



**Public Works, Environment and Transportation
Commission Agenda**

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

(Any times listed are approximate – please note that items may be earlier or later than listed on the agenda)

- 6:30 p.m. **1. Swearing in of New Commission Member**
 - a. Swearing in of New Commissioner Katie Brokaw Palalay
- 6:32 p.m. **2. Roll Call**
- 6:34 p.m. **3. Approve Agenda**
- 6:36 p.m. **4. Receive Public Comment**
- 5. Business Items**
 - 6:40 p.m. a. Communication Items
 - 6:45 p.m. b. Consider Closure of Roseville Leaf Recycling Center
 - 7:45 p.m. c. Bike Plan Update
 - 8:15 p.m. d. City Campus Project – Appoint Committee Member
 - 8:20 p.m. e. City Code Updates: Section 802.17
- 8:25 p.m. **6. Commission Direction on Member Initiated Agenda Items**
 - a. Commission Direction on Member Initiated Agenda Items
- 8:28 p.m. **7. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Approve August Minutes
- 8:30 p.m. **8. Adjourn**

Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: September 30, 2025

ITEM: 1.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Swearing in of New Commissioner Katie Brokaw Palalay

Background

At their August 25, 2025 meeting, the City Council appointed Katie Brokaw Palalay to the Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission. We welcome Katie to the commission.

Recommendation

The Commission Chair will swear in Ms. Brokaw Palalay as a Commission member.

Attachments

None

Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Agenda Item

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ITEM: 5.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Communication Items

Background

At each commission meeting, City staff provides updates on City activities and projects ongoing within the city that pertain to public works activities.

Recommendation

Receive report and provide feedback.

Attachments

1. Communications Memo
2. 2025 Roseville Project Map
3. September Development Activity Report
4. Sustainability Newsletter Sept/Oct
5. Metro Micro Update
6. City Council Storm Water Update – August 25, 2025



Public Works Department

Memo

To: Public Works Environmental and Transportation Commission Members

From: Jennifer Lowry, City Engineer

Date: September 25, 2025

Re: Communications Items

The following are updates to projects and other activities happening in Roseville since the last commission meeting:

Roseville Public Works project updates:

- Maintenance Operation Center (MOC) / License & Passport Centers / Dance Studio (LPCDS)
 - LHB has been selected as the architect for the project and contracts are anticipated to go before Council on October 13. At the same meeting the proposed Construction Manager at Risk (CmaR) will be before Council with award of a contract planned for October 27.
- Lexington Avenue Pathway
 - Pathway between County Road B and TH 36 is designed and will be bid this fall for construction next year due to utility relocations.
- Tamarack Pathways
 - Construction is complete. Vehicle gate will be added at Western this fall by City staff.
- Hamline Avenue
 - Construction in 2026 of pathway from County Road C to Josephine Road in design.
 - Resurfacing from County Road C to County Road C2 in 2026 lead by Roseville and paid for by Ramsey County.
 - Upsizing of the watermain from Josephine Road to Glenhill Road/Arden Hills. Paid primarily by Arden Hills.
 - See Hamline/Clarmar update below.
- Twin Lakes Trail Phase 2
 - Easement being negotiated with property owner.
- Wagner/Western Pathway
 - Easement being negotiated with Ramsey County, construction anticipated next year.
- 2025 Sewer Cleaning & Lining
 - Lining will be completed by October 31.

- Booster Station Phase 4 Improvements
 - Building improvements will occur in coordination with solar install. Bid packages are likely to be released later this year.
- 2025 Pavement Management Project
 - Complete.
- Wayfinding Signage
 - Signs have been received, and several locations will begin installation soon.
- Lighting
 - 16 of the planned 19 new lights have been installed by Xcel at City request.
- Bike Plan
 - See update agenda item.

Other agency project updates:

- Ramsey County
 - Hamline Avenue/Clarmar Lane Storm Sewer
 - Tree removal completed on September 24, and pipe work anticipated to begin September 30. Hamline Avenue will be detoured via Lydia Avenue and Snelling Avenue for the roughly 4-week closure.
 - County Road D from Highcrest Road to Hwy 88
 - ADA upgrades and pavement work is complete. Striping to occur soon.
 - County Road C 4:3 Conversion from Lexington Avenue to Little Canada Road and bridge over railroad
 - Public open house was held Aug 28 at the Oval from 5-7pm
 - 4:3 lane conversion with mill and overlay scheduled for 2026.
 - Bridge redecking or replacement received federal funding also anticipated 2026.
- MnDOT
 - Snelling Design from TH 36 to Grey Fox Road
 - In design for 2026 resurfacing and will include off-road pathway west of Snelling Avenue from Lydia Avenue to Old Snelling.
 - TH 280 Design from Wabash Avenue in St. Paul to I35 W
 - In design for 2026 resurfacing.
- Other
 - G Line (Metro Transit)
 - An online open house to review plans and ask questions of project staff was held September 23 from 6-7pm. The open house was recorded and available online after the open house. Public can also review design plans on an interactive map and provide feedback [here](#). Comments will be accepted through October 2.
 - Planning and design continue for construction 2026-2028.

- Les Bolstad Golf Course Sale (in Falcon Heights)
 - A community open house was held Sept 16, at Falcon Heights City Hall. A webpage with more info can be found on Falcon Heights' website.
- Metro Micro Pilot (Metro Transit)
 - An update was by Metro Transit (Attachment 5)

Engineering Updates:

- Erik attended the American Public Works Association (APWA) conference in Chicago.
- Jennifer participated in STEM Day at the State Fair and SHE Engineers at the Works Museum.
- All interns have returned to school, but staff is preparing job postings for next year's opportunities.

Environmental & Sustainability Updates:

- Staff managed zero waste with the help of 12 volunteers at FOR Parks' Tapped and Uncorked event on Friday, September 19. The event reached a 95% rate of waste diversion!
- Staff met with consultant paleBLUEdot to kick off the Climate Equity Action Plan. A website with info and a survey is now available at cityofroseville.com/climate-equity.
- Staff attended Ramsey County's Environmental Center fall open house on Tuesday, September 23 to promote Roseville's sustainability work.
- Staff will be attending the Wild Rice Festival on Saturday, September 27, promoting the Climate Equity Action Plan and also ensuring that the event is a Zero Waste event.
- Waste Management (WM) officially started recycling collection in Roseville on July 1. Staff are continuing to work with WM to address several issues. WM has made improvements to their call center where accurate information is provided more often, collection of multi-units has improved, walk-up/valet service is being provided, and residential misses are down.

Maintenance Updates:

Street and Storm

- Fall training for new and current staff.
- Ongoing street patching.
- Assist with Water Gate Valve replacements.
- Message painting citywide.
- Compost complete and stacked into pile.
- Ongoing storm sewer maintenance, sign work, R.O.W. mowing.

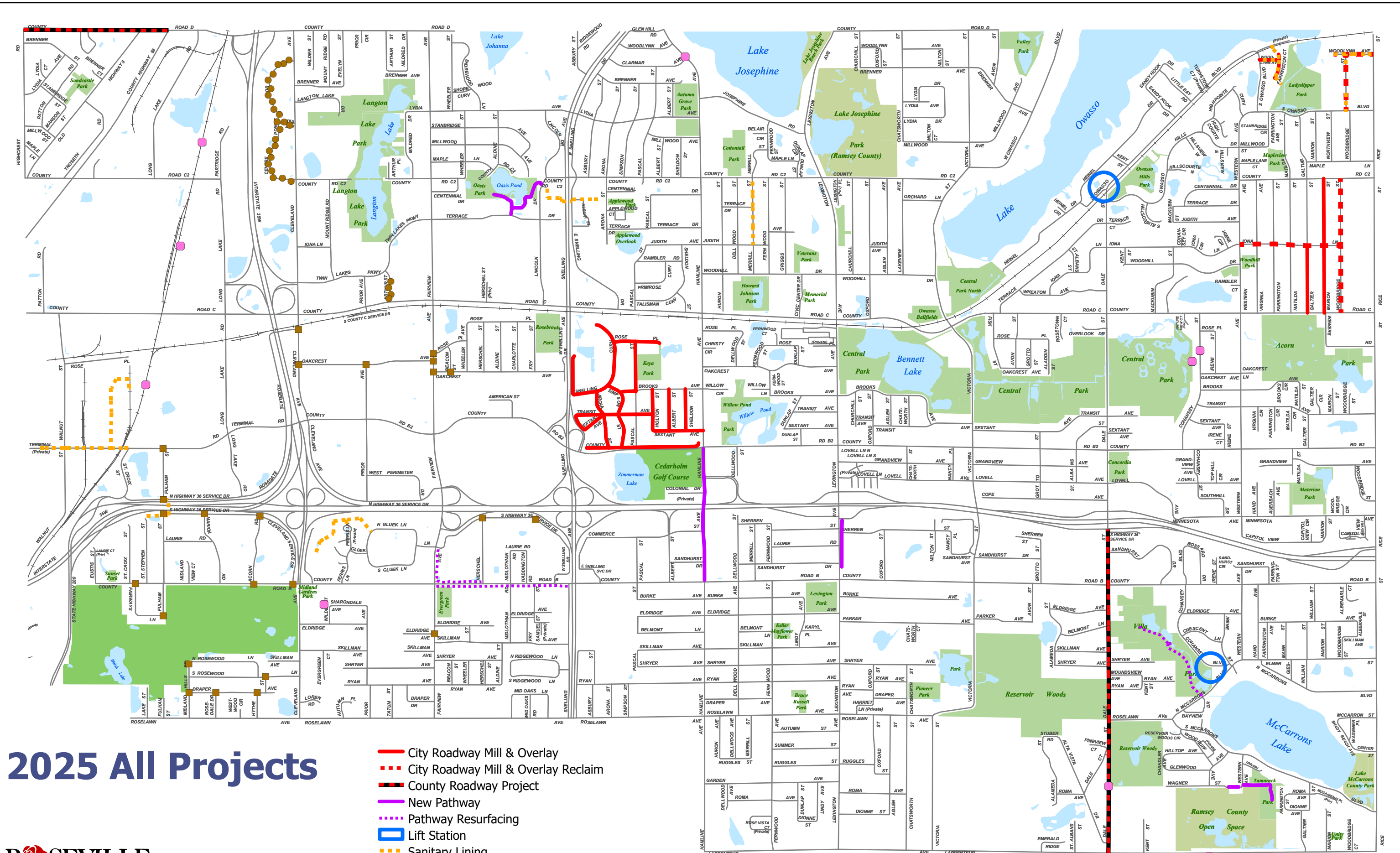
Water and Sanitary Sewer

- Continued inspections for water service line inventory.
- Flushing and pressure testing hydrants.
- Installed new pump at Arona lift station.
- 16” gate valve replaced (1950 County Road B)
- Continued underground locates, weekly lift station inspections, collection of water samples.

Council Updates:

- Below is a highlight of items recently presented to and/or acted on by the City Council. More information can be found in the agenda packets and minutes for the referenced Council meetings:
 - August 25
 - Approved: Termination of Easement on PIK Parcel
 - Received: 2026 City Manager Recommended Budget and Tax Levy
 - Discussed: Gas and Electric Franchise Ordinances and Gas and Electric Franchise Fees
 - Considered: Approved resolution approving a Cannabis Combination business, to include a cannabis retailer with on-site consumption as a CONDITIONAL USE, at 2218 County Road D, Suite 200
 - Received: Stormwater Projects Update (Attachment 6)
 - Appointed: Katie Brokaw Palalay to the Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission
 - September 8
 - Discussed: Possible ordinance imposing regulations on excavations within ten feet of existing foundations
 - Discussed: Beekeeping regulations and decided to not enact any beekeeping regulations
 - Discussed: Closure of Roseville Leaf Recycling Center and indicated that final decision will be made at the September 22 meeting
 - September 15
 - Approved: Request for a Noise Variance for the County Road D Pavement Project
 - Held: Joint Meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Received: Finance Commission recommendations on the 2026 Budget and Tax Levy
 - Selected: LHB Architects as the Architect for Civic Campus Project
 - Approved: Final 2024 Sewer Lining Contract
 - September 22
 - Approved: Professional Services Agreement with Bolton & Menk for a 10-year Lift Station Assessment
 - Approved: Professional Services Agreement with Bolton & Menk for the Cohansey Lift Station design and construction services

- Approved: City Support for the Rice Creek Watershed District State Bonding Request for the Jones Lake Project
- Approved: Fourth Amendment to T-Mobile Antenna Lease at Fairview Lattice Tower



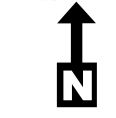
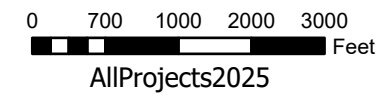
2025 All Projects

- City Roadway Mill & Overlay
- - - City Roadway Mill & Overlay Reclaim
- - - County Roadway Project
- New Pathway
- - - Pathway Resurfacing
- Lift Station
- - - Sanitary Lining
- Storm Project
- Non-Metered Streetlight Replacement
- Intersection Streetlight Installation

ROSEVILLE
 Prepared by: Engineering Department
 3/28/2025

Data Sources
 * Ramsey County GIS (3/04/2025)
 * City of Roseville Community Development
 * City of Roseville Finance Department

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ROSEVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Updated: Sep 16, 2025

