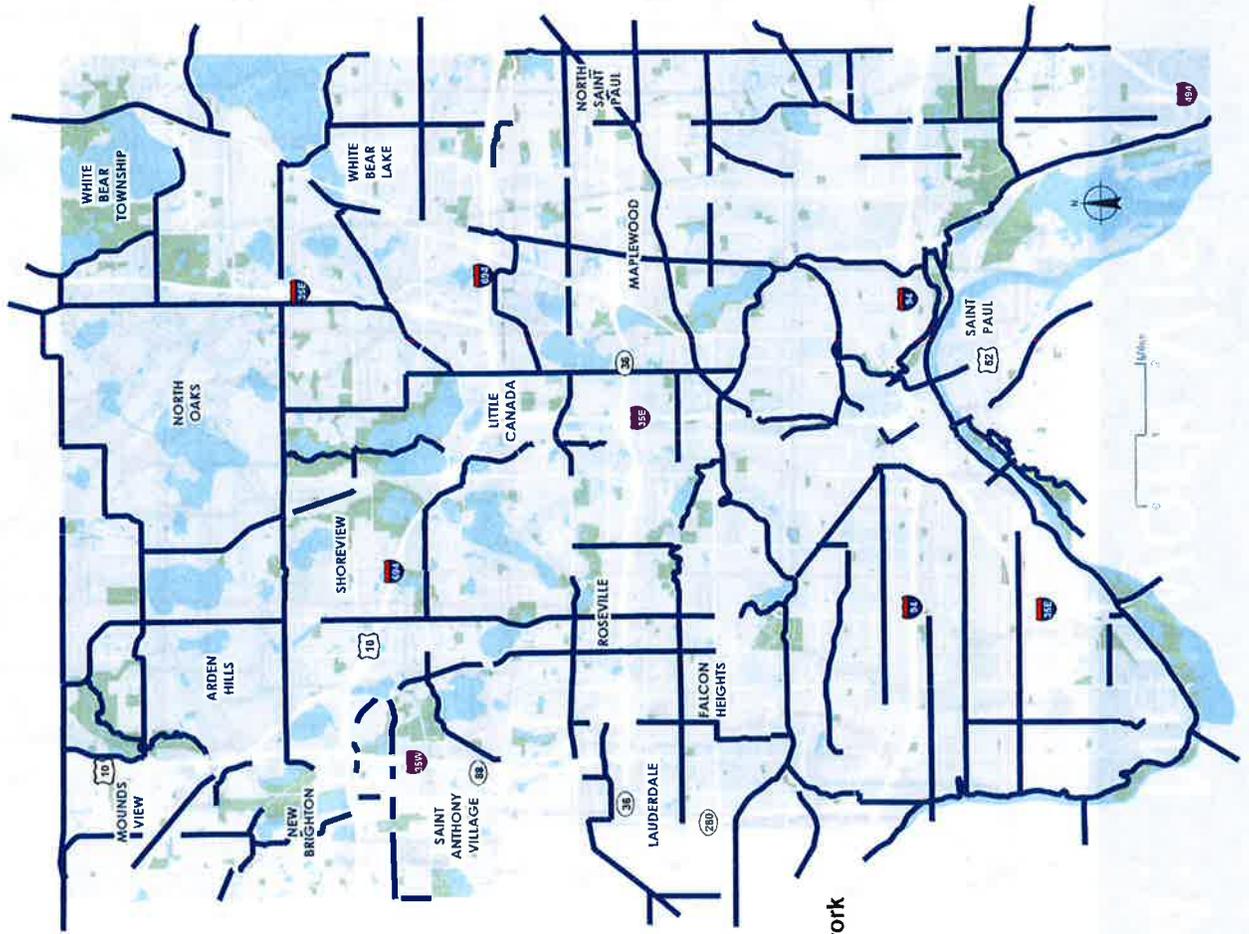


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# Section 4: Network Vision

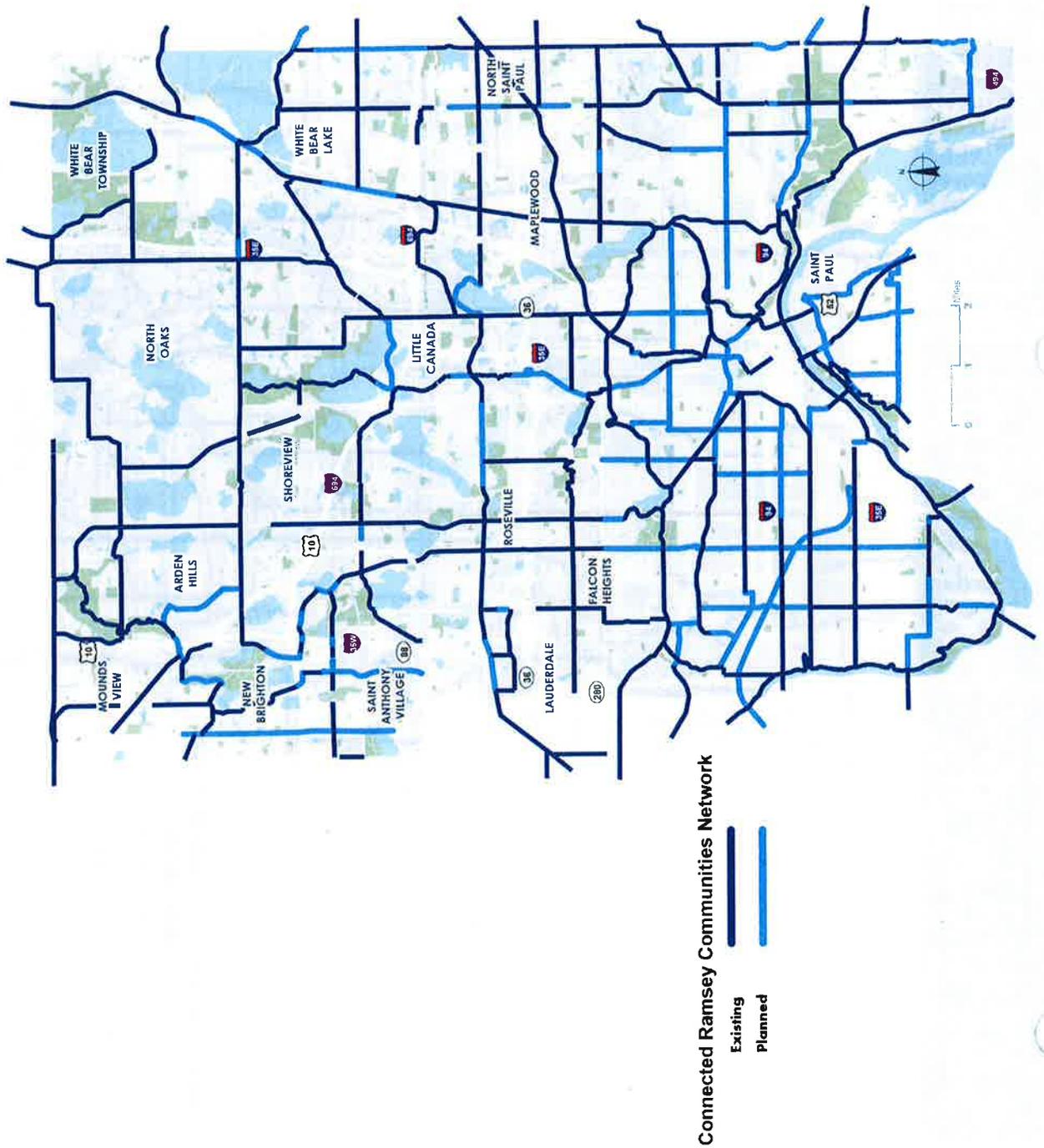