	Project Name	Address	Project Description	Applicant/Owner Information	Starting
RESIDENTIAL	The Enclave	201-261 McCarrons Pl	20 detached townhomes (8 complete-4 issued)	Ovation Homes	Summer 2021
	Residential New Construction	2164 Eustis St	New single family home	Mike Torkelson Development	Winter 2024
	Residential New Construction	2173 Eustis St	New single family home	Creative Custom Homebuilders	Summer2025
	Residential New Construction	649 Heinel Dr	New single family home	Croix Custom Homes	Summer 2025
	Residential New Construction	1928 South Gluek Ln	New two family dwelling	Cara Builders	Spring 2025
	Residential New Construction	2042 Eldridge Ave	New single family home	Lee Homes Inc	Spring 2025
	Residential New Construction	560 Ryan Ave	New single family home	Structural Buildings of MN	Summer 2025
	Villas of Reservoir Woods new homes	699/707 Shryer Ave, 692/700/708 Skillman Ave	New single family homes	Cara Builders LLC	Summer 2025
	Residential New Construction	2817 Victoria St	New single family home	Fieldstone Family Homes	Spring 2025
	Midland Legacy Estates new homes	2391, 2396, 2399, 2404 Laurie Ct	New single family home	Creative Custom Homebuilders	Summer 2025
RETAIL	Rosedale Center	1595 Highway 36	EV Charging Stations	Casco Contractors	Spring 2024
	Golf Galaxy	2401 Fairview Ave #100	Interior Remodel of South half	Innovative Construction Solutions	Spring 2025
	J Crew	1595 Highway 36 #925	Interior Remodel	Retail Construction Services	Summer 2025
	Vacant Tenant	1595 Highway 36 #940	Interior Remodel	P.R.M. Contracting	Summer 2025
	Burger Dive	1595 Highway 36	Interior Remodel	J. Hultman Construction LLC	Summer 2025
	Xfinity	2480 Fairview Ave	Interior Remodel	Elder-Jones	Summer 2025
	Roseville Dodge	2800 Long Lake Rd	Interior Upgrades	Swan Companies	Summer 2025
	Phenix Salon	2480 Fairview Ave	Interior Expansion	Dehmer Family Construction LLC	Summer 2025
	Johnston & Murphy	1595 Highway 36 #290	Tenant Improvement	Horizon Retail Construction	Summer 2025
	Paris Baguette Sweet Layers	1595 Highway 36 #940	Interior Remodel	Ecogreen Construction LLC	Summer 2025
	Troy's Corner Auto Care	2171 Hamline Ave	Addition	L & D Maintenance	Summer 2025
	BRKThrough	1595 Highway 36 #150	Tenant Finish	Arco Murray	Summer 2025
	Walmart	1960 Twin Lakes Pkwy	Addition & Interior Remodel	Engineered Structures Inc	Spring 2025
	Marshalls	2401 Fairview Ave #100	Interior Remodel/Built Out of North half	Innovative Construction Solutions	Spring 2025
	Hirshfields	1655 County Road C	Interior Demo	Wood Construction Inc	Fall 2025
	Twin Cities Mattress	1076 County Road B	Interior Remodel	Cutting Edge Construction	Summer 2025
	Planet Fitness	1750 Highway 36	Minor Interior Remodel	Steiner Construction Services	Summer 2025
	Journeys	1595 Highway 36 #854	Tenant Remodel	Horizon Retail Construction	Summer 2025
	Frostbite Cannabis	2218 County Road D	Tenant Remodel	Renaissanceworks LLC	Summer 2025
	Skechers	2401 Fairview Ave	New Tenant Build-Out	Johnson Retail LLC	Summer 2025
NON-RETAIL/OFFICE	MnDOT Waters Edge	1500 County Road B2	Mechanical upgrades	Versacon Inc	Fall 2023
	Rosedale Estates	2735-2755 Rice St	Demo old parking structure, add parking and garages	Sterling Management	Fall 2023
	Bimbo Bakery	2745 Long Lake Rd	Interior Remodel	Montgomery Brinkman	Summer 2023
	Kargo Delivers	2500 Cleveland Ave	Interior Remodel	Tile MSP DBA Dandy	Spring 2024
	Metro Sales	3060 Centre Pointe Dr	Tenant Build Out	Mission Construction	Summer 2025
	Roseville Plaza	1970 Oakcrest Ave	Fitness Center Remodel	Fixed Assets Inc	Summer 2025
	Livea Weight Control	1835 County Road C	Interior Remodel	DVC & Co	Summer 2025
	Rosedale Estates	2735-2755 Rice St	Exterior Remodel	Allan Dorney Construction	Summer 2024
	Roseville Lift Station	635 South Owasso Blvd	Interior Remodel	Pember Companies Inc	Spring 2025
	Roseville Corporate Center	2700 Snelling Ave	Demo Parking Ramp	Frattalone Companies Inc	Summer 2025
	Bates Dental	1781 County Road B	Interior Remodel	Karkela Construction	Fall 2025
	Tria Orthopedics	3050 Centre Pointe Dr	Interior Remodel	RJM Construction LLC	Summer 2025
	US Bank	2690 Snelling Ave	Interior Remodel	Greiner Construction	Summer 2025
	Egg Medical	2340 County Road C	Interior Remodel	Building Solutions Group LLC	Summer 2025
	US Autoforce	2503 Walnut St	Minor Upgrades	Greystone Construction	Summer 2025
	Roselawn Cemetery	803 Larpenteur Ave	Interior Remodel	Construction Results Corporation	Summer 2025
	Every Meal	2723 Patton Rd	Interior Remodel	Every Meal	Summer 2025
	Temple of Hmongism	2381 Rice St	Interior Remodel	E11even Construction MN	Summer 2025

	CPI Card Group	2430 Prior Ave	Interior Remodel	Klodt Inc	Summer 2025
	Goddard School	1751 County Road C	Interior Remodel	JT Egner Construction	Summer 2025
	Twin Lakes II	2726 Arthur St	Interior Remodel	Anderson CC	Summer 2025
	Hand in Hand Montessori	211 North McCarrons Blvd	Greenhouse/Shed Install	Vanguard Builders Inc	Summer 2025



ROSEVILLE
SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability Newsletter

Public Works &
Engineering Division

SEP/OCT 2025



Sustainability Tip —
Climate Equity
Action Plan



Clothing Swap Recap



Bike Lane
Demo Project



Good Climate News

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Sustainability Tip – Climate Equity Action Plan

The City of Roseville is beginning work on its first **Climate Equity Action Plan**, in partnership with paleBLUEdot and Ramsey County!



Thanks to an MPCA Local Climate Planning grant, we will be developing this important plan over the next year.

Together with residents and staff, we will set goals for greenhouse gas emissions reductions and determine ways we can both reduce and adapt to the effects of climate change.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED NOW:

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

[SHARE YOUR CLIMATE STORY](#)

While our hope is to make sure all people who live and work in Roseville will thrive in our community for decades to come, we also know that some communities will experience the effects of climate change more severely than others, as we learned in our 2018 Vulnerable Populations Report. To ensure we are centering equity and justice throughout the process, we have formed a climate justice advisory group who will meet with us throughout the project.

Please **complete our community survey** to tell us what you are experiencing and how we can do better! We would also love to **hear your story** about your relationship to the environment and climate change. **If you have created art** as a way to work through your feelings about the changing climate, you can submit that as well! We're looking forward to imagining an equitable, sustainable, and resilient future in Roseville!

We hope to hold our first community-wide event in November, so keep an eye out for updates and learn more at CityofRoseville.com/Climate-Equity

Inside this issue:

Sustainability Tip

Clothing Swap Recap

Bike Lane Demo Project: feedback wanted

Upcoming Events, Opportunities, and Resources

Good Climate News

Feedback wanted: Roseville’s bike lane demo project

You may have noticed Hamline Avenue between County Roads B and B2 has a new look! As part of our upcoming bike plan that Roseville is completing thanks to a grant from MnDOT, we installed a protected bicycle lane demo project



We’d love to hear feedback on the bike lane, good or bad!

- Have you used it?
- How does riding in the lane make you feel?
- Did you cycle on Hamline before the lane was installed?
- Do you drive on Hamline Avenue?
- Has the bike lane affected your drive?

Please reach out to Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Jennifer Lowry at Jennifer.Lowry@cityofroseville.com or 651-792-7042 to let us know what you think!

Clothing Swap Recap



ROSEVILLE JUST HOSTED THEIR FIRST CLOTHING SWAP!

SEE HOW IT WENT!



We are very proud of the results from the first ever Roseville clothing swap! Thank you to everyone in the community who donated clothes to make this event such a success.

Based on the success of this event, we plan to hold another clothing swap in 2026, so stay tuned!

View the video story from Nine North here:

<https://ninenorth.org/videos/roseville-clothing-swap/>



Thank You to **Waste Management** for providing recycling boxes to hold our donations!



Thank You **ReTold Recycling** for recycling the leftover clothing that could not be donated!



A portion of the remaining clothes were donated to **The Alley Shoppe**, based in Saint Paul. This donation-based program provides to families in need.



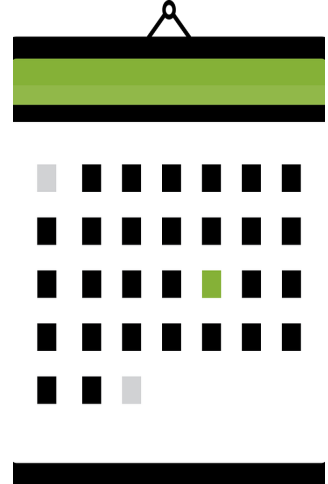
A portion of the remaining clothes were donated to **Sharing & Caring Hands**, based out of Minneapolis. This local non-profit seeks to improve the living conditions of unhoused and low-income individuals.

City of Roseville Public Works & Engineering

Events, Resources, and Opportunities

Upcoming events:

- **Ramsey County Environmental Center Fall Open House**—**Tuesday, 9/23, 6-8pm, 1700 Kent Street Roseville.** Join us to explore the new Environmental Center and connect with neighbors, county leaders and community influencers. Guests will hear updates from Ramsey County Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire, tour the center with staff experts, and take part in hands-on art activities.
- **Metro Transit G Line Virtual Open House**—**Tuesday, 9/23, 6-7pm.** Engineering for the G Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is currently underway and preliminary station design plans are ready to share. Project staff want to hear from riders, station neighbors, and the public about the placement of shelters, pylons, and other amenities within each station area. Join an [online open house](#) to review plans and speak with project staff.
- **New York Times Climate Forward event**—**Wednesday, 9/24.** You can register to join a free livestream to watch interviews as they happen throughout the day.
- **Wild Rice Festival**—**Saturday, 9/27, 10am-4pm.** Join this zero-waste event to celebrate wild rice, the fall season, and Dakota and Ojibwe culture!
- **Do Good Roseville Community Impact Celebration**—**Saturday, 10/11, 1-4pm at Roseville Area High School.** Celebrate 10 years of amazing work done by Do Good Roseville! There will be many ways to get involved and do good things for the community at this event, including collections for critical items like clothing and food, and many family-friendly service activities.



Positive Climate News



The walls of Minnesota's future houses grow in farmers' fields—Two castoffs of a typical Minnesota farm, straw and the stalks of hemp plants, are becoming valuable as sustainable materials that could be used in place of fiberglass insulation.

Representative Katie Jones [used straw to insulate the house](#) she and her partner [built in Minneapolis](#).

Hundreds plunge in Chicago River for first official swim in nearly 100 years—The Chicago River was once the most polluted waterways in the world, and in 1900 the city [reversed the flow of the river](#) so it would not pollute Lake Michigan, the source of the city's drinking water. Thanks to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and tireless advocacy and restoration work since, the river is now so clean that wildlife has returned and swimmers can enjoy it.

An unexpected green roof benefit: purging urban rainfall of practically all microplastics—While they can also help reduce the "urban heat island" effect, a new study finds that the filtration the plants provide is equally beneficial—they can capture almost all the microplastics that contaminate rainwater.

As nature's 'ecosystem engineers,' beavers could help fight effects of climate change—Scientists at the University of Minnesota are researching how allowing beavers follow their instincts building dams could help improve our local waterways.

Climate progress is still happening: Meet the 2025 Grist 50—Grist profiles 50 people making a real impact when it comes to adapting to and mitigating the effects of climate change. It's a great reminder that the work continues in big and small ways!

City of Roseville Public Works & Engineering



**Great news:
Kitchen food scraps
countertop bins are back!**

Each Roseville household can pick up one bin at the City Hall front desk during business hours.

Thank you from your Roseville Sustainability Team!

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Metro micro: Roseville Area Update

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Christina Pflueger | Metro micro Project Administrator

Barrett Clausen | Transit Planner

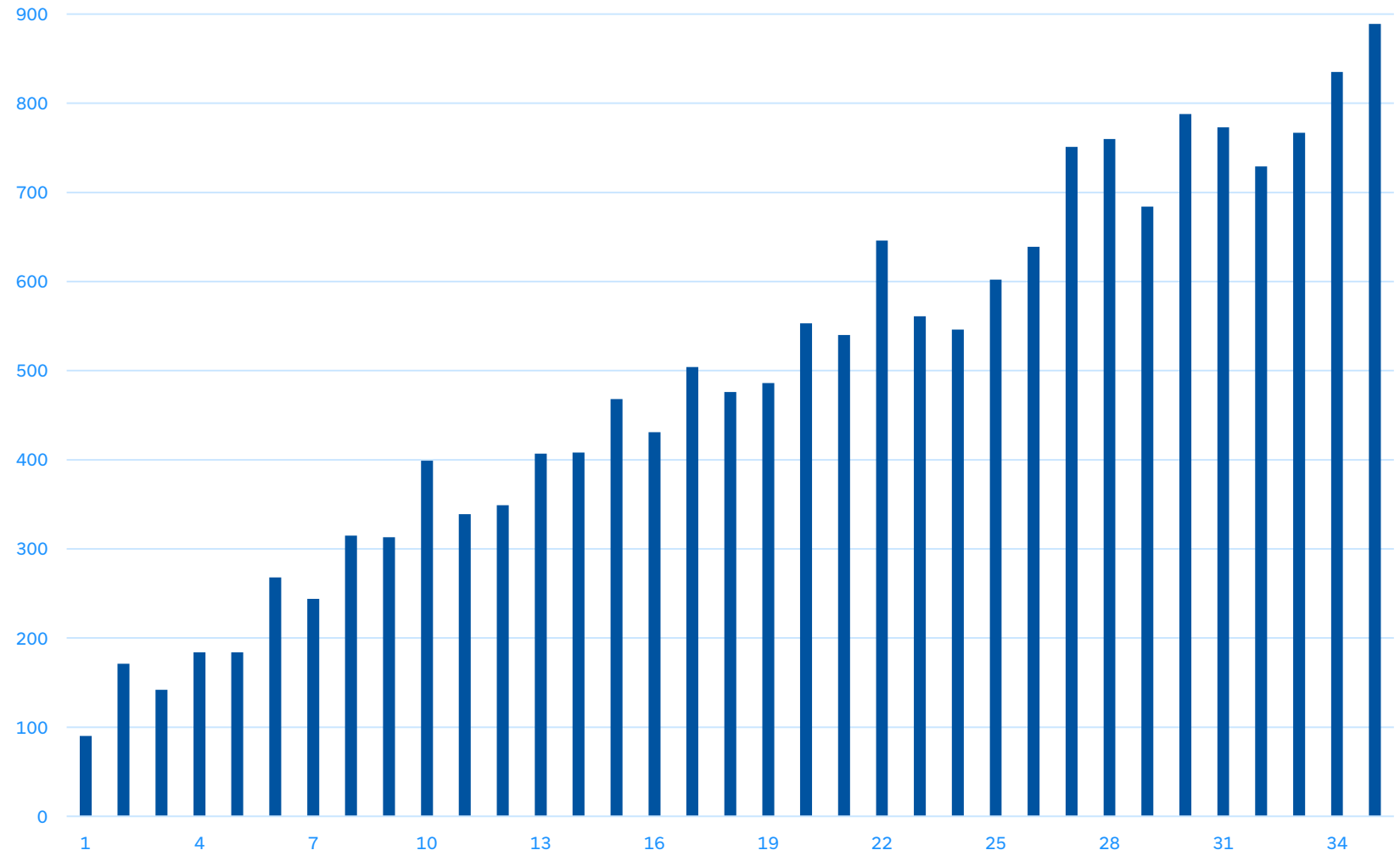


Overview of Metro micro: Roseville Area

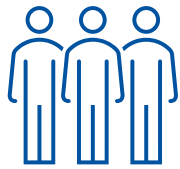
Ridership

- Over **17,241** total completed boardings since January launch
- Currently averaging ~ **123 rides** per day
- 7.2 boardings per hour

Metro micro: Roseville Area - Completed Boardings



Rider Trends



7,878 riders created



Median wait time <8 mins



Average Travel Distance 2.5 miles
Average Travel Duration 9.3 min



72% book in-app /
28% call-in



No-show percentage 3.02%



Longest wait times at
6:00 AM and 8:00 PM

Top Pick Up/ Drop off Destinations

- Rosedale Mall / Rosedale Transit Center
- Harbor at Twin Lakes 55+ Apartments
- Target (County Rd B)
- RosePointe Senior Living
- Walmart Supercenter
- Coventry Apartments
- EagleCrest Senior Living
- Shoreview YMCA
- Lunds and Bylery's
- Cub Foods (Arden Hills)