# Section 4: Existing



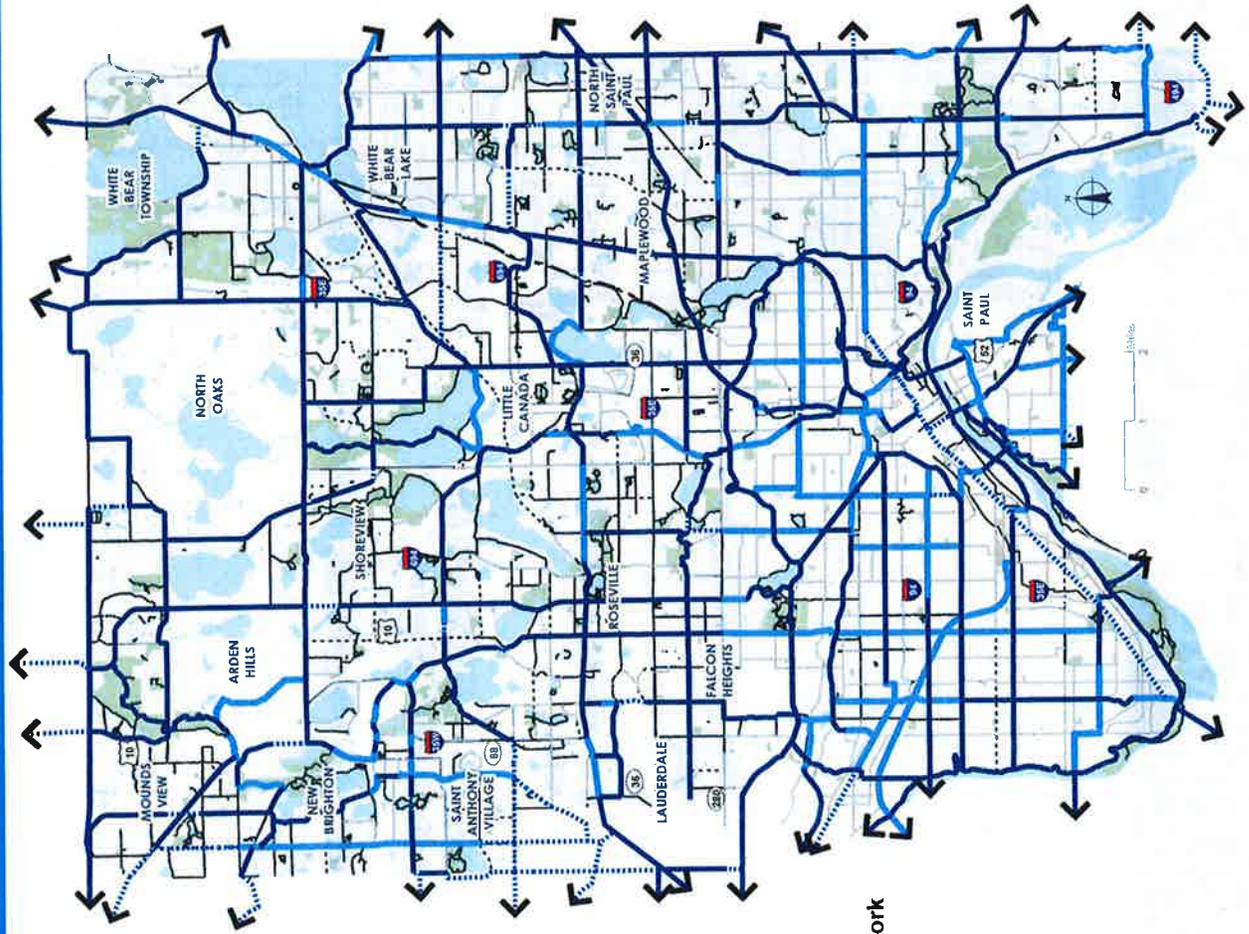
Connected Ramsey Communities Network  
Existing

# Section 4: Existing with Planned





# Section 4: Local and Inter-County



Connected Ramsey Communities Network

- Existing
- Planned
- Identified Need
- Inter-county Connection
- Local Connection

# Section 4: Bicycle Level of Traffic

**37%**

*Low Stress segments, appropriate for users of all ages and abilities.*

**19%**

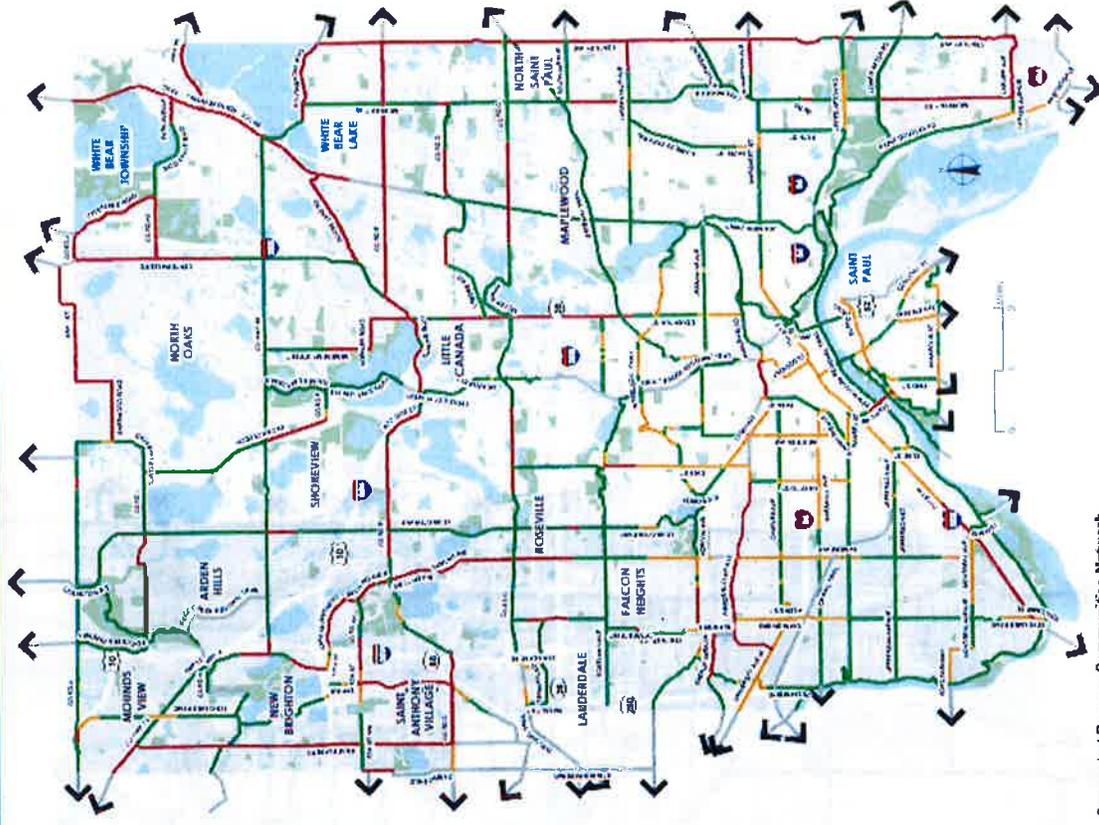
*Moderate Stress segments, appropriate for most adult bicyclists.*

**14%**

*High Stress segments, appropriate for confident, trained, adult bicyclists.*

**25%**

*Extreme Stress segments, not appropriate for most people.*



Connected Ramsey Communities Network



# Section 5: Implementation Plan

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## Section 5: Key Recommendations

The Implementation Plan identifies six key recommendations:

- Connected Ramsey Communities Network
- All Ages and Abilities County-wide Design
- Performance Monitoring Report
- Annual Performance Evaluation Summit
- GIS Clearinghouse
- Coordinated Count Program

## Section 5: Next Steps

- Ramsey County All Abilities Transportation Network
  - Unified Vision for Ramsey County Departments
  - City Council Resolutions
  - Continue System Advisory Team
    - Capacity Building Training
    - Performance Measurement
- Met Council regional data sharing and mapping



# Resolution Language

- WHEREAS, a connected pedestrian and bicycle **network enhances mobility and opportunities** for people to access education, employment and community resources; and
- WHEREAS, vibrant, walkable and bikeable communities **cultivate economic prosperity and positive neighborhood investment**; and
- WHEREAS, Active Living Ramsey Communities has engaged community **stakeholders since 2004** including leaders, practitioners and residents throughout the County; and

# Resolution Language

- WHEREAS, transportation corridors that cross municipal boundaries and jurisdictions require **coordination** and planning among responsible units of government, residents and other stakeholders;
- WHEREAS, the planning process for the Connected Ramsey Communities Network was inclusive of **local planning** for pedestrians and bicyclists; and
- WHEREAS, the region will be more **effective at implementing the plan and seeking funding** for projects with an adopted plan for a walkable and bikeable county;

# Resolution Language

1. Accept the Ramsey County-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan as a guiding document for pedestrian and bicycle planning and implementation.