Roseville Area Feedback

Feedback from Public

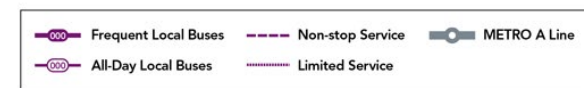
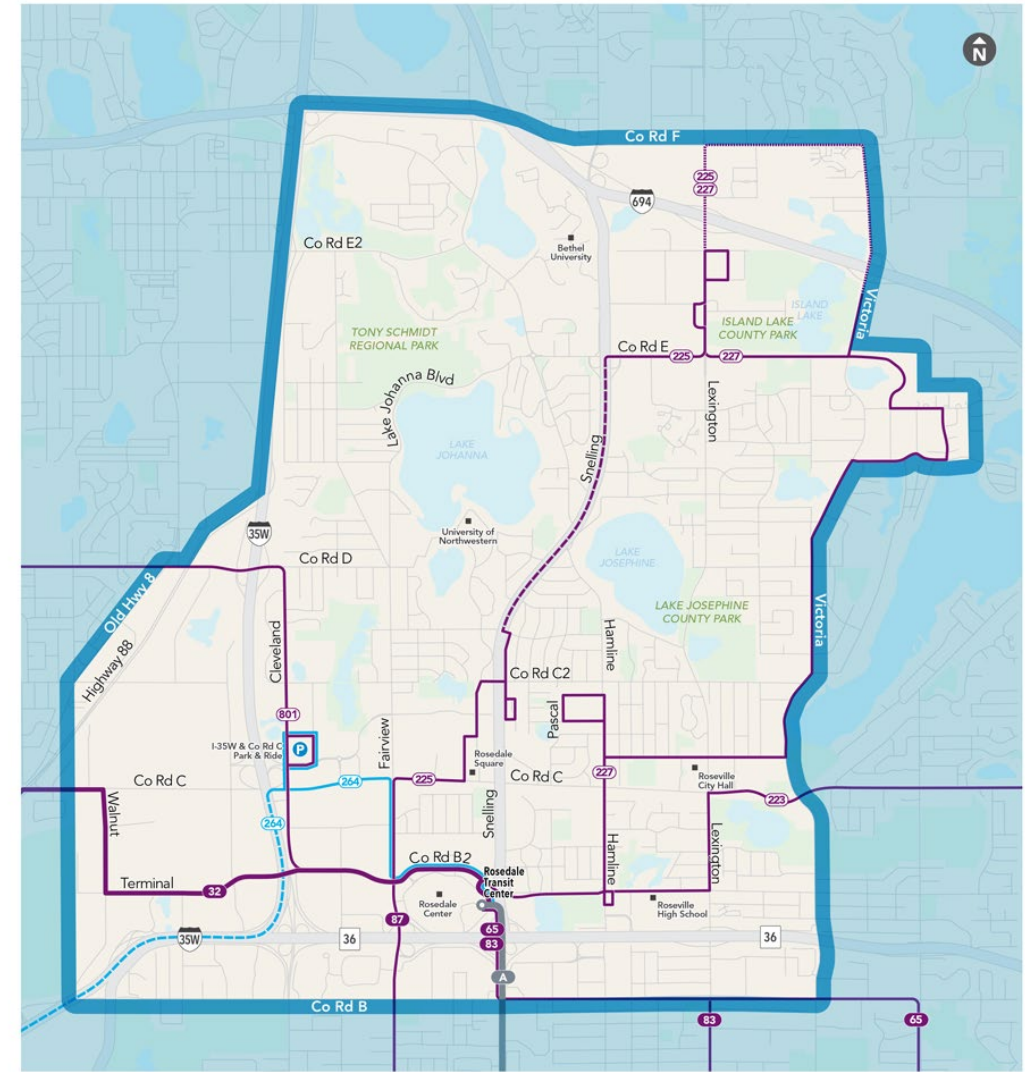
- Great deal of positive feedback on service, drivers
- Region-wide interest
 - Requests from cities
 - Star Tribune, other press
- Requests for expanded service
- Tabling and outreach



Feedback from Cities/County

Discussion

- What are you hearing from residents/elected officials?
- Feedback about zone operations?
- Observations in the field?



Thank You

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2025 Stormwater Update

Public Works Department



City Council

August 25, 2025

- 2024 Council Recap
- Infrastructure Overview
- Project/Prioritization Overview
- Projects
- Funding

- January 22, 2024 (work session)
 - Council approved of the way that staff have been prioritizing projects as it relates to:
 - Identifying projects and categorizing them dependent the severity and potential for property/structure damage.
 - Coordinating improvements with the annual Pavement Management Project
 - Monitoring and managing problem areas until projects can be implemented over time to remediate the issue.
 - Implementing stand-alone projects, as needed, or when staff and budget resources are available.

2025 Stormwater Update

2024 Council Recap

Total annual storm sewer budget

Year	Budget (\$)
2015	\$2,443,000
2016	\$2,122,000
2017	\$2,400,000
2018	\$2,275,000
2019	\$2,363,000
2020	\$2,790,000
2021	\$2,556,000
2022	\$2,600,000
2023	\$2,800,000
2024	\$3,200,000
2025	\$2,900,000
2026*	\$3,131,910

Total annual available money for all stormwater improvements

Year	CIP
2015	\$1,127,000
2016	\$670,000
2017	\$700,000
2018	\$915,000
2019	\$584,000
2020	\$647,000
2021	\$1,200,000
2022	\$905,000
2023	\$1,003,000
2024	\$1,000,000
2025	\$1,000,000
2026*	\$1,785,000

*2026 proposed budget figures from Finance Dept.

2025 Stormwater Utility Fee: \$26.22/qtr.

2022 Stormwater asset management. Based on life cycle:

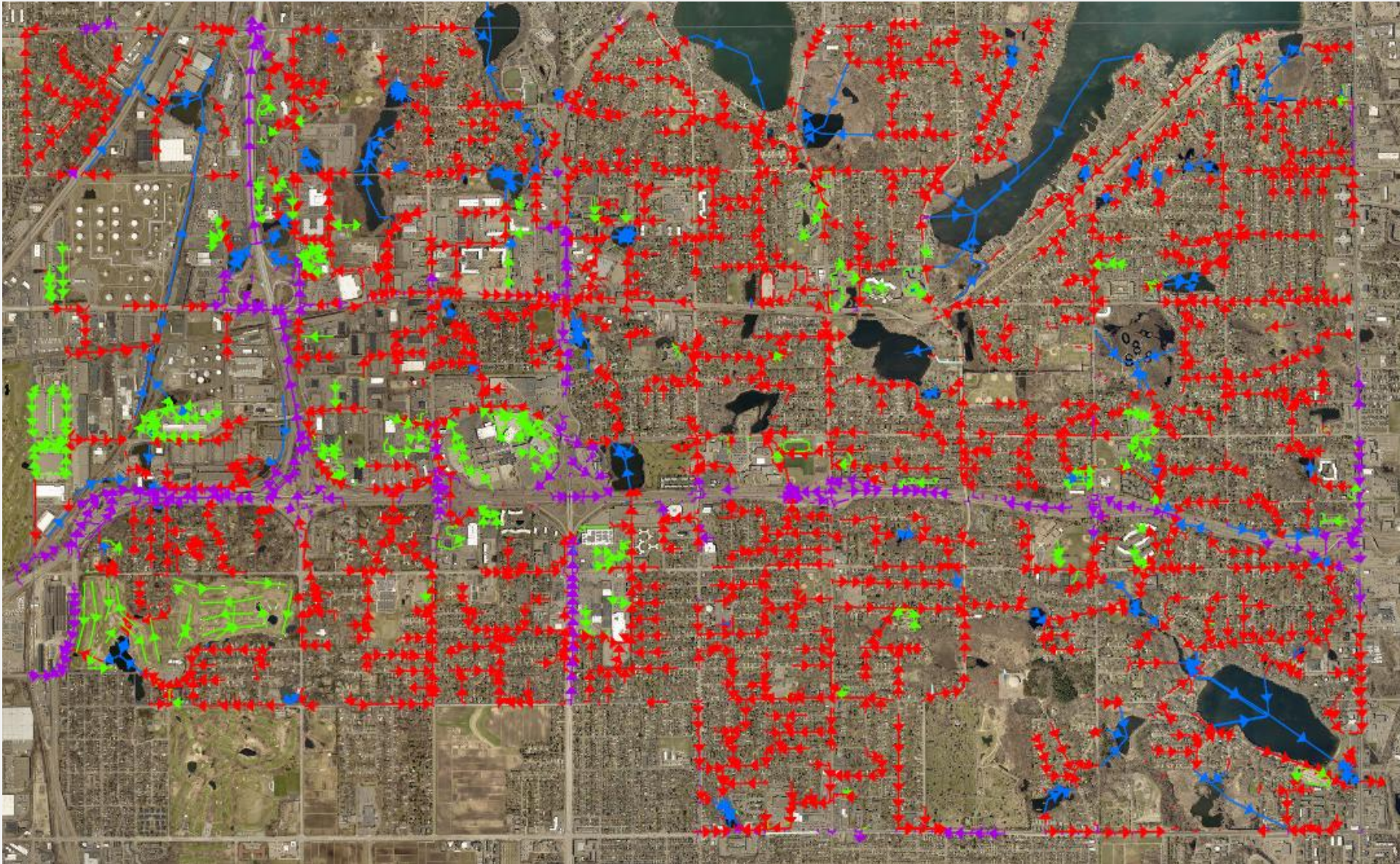
- Current need is ~\$2.2 million annually to replace our stormwater assets
 - ~\$125 million in total
 - Reconstructing ponds are ~25% of the annual replacement cost (~\$31 million)
 - Pipes and catch basin/manhole structures are ~70% of the annual replacement cost (~\$88 million)
- Current maintenance needs are ~\$1.1 million annually for ponds, basins, pipes, etc.
 - Current maintenance/inspection portion of budget is ~\$250,000 annually

2026 Proposed Stormwater budget: \$3,131,910

- Operating costs: \$1,037,910
- CIP: \$2,094,000
 - Stormwater Improvements: \$1,785,000
 - \$585,000 is utilized for pond maintenance
 - \$1,200,000 is utilized for storm sewer maintenance, upgrades, inspections

2025 Stormwater Update

Infrastructure overview



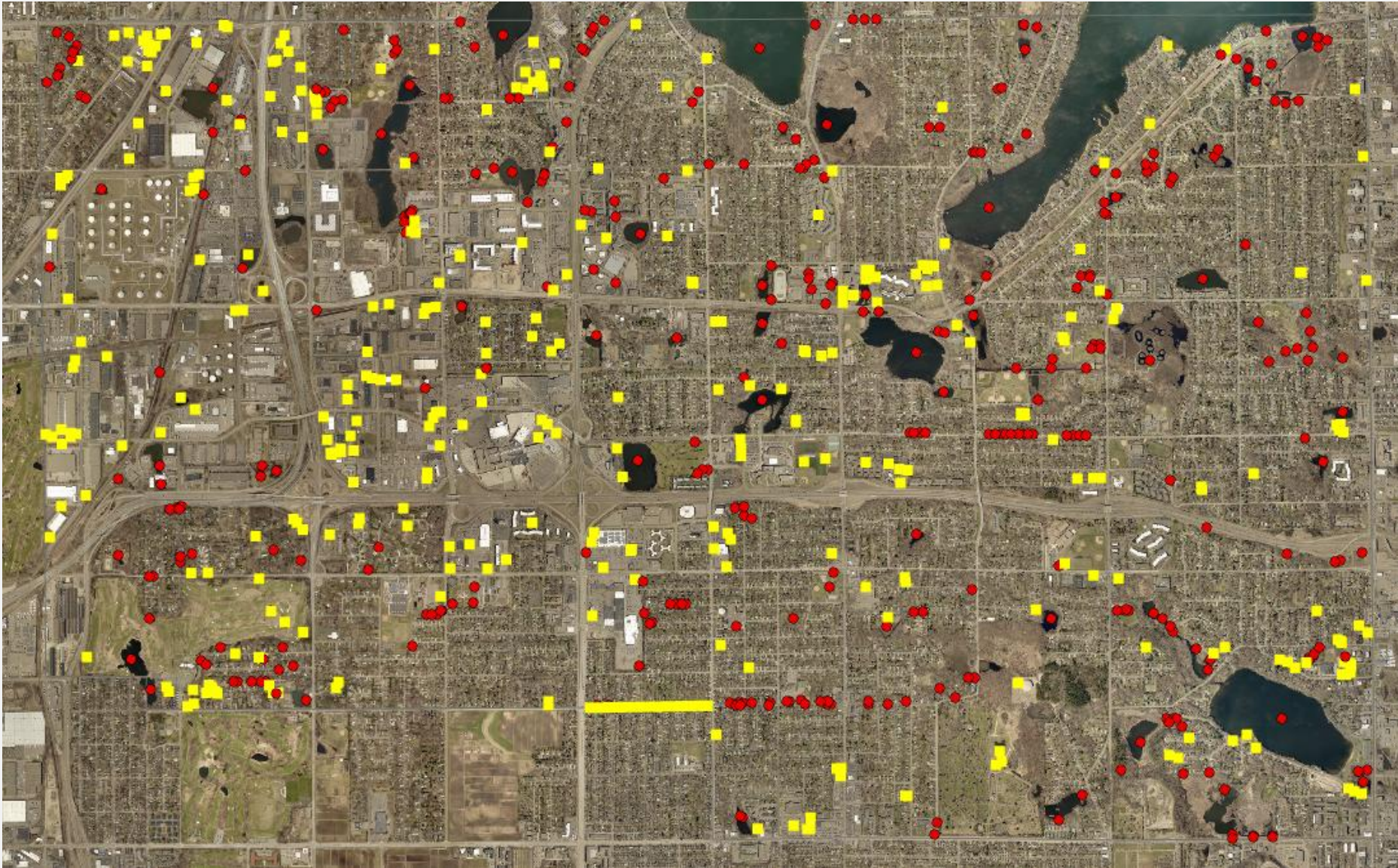
Public infrastructure:

- ~126 miles of pipe
- ~3,000 manholes
- ~6,000 catch basins

Mostly developed in the 1960's.

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Water quality infrastructure:

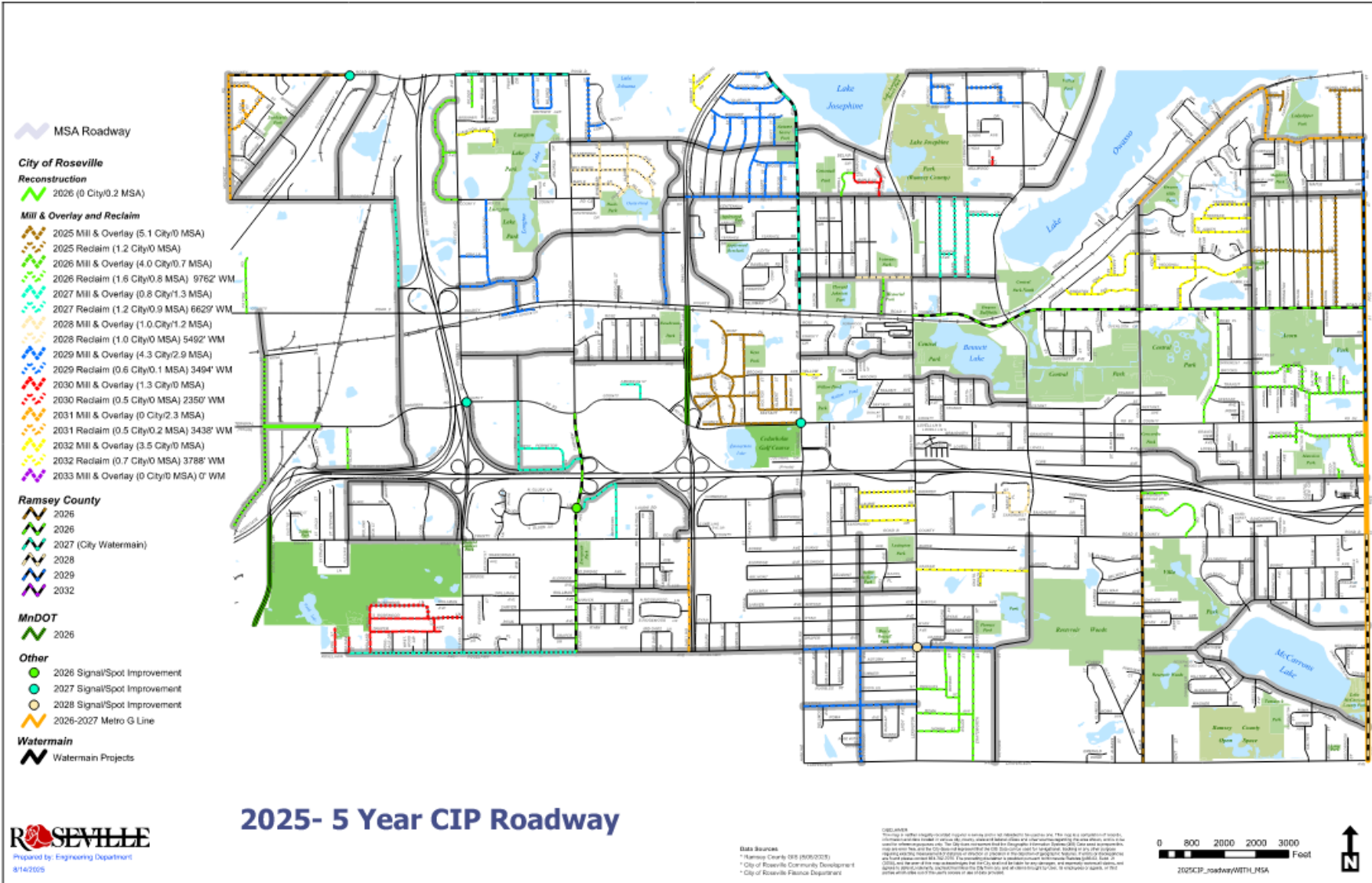
- ponds
- infiltration/filtration basins
- Raingardens
- treatment structures, etc.

~400 publicly owned & operated

~300 privately owned & operated

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Project/Prioritization Overview

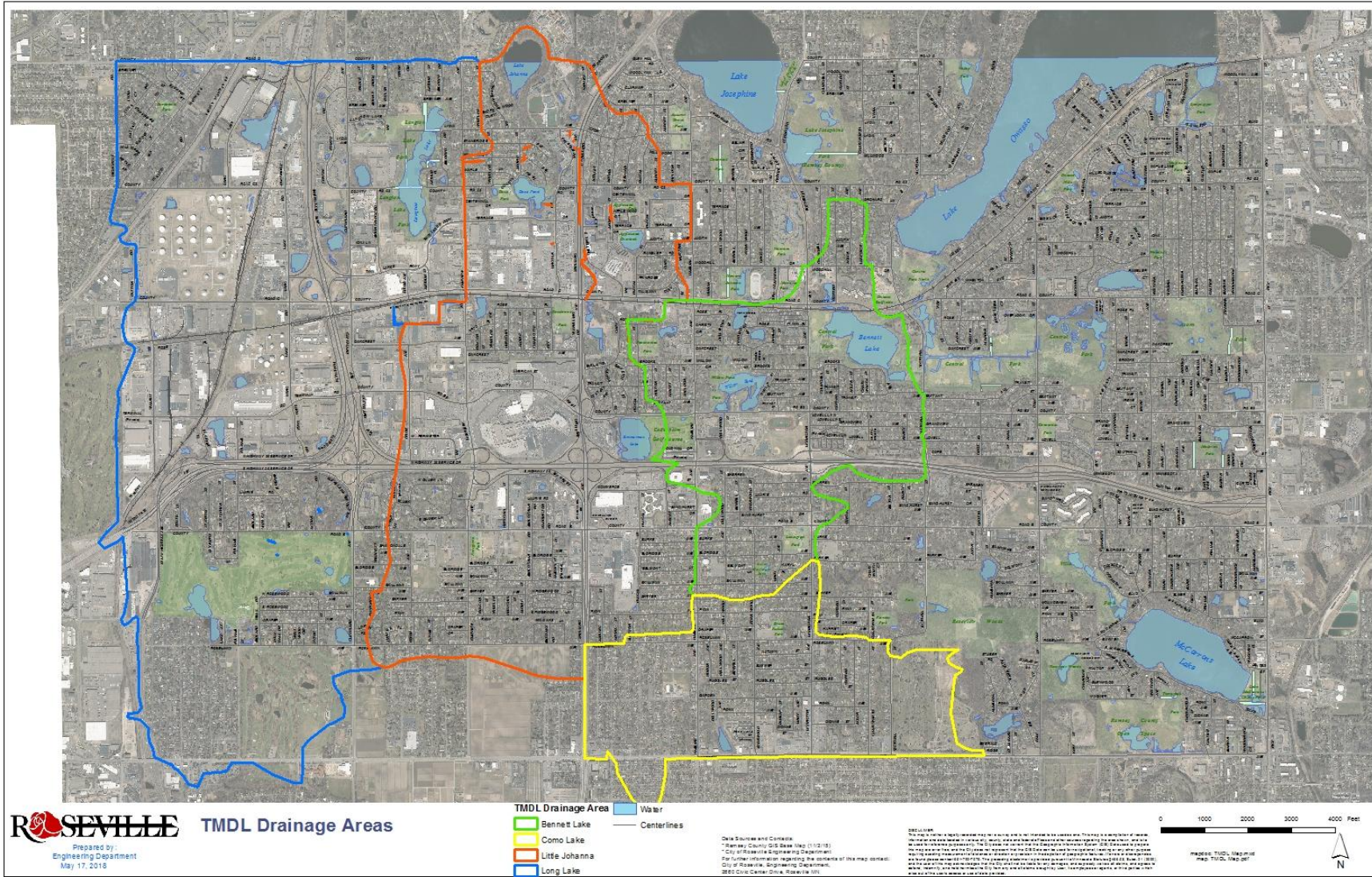


Project/Prioritization

- Infrastructure in our PMP areas
 - Storm sewer pipes
 - Catch basins
 - Manholes
 - Ponds
 - Other stormwater best management projects (BMPs)
- Prep work
 - Storm sewer televising
 - Catch basin & manhole inspections
 - Pond
 - Bathymetric survey
 - Inlet/outlet inspection
 - BMP
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 - Overall functionality
 - Flooding/drainage issues
 - Modify inlets/outlets
 - Increase storage
 - Add new BMPs

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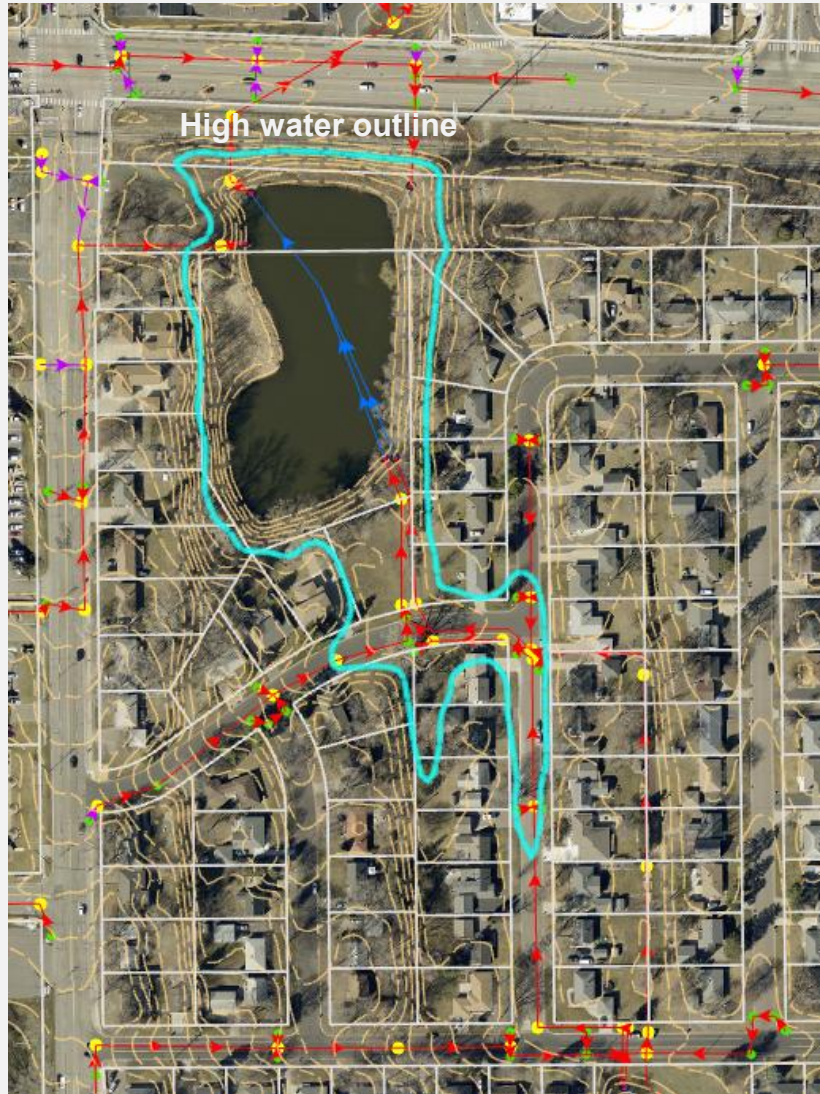


Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

- Como Lake
- Bennett Lake
- Little Lake Johanna
- Long Lake

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Project/Prioritization Overview



- **Prioritizing projects and maintenance**

- Annual Pavement Management Projects
- Standalone projects
 - Major drainage issues
 - Available staff and funding resources
 - Resident comments
 - Drainage/flooding concerns (high priority)
 - Algal blooms (low priority)

- **Typical planning scope**

- 12 - 24 months prior to maintenance
 - Bathymetric surveys
 - Inspect inlets and outlets
 - Sediment and/or core samples
 - Preliminary estimate
 - Evaluate current high-water elevations
- 0 – 18 months prior to maintenance:
 - Construction plans
 - Dredging
 - Replacing inlets and outlets
 - Modify inlets or outlets as needed for drainage improvements
 - Permitting
 - Outreach and notification to property owners

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Nuisance backyard flooding



Street flooding



Major yard flooding



Surcharging (water flowing out) catch basin/manhole

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Flooding at Gottfried Pit (2011)



Flooding of Fairview & C Pond (2011) onto Rose Pl.



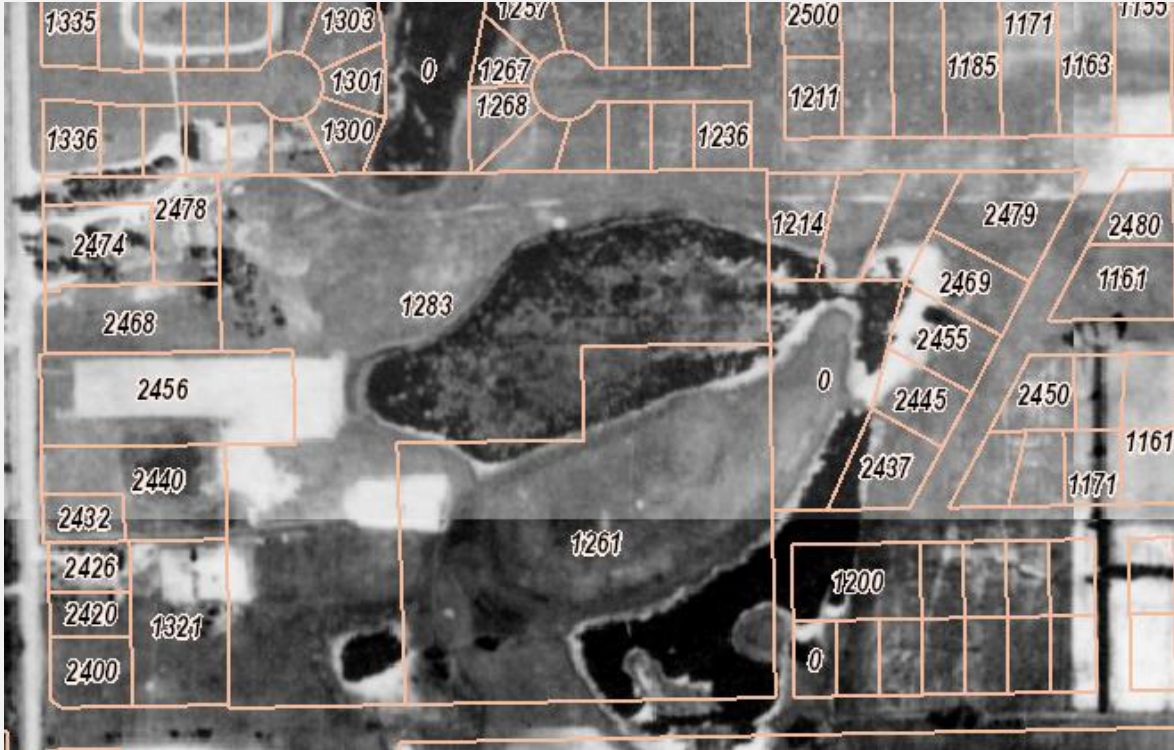
Flooding at Gottfried Pit (2011)



Flooding at Bennet Lake (2011)

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1940 aerial



1953 aerial



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Projects



Public infrastructure drains to a water resource (ultimately the Mississippi River) whether it is a stormwater pond, stormwater wetland, lake, etc.

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Projects



Construction happens....even with erosion control permits, inspections for best practices, contractor meetings, etc.

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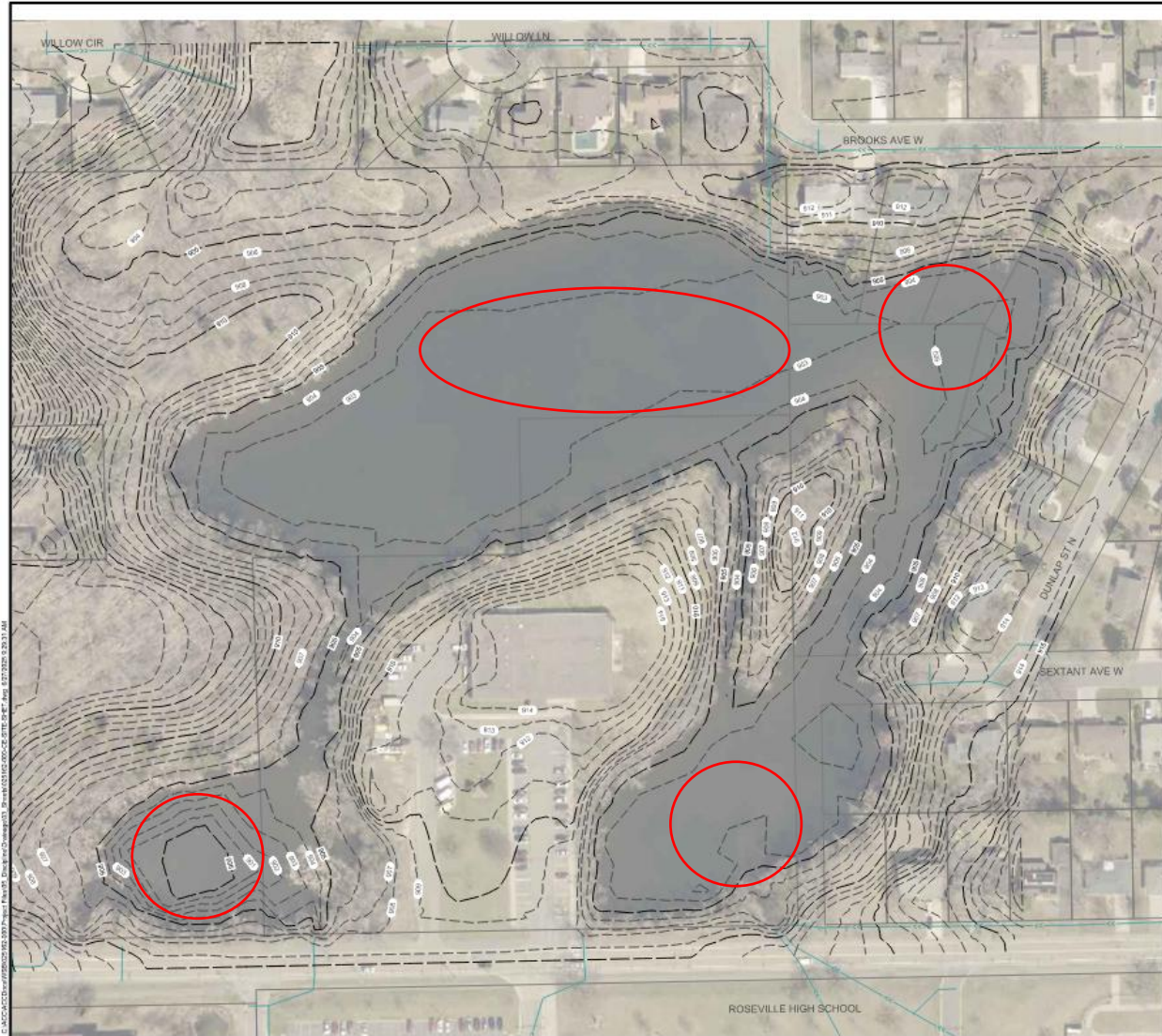
Projects