## Resolution Language

2. Direct staff to incorporate the Ramsey County-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan into the next comprehensive plan update in transportation, parks, public health and other related areas.

## Resolution Language

3. Direct staff to coordinate, collaborate and partner with Ramsey County municipalities, other governmental units, key stakeholders and residents on the funding and development of the Connected Ramsey Communities Network and a walkable and bike-able community for all ages and abilities.

Thank you!

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# **Resolution for support of the Ramsey County-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.**

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

## **A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ IN SUPPORT OF THE RAMSEY COUNTY-WIDE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PLAN.**

WHEREAS, Active Living Ramsey Communities engages the community to improve health by creating and promoting environments for people to be physically active in their daily routine; and

WHEREAS, improving opportunities for physical activity contributes to and strengthens individual, family and community health, safety, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, an integrated and well-planned multi-modal transportation system provides safe, convenient and accessible transportation options to meet the diverse needs of people in Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, a connected pedestrian and bicycle network enhances mobility and opportunities for people to access education, employment and community resources; and

WHEREAS, vibrant, walkable and bikeable communities cultivate economic prosperity and positive neighborhood investment; and

WHEREAS, Active Living Ramsey Communities has engaged community stakeholders since 2004 including leaders, practitioners and residents throughout the County with an emphasis on underserved communities through non-traditional means such as pop-up events at community festivals, online engagement, focused listening sessions with specific groups, and walking audits with residents who live in Saint Paul Public Housing; and

WHEREAS, partners have identified a network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities that, when fully constructed, will create an integrated system of walkable and bikeable corridors connecting the people of Ramsey County with key destinations in and outside of the county; and

WHEREAS, transportation corridors that cross municipal boundaries and jurisdictions require coordination and planning among responsible units of government;

WHEREAS, the planning process for the Connected Ramsey Communities Network was inclusive of local planning for pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the region will be able to more effectively implement the plan and seek funding for projects with support of local partners;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1) Accept the Ramsey County-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan as a guiding document for pedestrian and bicycle planning and implementation.
- 2) Direct the City staff to incorporate the Ramsey County-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan into the next comprehensive plan update in transportation, parks, public health and other related areas.
- 3) Direct the City staff to coordinate, collaborate and partner with Ramsey County municipalities, other responsible governmental units, key stakeholders and residents on the development of the Connected Ramsey Communities Network and a walkable and bikeable community for all ages and abilities.



ARDEN HILLS  
MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** October 18, 2016

**TO:** Parks Trails and Recreation Committee

**FROM:** Sara Grant, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** PTRC Trail Tour Evaluations

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**Background**

At the last PTRC Meeting held on Tuesday, September 18 the PTRC Members went on a trail tour throughout Arden Hills. Please take a look at the compiled data that was received after the tour took place and add anything that you feel was missed. We will be going over the list at the next meeting to see if there are any improvements/maintenance issues that need to be taken care of right away.

**Attachments**

Attachment A – 2016 Trail Tour Evaluation forms

**Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee Trail Tour**  
**Tuesday, September 20, 2016**  
**EVALUATION**