Willow Pond maintenance

- Outlet repaired 2023
- 2025/2026 Scope and est.
 - Dredge ~1' from entire basin
 - MPCA Teir 2 material
 - ~18,000 CY – ~\$1.1 million
 - Replace 9 inlets: \$60,000
 - Stabilization & Restoration: \$10,000
- Permitting:
 - Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District
 - MN DNR
 - Army Corp of Engineers
- Resident concerns:
 - Algal blooms/water quality
 - Pond has been filled in
 - Pond has never been this shallow


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2024 bathymetric map

Deepest elevation: 903 (2015: 901)

Average water depth: 2.2 ft (2015: 2.8 ft)

 Areas of concern

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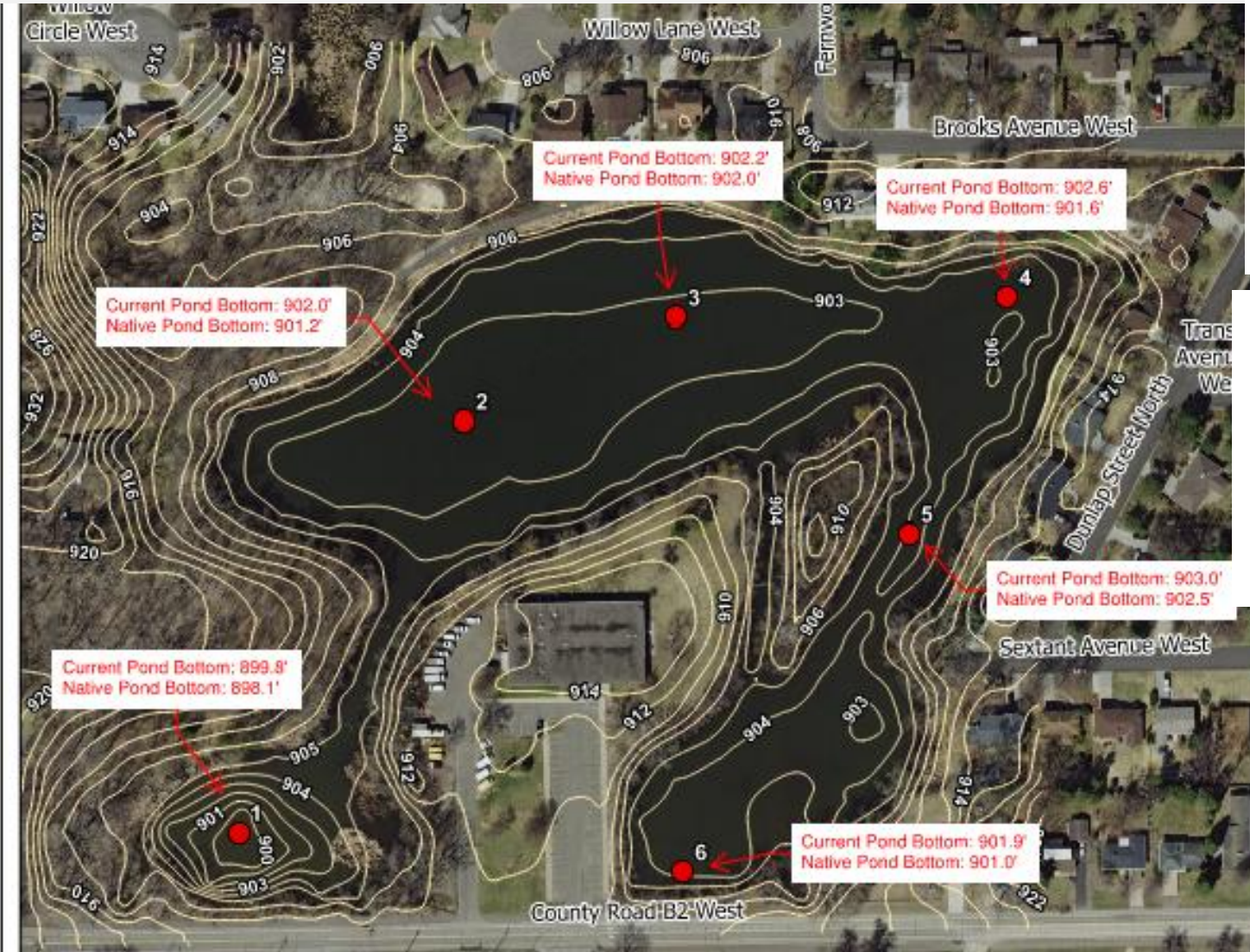


Table 1: Sediment Cores and Pond Bottom Elevations

Core Location	Pond Bottom Elevation (Top of Sediment)	Depth of Accumulated Sediment (ft)	Native Pond Bottom Elevation
1	899.8	1.7	898.1
2	902.0	0.8	901.2
3	902.2	0.2	902.0
4	902.6	1.0	901.6
5	903.0	0.5	902.5
6	901.9	0.9	901.0



Photo 1: February 25, 2025: Sediment Core, location 1



Photo 2: February 25, 2025: Sediment Core, location 2



Photo 4: February 25, 2025: Sediment Core, location 4

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Past Projects

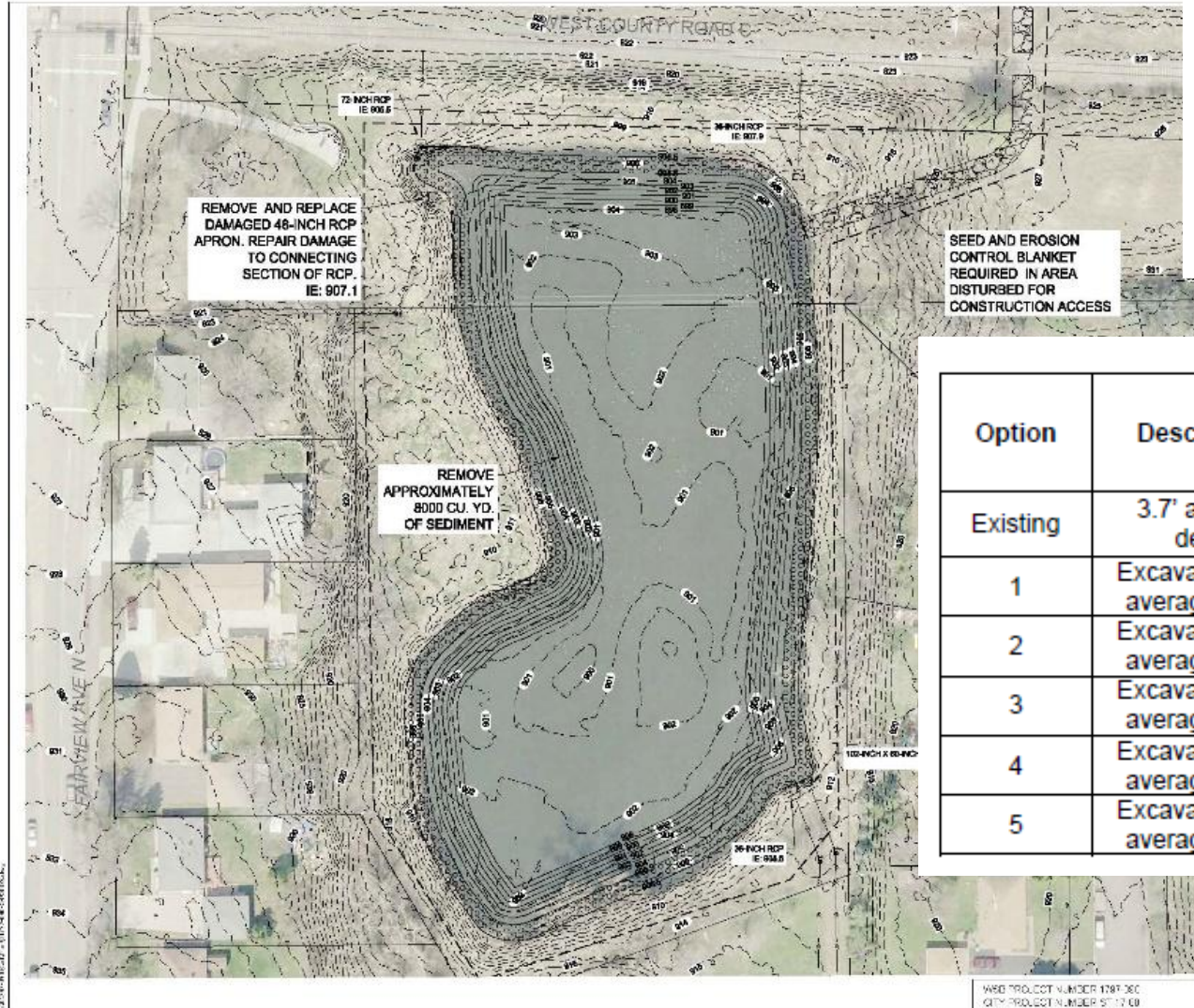


Table 5: Fairview Pond Summary

Drainage Area	514.5 acres
Pond Area	2.15 acres (per 2016 pond inspection)
Impervious Surface	79%
Current Average Depth	3.7 feet
Current Wet Volume	8.0 ac-ft
Outlet Diameter	78-inch (NW)
Inlet Diameters	Two 36-inch (NE, SE), 48-inch (NW), 84-inch equivalent arch (SE)

OBTAINED VIA POND VISIT CONDUCTED ON NOVEMBER 9, 2016.

Table 6: Fairview Pond Water Quality Analysis/P8 Results

Option	Description	Volume to Excavate (cy)	TP Removal Efficiency (%)	Annual TP Reduction (lbs/yr)	TSS Removal Efficiency (%)	Annual TSS Reduction (tons/yr)
Existing	3.7' average depth	N/A	25.9	214.4	56.6	72.4
1	Excavate to 4.0' average depth	1040	26.4	218.6	57.0	72.9
2	Excavate to 5.0' average depth	4510	28.0	232.2	58.3	74.6
3	Excavate to 6.0' average depth	7980	29.3	243.3	59.4	76.0
4	Excavate to 7.0' average depth	11,450	30.6	253.4	60.4	77.3
5	Excavate to 8.0' average depth	14,920	31.6	262.0	61.3	78.4

Average Removal Percentages
 TSS 84%
 TP 50%

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Past Projects



Fairview & C Pond (2022) Preconstruction



Fairview & C Pond (2022) Preconstruction

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Past Projects



Fairview & C Pond (2022) Post construction



Fairview & C Pond (2022) Post construction

Fairview & C Pond

- Project completion 2022
- Dredged 1/3 of the pond
- Replaced outlet
- Project Cost ~\$330,000
- Additional \$300,000 needed to dredge other 2/3 of pond

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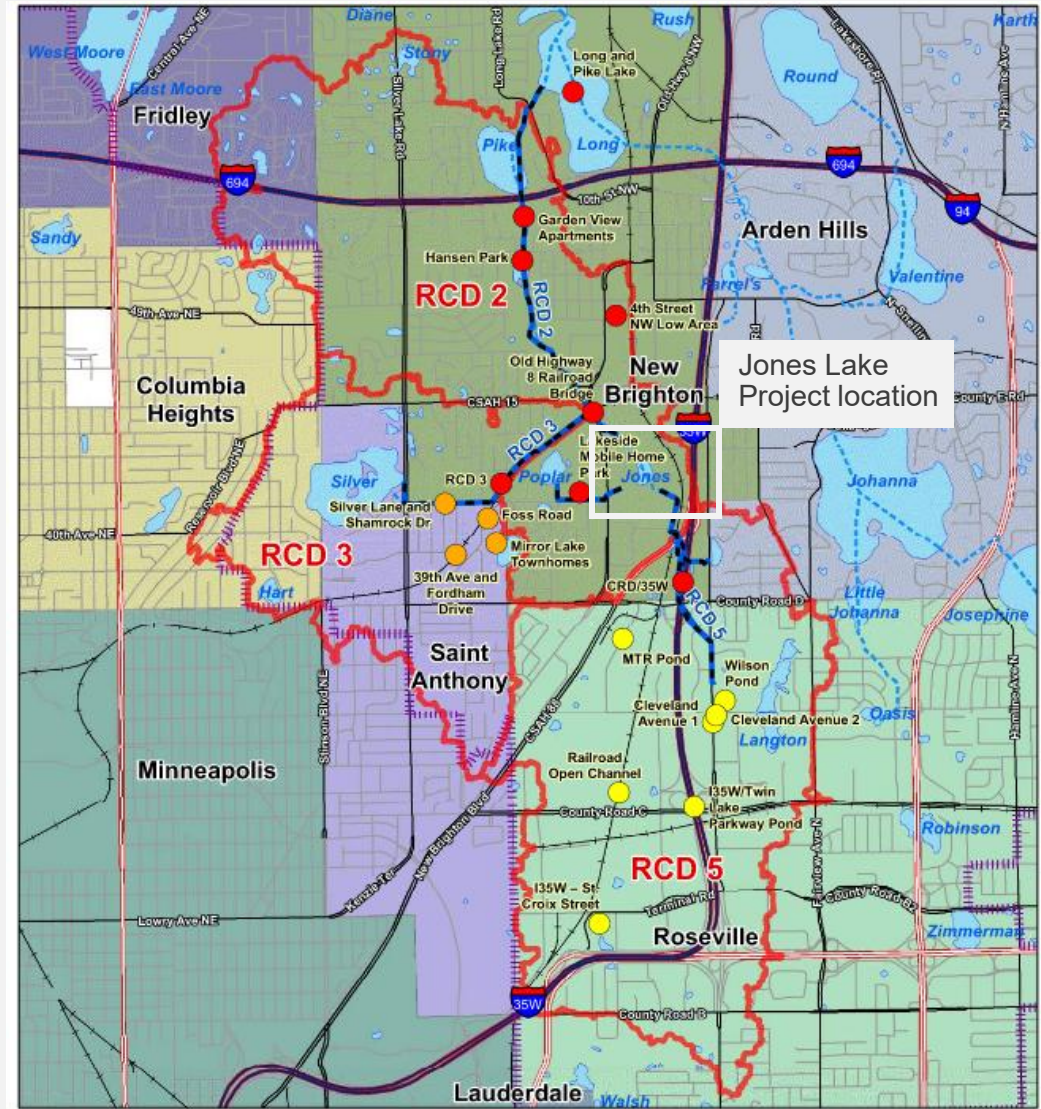
Partner Projects



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RCD 2, 3, AND 5 BASIC WATER
MANAGEMENT PROJECT – PHASE 2
RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT



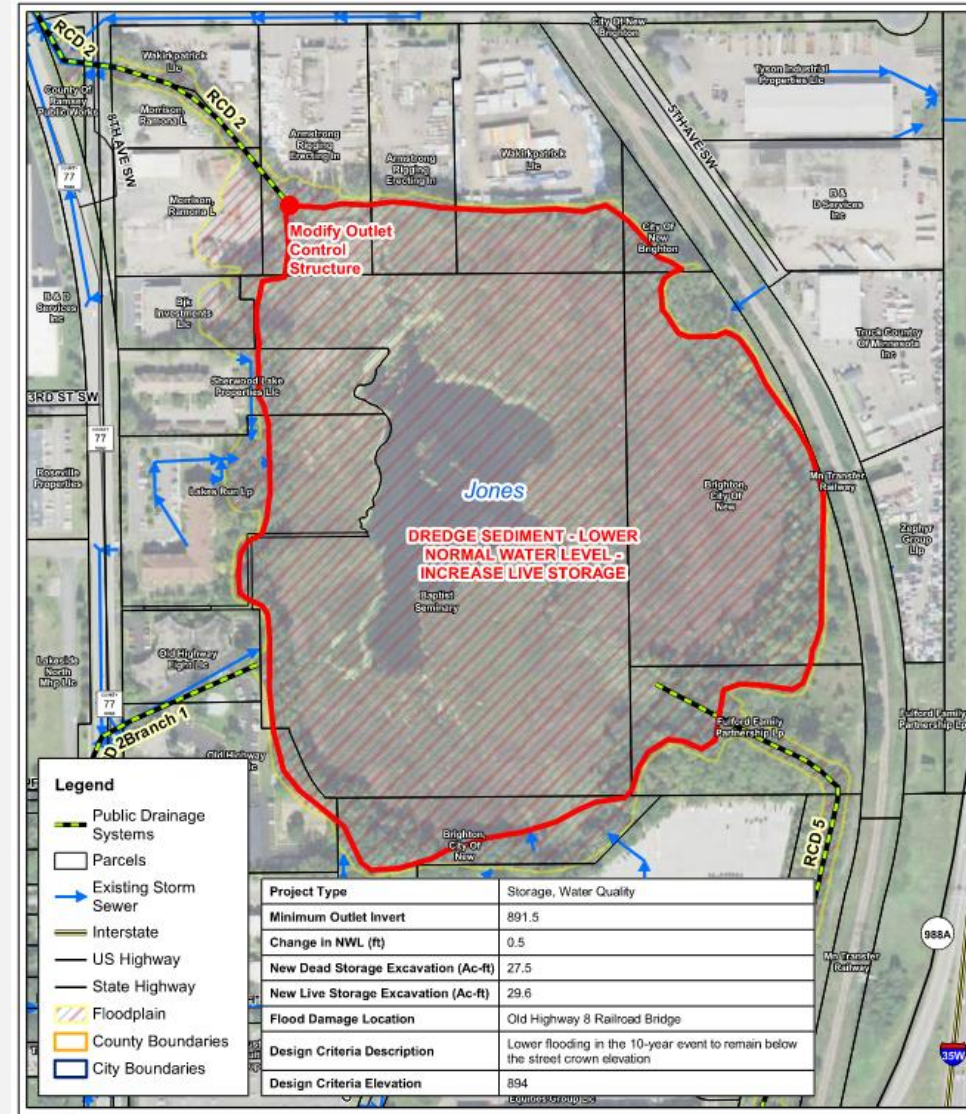
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Partner Projects

4.5 RCD2-5: MODIFY JONES LAKE OUTLET AND DREDGING

The Jones Lake Project is a critical project as it has the potential to provide a significant amount of new flood storage. The conceptualized project on Jones Lake will lower the normal water 0.5 feet to an elevation of 891.5. Further lowering of the outlet, which would be considered an "improvement" to RCD 2 under MS 103E, is limited by the downstream channel and storm sewer elevations including the likely infeasibility of meeting MS 103E requirements. Design parameters were used to keep the raised 100-year elevation at least 2-feet below adjacent structures. The lower normal water level, modified outlet and proposed dredging creates use of an additional 112.22 acre-feet of live storage.

- Joint project between Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD), City of Saint Anthony, City of New Brighton, and City of Roseville
- Estimated project cost of ~\$10 million
- Bonding priority of the RCWD



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Future pond projects

Name	Year	Estimated Costs		
		Dredging	Eng. (10%)	Total
Willow Pond	2025/2026	\$1,100,000	\$110,000	\$1,210,000
Acorn & Cty Rd B2 Pond	2026	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$165,000
Fulham/St Croix Pond	2026/2027	\$350,000	\$35,000	\$385,000
McCarrons Pond	2027	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$165,000
Walsh Pond	2027/2028	\$250,000	\$25,000	\$275,000
Roselawn Pond	2028	\$200,000	\$20,000	\$220,000
Sediment Pond	2028/2029	\$250,000	\$25,000	\$275,000
Alameda Pond	2029/2030	\$275,000	\$27,500	\$302,500
Fairview & C Pond	2030/2031	\$350,000	\$35,000	\$385,000
		\$3,075,000	\$307,500	\$3,382,500

Notes:

- Schedule is tentative and subject to modification based on resources, pavement management project locations, etc.
- There are still 100+ ponds on the list for maintenance (inlets, outlets, and/or dredging).



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Questions?

THANK YOU

Public Works Department

Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission

Agenda Item

DATE: September 30, 2025

ITEM: 5.b.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Consider Closure of Roseville Leaf Recycling Center

Background

As part of the 2026 budget planning process, City staff were asked to identify potential areas to cut the budget. One area that public works staff identified was the possibility to close the leaf site. At the September 8, 2025 Council meeting, staff presented the recommendations to council. The main reasons identified to close the site include costs, duplicative service to Ramsey County, and site issues. Roseville is the only city in Ramsey County to operate its own leaf site. The leaf site costs over \$126,000 annually to operate plus capital equipment replacement. The current equipment is at the end of its life and due for replacement. The leaf site was recommended to be closed at the end of 2025 with compost phased out by the end of 2026.

The council RCA, including background and detailed information on the site, is included as Attachment 1. The presentation that was presented to council is included as Attachment 2. Public feedback received is included as Attachment 3. Attachment 4 includes new and updated information collected by staff after the council meeting to address specific questions that were asked. Attachment 5 includes information on organic drop-off sites in and around Roseville.

Council took no action at the meeting, and it has since been referred to the Public Works Environment and Transportation Commission for their feedback and recommendation. Council plans to consider this matter again at the Monday, October 13, 2025 Council meeting.

Staff will present the information presented to Council as well as new information.

Recommendation

Provide recommendations to the City Council on whether the Roseville Leaf Recycling Center should remain open or close.

If the recommendation is to close the site, provide recommendation on organics collection at the site.

Attachments

1. Council RCA, September 8, 2025
2. Council Presentation, September 8, 2025
3. Public Feedback Received Through September 24, 2025
4. Additional Information on Leaf Site and Equipment Replacement
5. Current Organic Collection Sites

ROSEVILLE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: 9/8/2025

Item No.: 7.c.

Department Approval



City Manager Approval



Item Description: Consider Closure of Roseville Leaf Recycling Center

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2 **Background**

3 Public Works staff is recommending the leaf recycling center (leaf site) be closed as a City
4 service. The proposed closure is recommended for multiple reasons, including the
5 duplicative service offered by Ramsey County, issues with the current site, budget impacts,
6 City staff time and overall service issues at the site that have changed over the years.

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8 The leaf site has been in operation since around 1971. The site is approximately 2.5 acres
9 located at 2580 Dale Street, just south of County Road C. Originally, the site was just for
10 maintenance use and the gate was not open to the public. When the leaf pickup program
11 began in the 1980s, the site's gate was opened to the public, but it was staffed regularly to
12 check identification for Roseville residents only. Historically, this was done by police
13 reserves and then by a retired maintenance staff member. It has been over 10 years since
14 IDs have been regularly checked at the site.

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16 **Current Operation:**

17 The leaf site is open to Roseville residents only to drop off leaves only. No other material is
18 accepted. The site is open for walk up service year-round by going through a walk-in gate.
19 For approximately one month each spring and fall, the vehicle gates are open to enable
20 residents to drive in to unload leaves within the site.

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22 The leaves are distributed in piles to break down into compost. The City turns the piles over
23 approximately once a month to facilitate the leaves turning into compost. Each fall, the
24 compost pile is moved on the site to make room for new leaves.

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26 Compost bins are located just outside of the gate for residents to get free compost. On
27 Fridays during the spring/summer, residents can request compost be delivered to their
28 property for a fee of \$50.00 per load. The City also delivers compost to the community
29 garden sites. Compost is also used for some City projects.

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31 If compost is left over, it is sold to vendors at the end of the summer .

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33 The average cost to operate the site is currently \$126,000, which includes equipment time,
34 equipment maintenance costs, staff time and fuel. Direct out-of-pocket costs are, on
35 average, \$10,000 per year.

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37 **Reasons to Close:**

38 **1. Duplicate Service**

39 The main reason staff is proposing the closure of the leaf site is that this is a duplicate
40 service that Ramsey County also provides. Ramsey County provides this service to all
41 Ramsey County residents. Roseville is the only city in Ramsey County that provides a
42 city site for leaves. Roseville residents are helping fund duplicate programs. The
43 Ramsey County yard waste sites collect leaf material as well as grass clippings, tree
44 vegetation, garden waste and pumpkins. They also have compost available for residents
45 to pick up. A full list of materials collected are listed on the website below:

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47 <https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/recycling-waste/collection-sites/yard-waste>

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49 If the Roseville site is closed, Roseville residents still have access to the county sites for
50 leaves and compost and the additional services the county sites offer.

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52 **2. Issues with the Current Site**

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54 The existing site and operation of the site has many issues:

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56 Site location - The site is undersized for the number of leaves currently collected. The
57 site is approximately 110,000 SF or 2.5 acres. It is mainly constructed on fill without an
58 adequate base or drainage, so vehicles using the site in the fall or spring can have
59 issues getting stuck when the site is wet.

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61 Access – The site is not properly designed for public vehicle queueing, access, nor
62 circulation. This creates many dangerous vehicle maneuvers within or next to Dale
63 Street, which is a county road. For example, when the site is busy vehicles must queue
64 on the shoulder of Dale Street. Additionally, when residents are loading wood chips or
65 compost when the gates are closed, many residents back in from Dale Street.

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67 Illegal dumping – Since the site is not staffed and there are no cameras installed, a lot of
68 illegal dumping occurs. This includes large items like couches and televisions as well as
69 garbage bags. Although the site is clearly signed as a leaf site, many residents treat this
70 like a county facility and drop off grass clippings and wood debris.

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72 Illegal dumping could be addressed with additional security cameras and/or by providing
73 on-site staff, similar to Ramsey County, but this would increase the cost of maintenance
74 at the site.

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76 Non-Roseville residents – The site is only supposed to be for Roseville residents but,
77 since it is not staffed, we know many users are not Roseville residents. Staff receive
78 numerous calls and inquiries from non-Roseville residents about the use of the site. This
79 particularly happens on Tuesdays and Thursdays when the Ramsey County sites are
80 closed.

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82 This could be addressed by providing on-site staff, similar to Ramsey County, but this
83 would increase the cost of maintenance at the site.
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85 Contractor use and large mechanical dumping trailers – Ramsey County yard waste
86 sites prohibit commercial dumping. Additionally, since 2023, they have prohibited
87 mechanical or hydraulic dumping trailers. Since the Roseville site is un-staffed,
88 commercial users and large dump trailers use the Roseville site causing it to fill up faster
89 and creating additional problems related to queueing and access to the site.
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91 This could be addressed by providing on-site staff, similar to Ramsey County, but this
92 would increase the cost of maintenance at the site.
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94 Complaints of odor and noise – Although the site has been at the same location for over
95 40 years, complaints of odor and noise has increased yearly as new residents have
96 moved in, particularly the senior facility at the corner of Dale Street and County Road C.
97 City staff typically only performs operations during business hours from 7 AM – 3:30 PM
98 on weekdays. There is a fair amount of noise generated from equipment during compost
99 turning or stacking, especially with back up alarms. When the gates are open in the
100 spring and fall, City staff does perform work on the weekends to push up the piles to
101 make additional room.
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103 If the site is closed, odor would be greatly reduced due to the elimination of compost.
104 Overall noise at the site will be less as there will be less operations happening at the site
105 daily. There will likely still be some noise created if the site is used for tree debris, but it
106 would be for shorter time periods.
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108 **3. Budget Savings**

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110 Reduced cost in CIP – The current compost turner is an attachment to a front loader.
111 It is unit #168, a 1997 Wild Cat LS177A Compost Turner. It was purchased as a used
112 piece of equipment by the City in 2006. It has been scheduled for replacement since
113 2016 but has been delayed continuously due to the cost of replacement and because
114 similarly-sized compost turners are no longer available. Most new units are pull
115 behind units which would not work well on small sites like Roseville’s due to the
116 higher turning radius. The existing compost turner needs significant maintenance,
117 including the replacement of the entire sheet metal skin. The estimated cost of a new
118 compost turner is \$375,000 which would come out of the storm sewer fund. It is
119 currently listed in the 2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for full replacement. If the
120 site was closed, this item would be removed from the CIP.
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122 Equipment & fuel cost – On average, 720 hours of equipment usage (\$58,000) is
123 needed annually to operate the site. The main equipment used is a front-end loader
124 and the compost turner. On average, \$8,700 of fuel is used annually to maintain the
125 compost site. This cost would be saved if the leaf site was closed.
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127 Staff time – On average, staff spends around 720 hours (\$59,000) at the site, equal to
128 18-weeks of a full-time staff person. Most of the work is spent on pushing up the piles
129 in the spring and fall and doing compost turning every month. If the leaf site was
130 closed, staff would use the freed-up time to perform additional storm sewer
131 maintenance such as inlet/outlet maintenance and repairs, and potentially reduce
132 costs related to maintenance performed by contractors. Approximately 30 hours of

overtime would be saved as there would no longer be a need for staff to come in on the weekends during the spring and fall when the vehicle gates are open.

Future savings on tree disposal cost – Beginning in 2024, Ramsey County no longer allow cities to dispose of wood debris at their yard waste sites. The main reason for this is the cost for disposing the debris has gone up. City Public Works staff and Parks staff now only have two options to dispose of the debris: chip on site or haul to a site and pay a tipping fee. Chipping works for some small projects but it takes more time. For larger projects or for debris that is too large to be chipped, it must be disposed of at a commercial site for a fee. Preliminary talks with the City’s tree vendor indicate we could see a saving of 20% by having our own site to store material. If the leaf site was closed, one of the proposed uses for the property would be for City wood debris management. The site would be a place to store wood debris. It could then be chipped when time was available, or the City could rent a larger tub grinder every few years for the larger debris. This would result in significant time savings long term due to less tipping fees and costs related to hauling debris to facilities outside of Roseville.

Reduction in costs from elimination of CIP items and out-of-pocket costs related to the leaf site should provide overall cost savings to the storm water budget which may lead to a reduction of storm water rates or at least lessen future rate increases.

Reasons to Keep Open:

For 76% of Roseville residential properties, the Roseville site is closer than a Ramsey County site, 13% are closer to Ramsey County’s Arden Hills site, and the remaining 11% are closer to Ramsey County’s Midway site (Attachment 2). On average, residential properties in Roseville are now 1.33 miles from their nearest site, county or City-owned. If the Roseville site was closed, the closest Ramsey County site would, on average, be 2.79 miles away (Arden Hills, Midway, and Frank & Sims sites).

SUMMARY WITH ROSEVILLE SITE:			
Closest Site	SFR	Parcel Count	Average Distance (Miles)
Roseville		6604	1.16
Arden Hills		1091	1.55
Midway		905	2.30
Overall			1.33

SUMMARY WITHOUT ROSEVILLE:			
Closest Site	SFR	Parcel Count	Average Distance (Miles)
Arden Hills		4969	2.71
Midway		3154	2.77
Frank & Sims		477	3.79

Roseville residents can get compost delivered by the City for a fee. If the leaf site is closed, the City will no longer offer this service. On average, the City makes 65 deliveries per year

168 to residents and the community gardens (a revenue averaging \$3,250/year). The cost to
169 provide this service averages \$5,000/year which includes staff time, equipment costs and
170 software for scheduling. Ramsey County does not provide this delivery service, but
171 compost is available to pick up at their sites for free for Ramsey County Residents.

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173 **Future Use of the Site:**

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175 If the site is closed, City staff propose to keep the site for Public Works and Parks
176 maintenance activities. City staff would keep the Ramsey County Organics recycling at the
177 site but would move the containers outside of the gate to where the compost is currently
178 stored. Due to chipping use at the site, wood chips would also still be available to residents
179 at the site. These would be the only public uses at the site, but all would occur outside of
180 the gate. Since there would be significantly less wood chips available than compost, overall
181 site traffic would be greatly reduced.