- 1) Rice Creek Commons Trail – Highway 96
- 2) Highway 96 & 35W bridge Trail – Highway 96 & 35W
- 3) Highway 96 Trail – Holiday Gas Station
- 4) Valentine Park – Small Trail leading to MVHS
- 5) Valentine Hills School Trail – Safe Routes to School Trail
- 6) Tony Schmidt Regional Sign – Right Side of County Road E2
  - a. I love this trail! My favorite by far!
  - b. Beautiful trail, pretty woods, pretty lake at end of the trail.
- 7) Perry Park Dog Park (New Brighton Road Underpass)
  - a. 1 mucky area, maybe put gravel in that area
  - b. Benches – Perfect!
  - c. I like the picnic table, would also like to see a few benches along the fence, maybe with a canopy over it for shade
  - d. Would love to see more signage – both on the fences of the dog area, and by the road!
  - e. We need a sign on New Brighton Rd. saying “Dog Park →”, also inside park need signage showing where it is.
  - f. Nice park overall! The broomball rink is an eye sore, yet it’s functional so I can overlook the ugliness. 😊
  - g. Exciting to have a permanent dog park in Arden Hills.
  - h. Need sign on top of fence saying “Dog Park”
  - i. Another sign needed inside park, and one sign on road
  - j. Looked great!
  - k. Great spot for dog park. Put more signs to direct people to the spot. Put signs higher up, so people can see it from far. Add obstacle course for dogs. Make water spot in middle better. Field needs better drainage.
- 8) Bethel Trail Entrance – Bethel University to Lindey’s Steakhouse
- 9) Bethel Underpass – West side of street under RR Bridge
- 10) Lake Johanna Shoulder (How wide it is)
- 11) Tony Schmidt Regional Park North Side – Get out and walk to trail under RR Bridge – leads to Perry Park
  - a. Love this park! All areas of it! There is a grassy area by the pavilion that has a kitchen...I’d love to see it get used more! Ideas being: Movie in the park; Volleyball net; Soccer field.
  - b. This is a great trail! So many people use it every day – runners, walkers, bird watchers, dog walkers, bicyclers, people pushing baby strollers, etc. Wonderful!
  - c. Good condition and nice trail!

- 12) Sampson Park – Dog Obstacle area – Come in on Grant Road, see Sampson Park and dog obstacle area.
  - a. I think the brush along the path should be cut (between park & trail.)
  - b. Gorgeous park! I think the dog obstacle course would be wonderful! We were thinking it'd be wiser for it to be on the park side of the path (vs having it on his side of the path) especially because an injury may occur when people and/or dogs use the course.
  - c. I like the dog obstacle course idea someone suggested using the park's side of the trail for the course instead, which is a better idea.
  - d. Obstacle course a good idea, maybe legal issues. Park side might be better.
  - e. Great idea for obstacle course. Just build on city park land so no liability or insurance issues arise. Better to build on East side of trail as well. Coordinate building with volunteers and city staff. Maybe Arden Hills Foundation can donate some funds but City could also contribute.
- 13) Elmer L. Andersen signage off E
- 14) Freeway Park Trail – Over Highway 51 on County Road E
- 15) Pine Tree Drive Trail
- 16) Crepeau Nature Preserve
- 17) Lexington Avenue Trail
- 18) Sidewalk by Lexington Station
- 19) New Trail by Land O Lakes
- 20) Trail by Land O Lakes – on County Road F
- 21) Gap – Preferred Insurance to County Road F and Hamline Avenue
- 22) Floral Park
  - a. Bob did a wonderful job with the flower gardens!! And the woodchips under the playground looked great too! Pretty park!
  - b. Flowers look beautiful!
  - c. Great garden & bee hive! Good job to Bob Mullins and many neighbors who have helped!
- 23) Royal Hills Park – Would a crosswalk be helpful from McClung Drive to Royal Hills Park?
  - a. Yes, a crosswalk would be helpful!
  - b. Yes, add crosswalk for safety!
  - c. Additionally, repaint crosswalk over Royal Hills Drive!

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  - a. Condition of Trail Surface
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  - c. Trail Length
  - d. Current Level of Trail Maintenance
  - e. Adequate Resting benches/resting spots
  - f. Trail Signage
  - g. Natural Beauty
  - h. Overall Appearance
  - i. Final Comments
  
- 2) Highway 96 & 35W bridge Trail – Highway 96 & 35W
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  - d. Current Level of Trail Maintenance
  - e. Adequate Resting benches/resting spots
  - f. Trail Signage
  - g. Natural Beauty
  - h. Overall Appearance
  - i. Final Comments
  