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183 **City Wood Debris Management** – As discussed previously, Ramsey County no longer
184 allows cities to dispose of wood debris at their yard waste sites. If the leaf site was closed,
185 a portion of the site would be used to store wood debris generated for City use only. It
186 would not be open to the public. Wood debris is generated by the City from park cleanups,
187 natural resource events such as buckthorn removal, right-of-way or pathway trimming,
188 right-of-way tree clearing and storm cleanups. It could then be chipped when time is
189 available, or the City could rent a larger tub grinder every few years for the larger debris.
190 This would result in significant time and cost savings due to fewer tipping fees and costs
191 related to hauling debris to facilities outside of Roseville.

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193 **Space for Emergency and Temporary Uses** – Although the City will likely get some
194 additional yard space with the proposed Maintenance Operation Center, this site could
195 provide valuable space for other temporary or emergency uses. Emergency uses would
196 include temporary storage of water break material, or wood debris from storm damage.
197 Additionally, it could be a site for City contractors to use for staging or material storage,
198 which would help save money on projects. Historically, Ramsey County has allowed the
199 City to use the Kent Street facility for these uses. With the construction of the
200 Environmental Center in 2024, the Kent Street site is significantly smaller. The County does
201 still allow the City to use the site on an interim basis for water breaks, but we are now
202 limited to a 200-foot by 200-foot area. If Ramsey County has a need for the site, we lose
203 access to this site.

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205 **Proposed Phase Out Plan** – If the Council chooses to close the leaf site, staff recommends
206 this fall be the last year of leaf collection at the site. Staff would use the fall collection
207 season, October 6 - November 21, to message that the site would be permanently closed
208 to leaf collection after November 21, 2025. Staff would emphasize the alternative Ramsey
209 County sites where residents could take leaves. There is already signage at the site which
210 shows the alternative sites. Compost made from the fall collection will be available for
211 residents to pick up in the bins outside the gate the following year or until it is gone. Staff
212 would work with Ramsey County to move the Organic Recycling Containers outside of the
213 gate to where the compost bins are so the site would be secured and prevent public
214 dumping/access. This would make access to organics easier for residents to drop off and
215 easier for the vendor to empty the dumpster.

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Policy Objectives

One of the strategic directions is Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure - Roseville's assets and infrastructure are effectively, efficiently and sustainably planned, managed and funded.

The closure of the leaf site will eliminate duplicative public service with Ramsey County, resulting in cost savings to the storm water budget and provide the City with an alternative site for other operations.

Equity Impact Summary

Since this is a duplicative service to Ramsey County the overall impact on all residents is minimal. On average, Ramsey County has yard waste sites only 1.5 miles further for residents from the current city site. Since users of the site travel to the location by car, we do not anticipate the additional 1.5-mile drive to be a burden or make this service inaccessible to Roseville residents. By transitioning residents to use county sites, city staff time can be used to focus on other infrastructure maintenance. We also anticipate the overall cost savings to the storm water budget which may lead to a reduction of storm water rates or at least lessen future rate increases. By reducing cost this decision aligns with our strategic plan goal of ensuring resource allocation meets operational needs. By focusing more city staff time on infrastructure maintenance, we are also supporting our strategic priority to develop our multi-modal transportation system for Roseville stakeholders. See attached Equity & Inclusion Toolkit (Attachment 5) for more information.

Budget Implications

The biggest direct cost savings by closure of the leaf site would be elimination of the need to replace the compost turner. The estimated cost of replacement is \$375,000 which would come out of the 2028 storm sewer CIP. There are additional cost savings in using less equipment. Currently, the front-end loader is used over 720 hours to push up leaves as well as run the compost turner attachment. Less wear and tear on the loader will save repair costs and extend the life of this equipment. Additionally, on average \$8,700 of fuel is used annually to maintain the compost site. Direct out-of-pocket costs averages \$10,000 per year.

Some additional savings would be staff time that could be used elsewhere which could eliminate contract maintenance. There are about 720 staff hours annually (18 weeks) used to maintain the site. These hours could be used elsewhere to do additional deferred maintenance such as maintaining storm sewers or pavements which would also lessen the need to contract some of these items out.

As indicated before, some future additional savings could be made with tree management if the site could be used to manage tree debris.

Staff Recommendations

Staff recommends the City Council approve the closure of the leaf site for public use at the end of 2025 leaf season.

Requested Council Action

265 Consider approval to close the Roseville leaf site at the end of 2025 leaf season.

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Prepared by: Jesse Freihammer, Public Works Director

- Attachments:**
1. Location Map
 2. Yard Waste Sites
 3. Leaf Site Brochure – 2016
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Consider Closure of Roseville Leaf Recycling Center

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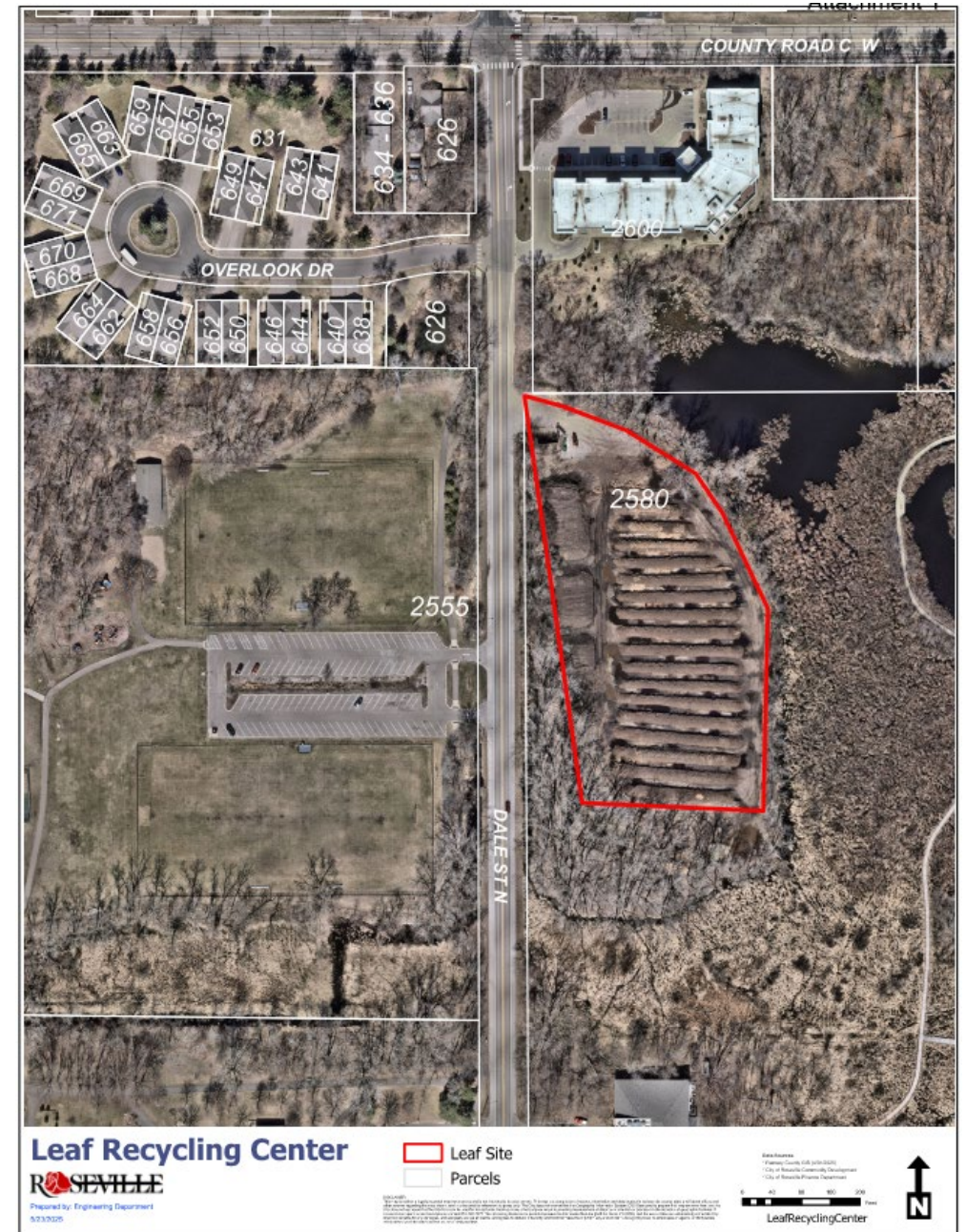
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Leaf Site Closure

Background

- Site has been around since around 1971
- 2.5 acres located at 2580 Dale Street
- Originally used for maintenance-use only
- In 1980 when the leaf pickup program began, the gate was open seasonally.
- Residents Only
 - Staffed by police reserves and retired maintenance staff. It has been over 10 years since the site has been staffed



Leaf Site Closure

Current Operation

- Collects Leaves Only
 - No brush or grass clippings allowed (yard waste)
- Walk-In gate open year-round
- Vehicle gate opened seasonally
 - 4 weeks in the spring
 - 6 weeks in the fall or until snow
- Leaves are turned by the city into compost
 - Turned approximately 9x per year
- Compost is available free for pick in bins outside the gate
- Can pay \$50 for deliveries in the summer



Leaf Site Closure

Reasons to Close Site

Duplicative Service

- Ramsey County offers the same service as their yard waste sites
 - They provide additional services such as wood debris and grass clippings
 - Residents can also get mulch
 - Only service not available is compost delivery
 - Site is open year-round
 - April – November
 - Closed on Holidays and every Tuesday and Thursday.
 - December – March
 - Closed on Holidays, open weekends only.



Leaf Site Closure

Reasons to Close Site

Issues with the Site

- Site Location
 - Undersized for the volume of leaves
 - Poor soils and drainage
 - Vehicle Tracking onto Dale Street
- Access
 - Vehicle stacking on Dale Street
- Illegal Dumping
 - Dirt, grass, garbage
- Non- Resident Dumping/Contractors
 - Ramsey County sites are closed Tuesdays and Thursdays, so Roseville site gets used since it is not staffed
- Odor and Noise Complaints



Leaf Site Closure

Reasons to Close Site



Leaf Site Closure

Reasons to Close Site

Budget Savings

- Reduced CIP Cost
 - Compost Turner – 1997 Wild Cat
 - Purchased used in 2006
 - At the end of the life
 - Parts hard to find, sheet metal replacement needed
 - 2028 CIP - \$375,000
 - May not be able to find similar attachment.
 - May require larger loader
- Equipment and Fuel Costs
 - 720 hours (\$58,000)
 - \$8,700 in fuel annually (out of pocket costs)
- Staff (\$59,000)
 - 720 hours (18-weeks)
 - Would be able to reallocate staff to other deferred work such as storm sewer repairs to lessen need for contract work



Leaf Site Closure

Reasons to Close Site

Budget Savings

- Potential Future Savings on Tree Disposal Cost
 - Since 2024 cities can not use Ramsey County Yard Waste Sites
 - Need to chip (takes additional time)
 - Haul to private site and pay tipping fee
 - Costs more time and money
 - Preliminary talks with our tree vendor indicates we could save 20% in our cost if they had a site to store materials
 - Chip at a later date or in bulk



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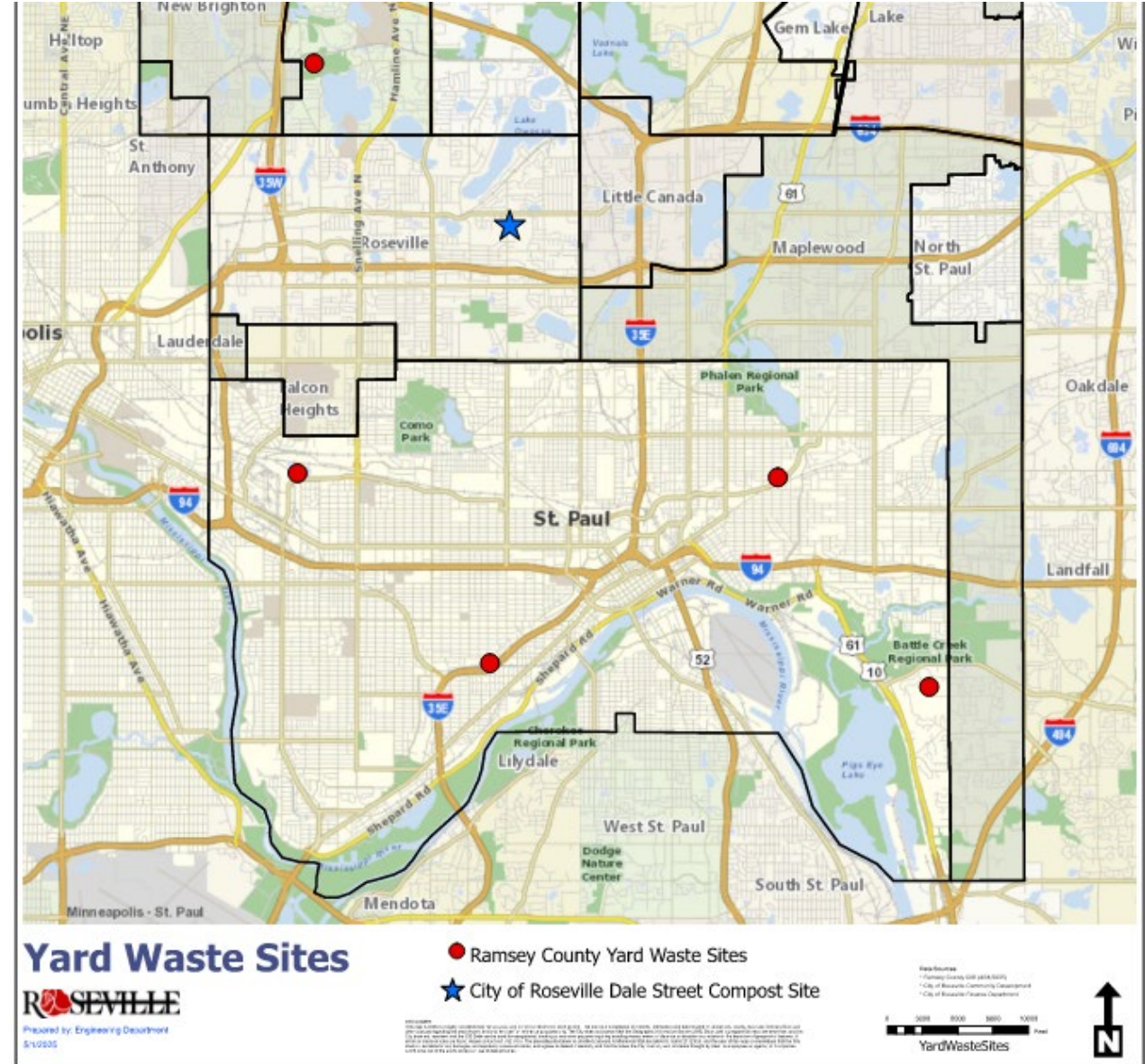
Reasons to Keep Open

Proximity

- 76% of residents this is the closest site
- Current distance for the average resident to a leaf site is 1.33 miles
- If closed, the average distance would be 2.79 miles (+1.46 miles)

SUMMARY WITH ROSEVILLE SITE:		
Closest Site	SFR Parcel Count	Average Distance (Miles)
Roseville	6604	1.16
Arden Hills	1091	1.55
Midway	905	2.30
Overall		1.33

SUMMARY WITHOUT ROSEVILLE:		
Closest Site	SFR Parcel Count	Average Distance (Miles)
Arden Hills	4969	2.71
Midway	3154	2.77
Frank & Sims	477	3.79
Overall		2.79



Leaf Site Closure

Future Use if Closed

Wood Debris Management

- Would use for Public Works and Parks staff generated wood debris management
 - Storm Damage
 - Boulevard Vegetation Maintenance
 - Pathway Vegetation Maintenance
 - Natural Resource Management

Emergency Operations & Temporary Uses

- Water breaks
- Temporary contractor storage (city construction project)

Organic Drop Off Bins (Ramsey County)

- Would move the bins outside of the gate into the bins
 - Easier for residents to access
 - Easier for vendor to maintain



Leaf Site Closure

Proposed Phase Out Plan

- Fall 2025 would be last year to collect leaves
 - No leaf collection in 2026
- Use this fall as education at the leaf site about Ramsey County sites that are free and provide the same service
 - Future newsletter articles
 - Additional signage at the site
- Compost would be available for pickup for 2026
 - City would make compost in 2026 but would work to sell the 2026 batch in the fall of 2026 or early 2027 to vendors



Leaf Site Closure

Equity Toolkit

- Equity & Inclusion Toolkit was completed to change in service
- Toolkit examines the benefit/burdens of the change in service, unintended consequences, strategies to mitigate negative consequences and engagement.
- Toolkit reveals the following issues worth noting:
 - Slightly increased burden to users since they need to travel further to a Ramsey County site
 - Cost savings may lead to a reduction or at least lessen future rate increases to storm water rates
 - Reducing this cost aligns with the strategic plan goal of ensuring resource allocation meets operation needs.