- 3) Highway 96 Trail – Holiday Gas Station
  - a. Condition of Trail Surface
  - b. Trail Width
  - c. Trail Length
  - d. Current Level of Trail Maintenance
  - e. Adequate Resting benches/resting spots
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- f. Trail Signage
- g. Natural Beauty
- h. Overall Appearance
- i. Final Comments

5) Valentine Hills School Trail – Safe Routes to School Trail

- a. Condition of Trail Surface
- b. Trail Width
- c. Trail Length
- d. Current Level of Trail Maintenance
- e. Adequate Resting benches/resting spots
- f. Trail Signage
- g. Natural Beauty
- h. Overall Appearance
- i. Final Comments

6) Tony Schmidt Regional Sign – Right Side of County Road E

- a. Condition of Trail Surface
  - i. 5, 5, 5,
- b. Trail Width
  - i. 5, 5, 5
- c. Trail Length
  - i. 5, 5, 5
- d. Current Level of Trail Maintenance
  - i. 5, 5
- e. Adequate Resting benches/resting spots
  - i. 5, 5
- f. Trail Signage
  - i. 5, 5
- g. Natural Beauty
  - i. 5, 5
- h. Overall Appearance
  - i. 5, 5
- i. Final Comments
  - i. I love this trail! My favorite by far!
  - ii. Beautiful trail, pretty woods, pretty lake at end of the trail.

7) Perry Park Dog Park (New Brighton Road Underpass) (*Mainly Perry's Dog Park*)

- a. Condition of Trail Surface
  - i. 3, 3, 5
    - 1. 1 mucky area, maybe put gravel in that area
- b. Trail Width
  - i. Nice size, 5
- c. Trail Length

- d. Current Level of Trail Maintenance
- e. Adequate Resting benches/resting spots
  - i. 5,
    - 1. Benches – Perfect!
    - 2. I like the picnic table, would also like to see a few benches along the fence, maybe with a canopy over it for shade
- f. Trail Signage
  - i. 2
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- g. Natural Beauty
  - i. 4
- h. Overall Appearance
  - i. 4
- i. Final Comments
  - i. Nice park overall! The broomball rink is an eye sore, yet it’s functional so I can overlook the ugliness. 😊
  - ii. Exciting to have a permanent dog park in Arden Hills.
  - iii. Need sign on top of fence saying “Dog Park”
  - iv. Another sign needed inside park, and one sign on road
  - v. Looked great!
  - vi. Great spot for dog park. Put more signs to direct people to the spot. Put signs higher up, so people can see it from far. Add obstacle course for dogs. Make water spot in middle better. Field needs better drainage.

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- i. Final Comments

9) Bethel Underpass – West side of street under RR Bridge

- a. Condition of Trail Surface
- b. Trail Width
- c. Trail Length
- d. Current Level of Trail Maintenance

- e. Adequate Resting benches/resting spots
- f. Trail Signage
- g. Natural Beauty
- h. Overall Appearance
- i. Final Comments

10) Lake Johanna Shoulder (How wide it is)

- a. Condition of Trail Surface
- b. Trail Width
- c. Trail Length
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- e. Adequate Resting benches/resting spots
- f. Trail Signage
- g. Natural Beauty
- h. Overall Appearance
- i. Final Comments

11) Tony Schmidt Regional Park North Side – Get out and walk to trail under RR Bridge – leads to Perry Park

- a. Condition of Trail Surface
  - i. 5, 5, 5, 5, 5
- b. Trail Width
  - i. 5, 5, 5, 5, 5
- c. Trail Length
  - i. 5, 5, 5, 5, 5
- d. Current Level of Trail Maintenance
  - i. 5, 5
- e. Adequate Resting benches/resting spots
  - i. 5, 5
- f. Trail Signage
  - i. 5, 5
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  - iii. Good condition and nice trail!

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- a. Condition of Trail Surface
  - i. 4, 5, 5, 5
- b. Trail Width
  - i. 5, 5, 5, 5,
- c. Trail Length
  - i. 5, 5, 5, 5
- d. Current Level of Trail Maintenance
  - i. 5, 4
- e. Adequate Resting benches/resting spots
  - i. 5, 5
- f. Trail Signage
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14) Freeway Park Trail – Over Highway 51 on County Road E

- a. Condition of Trail Surface
- b. Trail Width
- c. Trail Length
- d. Current Level of Trail Maintenance
- e. Adequate Resting benches/resting spots
- f. Trail Signage
- g. Natural Beauty
- h. Overall Appearance
- i. Final Comments

15) Pine Tree Drive Trail

- a. Condition of Trail Surface
- b. Trail Width
- c. Trail Length
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- e. Adequate Resting benches/resting spots
- f. Trail Signage
- g. Natural Beauty
- h. Overall Appearance
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16) Crepeau Nature Preserve

- a. Condition of Trail Surface
- b. Trail Width
- c. Trail Length
- d. Current Level of Trail Maintenance
- e. Adequate Resting benches/resting spots
- f. Trail Signage
- g. Natural Beauty
- h. Overall Appearance
- i. Final Comments
  - i. It was too buggy to get out – so we didn't get to see the trails!

17) Lexington Avenue Trail

- a. Condition of Trail Surface
- b. Trail Width
- c. Trail Length
- d. Current Level of Trail Maintenance
- e. Adequate Resting benches/resting spots
- f. Trail Signage
- g. Natural Beauty
- h. Overall Appearance

- i. Final Comments

18) Sidewalk by Lexington Station

- a. Condition of Trail Surface
- b. Trail Width
- c. Trail Length
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- f. Trail Signage
- g. Natural Beauty
- h. Overall Appearance
- i. Final Comments

19) New Trail by Land O Lakes

- a. Condition of Trail Surface
- b. Trail Width
- c. Trail Length
- d. Current Level of Trail Maintenance
- e. Adequate Resting benches/resting spots
- f. Trail Signage
- g. Natural Beauty
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20) Trail by Land O Lakes – on County Road F

- a. Condition of Trail Surface
- b. Trail Width
- c. Trail Length
- d. Current Level of Trail Maintenance
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- f. Trail Signage
- g. Natural Beauty
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21) Gap – Preferred Insurance to County Road F and Hamline Avenue

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- b. Trail Width
- c. Trail Length
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- f. Trail Signage
- g. Natural Beauty
- h. Overall Appearance

- i. Final Comments

22) Floral Park

- a. Condition of Trail Surface
  - i. 4,
- b. Trail Width
  - i. 4,
- c. Trail Length
  - i. 5,
- d. Current Level of Trail Maintenance
- e. Adequate Resting benches/resting spots
  - i. 5
- f. Trail Signage
  - i. 5
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- i. Final Comments
  - i. Yes, a crosswalk would be helpful!
  - ii. Yes add crosswalk for safety!

**PTRC Trail Tour Evaluation Comments: What needs to be done on AH Trails**



ARDEN HILLS  
MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** October 18, 2016

**TO:** Parks Trails and Recreation Committee

**FROM:** Sara Grant, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** Prioritizing Trail Concerns

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**Background**

I hope you all enjoyed the trail tour that the PTRC Members went on at the last meeting. After reviewing the trail evaluation forms there looks like there are a few concerns that should be discussed. What are some of the main maintenance concerns that you have about some of the trails in Arden Hills? Please bring a list of your concerns to the next PTRC Meeting and we will discuss them. Putting these concerns into a prioritized list will be helpful for the Arden Hills Public Works Staff and the PTRC Members to know where we want to make improvements.



ARDEN HILLS  
MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** October 18, 2016

**TO:** Parks Trails and Recreation Committee

**FROM:** Sara Grant, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** Arden Hills Bee Hives

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**Background**

The Arden Hills bee hives have been removed from the two sites in Arden Hills. Arden Hills City Hall's Hive produced around 30 pounds of honey and the Hive at Floral Park produced around 60 pounds of honey. City of Arden Hills Parks and Recreation Staff will have some samples at the next meeting. This was such a fun learning experience for PTRC Members, Arden Hills Residents, Arden Hills Staff, and youth.

Is this something that the PTRC would like to continue doing in the future? Please be ready to have a discussion at the upcoming PTRC Meeting.

**Attachment:**

Attachment A: Bee Hive Pictures