Leaf Site Closure

Requested Council Action

1. Consider approval to close the Roseville leaf site at the end of 2025 leaf season.

QUESTIONS

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FYI sent to the Council about the leaf recycling center.

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Good Morning

My husband and I are long-term Roseville residents. 35+ years. We were watching the council meeting on the proposed closure of the Roseville leaf recycling center and we have a few comments and suggestions.

First, we want to say we agree with the recommended proposal to close the site for the reasons stated in the documentation. We have seen firsthand the abuse of the site including illegal dumping, non-residents using the site, and concerns with traffic flow and access. Operational costs and duplicate services are valid.

With that said, we do have concerns about using the existing Ramsey County sites. We do use them for non-leaf recycling, both Arden Hills and Midway. First, their hours are limited and they are closed two days of the week. They do not open until 11 AM. In the fall, the lines are extremely long to drop off yard waste especially leaves. As you know, many Roseville properties have very large mature trees and have a lot of leaf debris. You can only mulch so many leaves. We have been lucky to live a short distance from the current Roseville site and have appreciated the ability to use it. On a typical leaf pick up in our yard, which occurs weekly during the fall, we will make a minimum of two trips to the leaf dump. If we need to use the Ramsey County sites, this adds significant mileage, time and waits in line. In addition, we help our neighbors with their leaf pick up. We would no longer do this if we were driving further to the other sites.

Our Ask: We would like the City of Roseville to engage with Ramsey County to explore options to extend their hours (opening much earlier) during the fall to accommodate the increased traffic of Roseville residents using the site. This will not only impact us, but also the other existing users of those sites. Anyone who uses them on a regular basis, knows how busy they are.

Organics: We also appreciate the organics dumpsters at this site. However we could easily use the ones on Kent Street.

Compost: We want to note that the compost at our site is highly superior to the compost at the Ramsey County sites. Compost at the Ramsey County sites are filled with more debris and they run out often. Hence, this is why non-Roseville residents are coming to our site often. As you stated, there are days it's nearly impossible to get to the pile because of the back up on Dale Street. Other sites have compost, however it is not the same quality or quantity and ours is available 24 hours outside the gates. A big thank you to those providing that service.

Additionally, it would be great if Ramsey County could open another site that would service the areas of Roseville, Little Canada and Vadnais Heights areas. If you are willing and could facilitate those discussions, Roseville residence would be grateful.

We're lucky to have these resources in our community and we appreciate all the efforts to maintain these programs. They are very valuable.

Thank you,
George and Cheryl Hernandez

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I have just heard that the leaf recycling/compost facility on Dale Street will be closing due to complaints from the nearby senior facility. I think that this decision is absolutely unfair to the residence of Roseville that utilize this facility. I have always felt proud that Roseville has opportunities for taking better care of our environment. It saddens me that city leadership is choosing to close this facility because of complaints from a profit hungry business that knew it was building their facility right next to a compost site. They made that decision, why do we have to suffer because of it?!

My fiancé built me a beautiful 10' x 30' raised garden bed this spring that he filled using the compost site upper Dale Street. My garden has absolutely flourished. I know that there is a nearby site in Saint Paul. However, I also know that Saint Paul residence do not take as much care attention to what they are dropping off at their site. Saint Paul is not as clean as Roseville. Saint Paul is not as forward thinking in caring for their environment as Roseville is or rather has been.

Please help me learn what I can do, if anything, to make sure that the compost/leaf recycling site off of County Road D does not close.

Thank you for serving the people of Roseville,

Shevon Olson

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Hi Jesse,

Thanks for the update! I saw this in the council packet and saw the article. Based on the info staff provided, I think it makes sense to close it. I do use the site myself as it is much closer to my house than any of the county drop off sites, but I have witnessed illegal dumping and cars nearly getting stuck in the ruts. It doesn't seem to make financial sense given the anticipated significant costs coming up and isn't 100% necessary since we also have county sites.

I know people don't like change and the county sites may be slightly less convenient, but it is a better experience. They have knowledgeable staff, traffic control, and you can dump other yard waste besides just leaves. I hope other residents that maybe haven't been to the county sites before will check them out.

Thank you,
Allison Luongo

On Fri, Sep 12, 2025, 8:04 AM Jesse Freihammer <Jesse.Freihammer@cityofroseville.com> wrote:

All,

See attached packet information we presented to Council on Monday night about staff proposing to close the city leaf site. Additional info can be found in this news article.

<https://www.rosevillereader.com/city-considers-closing-roseville-leaf-recycling-center/?ref=the-roseville-reader-newsletter>

<https://youtu.be/IyNTPtENwTw?t=5786>

We started with Council on this one since it started as a budget discussion. It's tough on some issues to start with PWET if council does not have knowledge of a proposal before PWET give feedback. This felt like a topic we needed council feedback first if they thought this was a good idea and then bring to PWET if they wanted further discussion.

Council did not take action but overall supported the closure. We will likely bring this back to council on September 22 for action.

Any questions or feedback let me know. Please make sure to only respond back to me. Thanks.

Jesse Freihammer, P.E.

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Was this discussed at PWET?

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Dear Elected City Representatives,

I serve on the Public Works, Environment & Transportation Commission and was shocked to see The Roseville Reader article about the proposal to close the leaf recycling center. This was NEVER brought to our Commission which leaves me wondering WHY we have these Commissions in the first place. It appears that if Staff is concerned they won't receive favorable feedback from the Commissions, they bring topics straight to the Council for a quick vote. Additionally, it's my understanding that Council never questioned if the PWET Commission had any engagement on this topic, which I find disheartening.

I don't disagree that some of Staff's reasoning has merit, but it should be open to discussion and community input FIRST. I do appreciate that Council tabled it for a couple weeks to allow for comment, but the respectable thing to do would have been to bring it the Commission first. This closure would impact a TON of residents who value this offering.

Illegal dumping, people outside of Roseville using it, and contractors using it are all legitimate concerns. I recognize that staffing the site would be costly; however, could we consider using technology to assist here??

As far as complaints from the nearby senior housing complex, what did this developer think building near a swamp and next to a compost site would be like?? Did none of these residents look at their surroundings before they decided to move in?? This site has been in operation for decades, and it's silly to weigh these complaints over the value it provides for many, many residents. I

would love to cite statistics here, but I don't have usage data.
*Additionally, since noise was cited as a concern, I find it interesting that Staff's suggestion of continuing to use the site for wood chipping wouldn't somehow be the SAME thing.

As tax payers, we've heard all about how Public Works needs more space, and they will be receiving a larger maintenance yard as part of the local sales tax effort and new facility build. Using more space needs in relation to the leaf site feels like double dipping to get more of what they want - at a cost to Roseville citizens.

Regarding costs to operate, it is important to look at this. That said, I strongly object to scrapping this offering due to costs (for a service that is rightly used by thousands of people) when the City is literally trying to strap tax payers with half of the proposed \$14 million investment (not to mention all the unforeseen costs) for a new DMV and dance studio! City of Roseville wants to talk about cutting costs and redirecting staff when you want to burden our community with \$7 million plus to fund a dance studio to cater to approximately TWO HUNDRED people a year, of which nearly half aren't even Roseville residents! Double speak: we don't want to offer leaf recycling because people outside of Roseville MIGHT be using it (when there are no checks and balances in place), but we are going to increase people's taxes 2-3% (I realize half of this is for the DMV) for a dance studio that was never included on last year's ballot. This is lunacy.

Regarding staff time, I can appreciate the labor needed for storm sewer maintenance projects, but I also question how all of that is currently funded considering Met Council requirements and local watershed district funding. Lastly, I'll add that if storm water management is a concern here, the City needs to take a closer look at their mowing practices (by city staff or city hired contractors) as we continually see debris mowed onto city streets which then ends up getting washed into our waterways. This may seem a bit off topic, but I mention it because it feels very convenient to speak of all the benefits to closing this site, when many of the "reasons" are things the City could manage differently if they were truly concerned.

I appreciate your time and consideration in reviewing my concerns. It feels shady to have this topic brought straight to the Council for quick review and closure after this season. I'm all for cutting costs, but for the investment in comparison to the service it provides citizens, I think there are PLENTY of other areas where Roseville could make much needed cuts. I strongly believe the leaf center is a valuable offering to our community and should remain in operation.

I welcome your emails and am happy to have a conversation with any of you.

Thanks in advance,
Des Mueller

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Regarding the closure of the leaf recycling center - I think Roseville needs to preserve access to the organics composting bins at this location. While the Ramsey County Environmental Center is only two miles away, that is a significant distance to some residents. An ultimately, Roseville should be expanding access to organics composting, not reducing access. I realize there are issues with dumping at the current location. I see it myself. But my hope is that The Council can reach a solution without eliminating the site altogether. Thank you for your consideration and all that you do for our city.

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Attention Jesse.

I have lived in Roseville over 30 years.

When they put up signs to build the Senior building on C and Dale, I predicted that within 10 years they would be pressuring the City to remove the compost site.

I said then that I would vigorously resist their efforts.

They knew going in that the site was there and smelled of compost.

The Compost site is a place where residents gather as they recycle kitchen waste, leaves, and other yard waste. We greet each other and encourage each other as we go about our chores and efforts to beautify and maintain our properties.

Roseville is better for its citizens having this site in every way!

As far as criminal dumping is concerned, the gate is already there and locked.

Place people, whether paid staff or utilizing volunteers to track site use.

Citizens already must show ID at other sites around, so it does not add onerous burden to those who live here.

Cameras, which have become quite inexpensive, can be placed to track illegal dumping during locked hours.

There is no reason to eliminate such a city treasure as this (regardless of odor).

Blessings,

Gary Gustafson
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To: [Jesse Freihammer](#)
Subject: Fw: Online Form Submittal: Contact City Council
Date: Friday, September 12, 2025 2:40:39 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-Roseville](#)

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Subject Composting must stay

Contact Information

Name: Tonia Bevers

Address: 2367 McMenemy Street

City: Roseville

State: MN

Zip: 55117

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Please do not take away the composting location on Dale street! It is a small way that individuals can make a difference in reducing waste.
The benefits to the community far outweigh any discomforts that anyone might complain about.
This site has been a valuable part of our community for over 50 years.

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Subject Leaf Recycling Center

Contact Information

Name: Michael Reber

Address: 2200 Irene St

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State: MN

Zip: 55113

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I read the article about the possible closing of the leaf recycling center and have some concerns.

The illegal dumping, non Roseville residents using the leaf center and contractors using it as it originally was for Roseville residents only.

As for the noise complaint from the senior living facility, they knew about the smell and noise before building as the leaf site was there many years before they built. If Roseville closes the site but turns it into a wood chipping location the noise will continue and the senior housing neighbor will still be complaining.

As for the cost to run the site, if the city is planning to build a new dance studio along with the DMV building which is more than likely being used by non-residents, finding funds to keep the leaf center should not be hard to find.

As for the site, why not have limited hours, have an employee on site during open hours (like Ramsey County does) and use the gate, close during off hours and open during open hours just like Ramsey County does.

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Subject Compost site at Dale & C

Contact Information

Name: Craig Christenson

Address: 2585 Wheeler St N

City: Roseville

State: MN

Zip: 55113

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I regularly use this site for leaves, compost and garbage drop-off and see a lot of other residents there using it. It is a valuable benefit that I believe should be kept.
The senior housing next door was built afterwards and any odors are their problem to deal with not the city.

It is unfortunately normal to have a few scofflaws abuse city benefits.
I hope you will post a written notice that their abuse is costing city residents higher taxes; and that you will prosecute those that do not follow the rules.
This will require video monitoring followed by prosecution/penalty. Vehicle license ID is the only proof that should be required.
Once a few have been punished 'and' outed to the public the abuses would be expected to substantially decrease.

Thanks, Craig Christenson

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Subject Dale Compost center

Contact Information

Name: Liz Wendland

Address: 1791 Dale St N

City: Roseville

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Zip: 55113

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Please Share Your Comment, Question or Concern Please don't close the compost center. It sends the message that Roseville doesn't care about the environment. People are not going to drive 8 miles to wait in line to compost. Not to mention the waste of gas. And saying that people in the building next to it have complained about the smell is hilarious. We all knew it would smell when they built that place! I agree the dumping is a problem. How much is occurring and what else can be done?
Thank you for your time

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Subject Vote on closing leaf recycling center on Dale Street

Contact Information

Name: Mary and Mike Gaida

Address: 676 Heinel Drive

City: Roseville

State: MN

Zip: 55113

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We've heard that you will soon be voting on whether to close the leaf recycling center on Dale Street. We hope you will keep it open. We drop our leaves off bag by bag as we do not have a trailer, etc. to carry it a long way. It is very convenient. We are in our 80's and want to stay in our home and this is a convenient way to get rid of our leaves (we have quite a few trees in our backyard). Please keep this center there. We pay a lot of taxes, which are increasing every year, and this is something we find very necessary.

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To: [Jesse Freihammer](#)
Subject: Fw: Roseville Leaf and Organics Compositing Sight 9.8.25 Agenda Item 7c
Date: Monday, September 15, 2025 1:45:12 PM
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Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 1:03 PM
To: Pat Trudgeon <Pat.Trudgeon@cityofroseville.com>
Subject: Fw: Roseville Leaf and Organics Compositing Sight 9.8.25 Agenda Item 7c

Pat,

This did not go to the general council email so you probably did not see it...

Dan Roe | Roseville Mayor

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From: Michele Brusegard [REDACTED]
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Robin Schroeder <robin.schroeder@cityofroseville.com>; Julie Strahan
<julie.strahan@cityofroseville.com>

Subject: Roseville Leaf and Organics Compositing Sight 9.8.25 Agenda Item 7c

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Hello Mayor Roe and Council Members Bauer, Groff, Schroeder and Strahan,

I am writing in regards to the City Council Meeting held on September 8, 2025 Agenda item 7c: the closure of the City's leaf and organics composting site. I understand there are financial constraints regarding the purchase of equipment, specifically a leaf mulcher, that is needed in order to maintain the site, but the needs of the intangible good the community receives should also be considered. The city made no clear arguments as to what other solutions and ideas they had in order to keep this facility open, causing one to wonder if the cost is an excuse versus the city planning to sell the land to the highest bidder. For example, when the City used to vacuum the leaves and the cost became too high, those who wanted to continue the service were charged for it. Similarly, the City could charge a seasonal fee to residential users to help offset the costs and to deter commercial lawn services from dumping at the site and charge a higher rate per load.

Mayor Roe suggests residents to use the Arden Hills and Kent sites; these both have drawbacks. The Arden Hills site often is overcrowded, especially during peak raking season, the hours are limited for organics disposal and quite frankly, the Arden Hills site does not have the capacity to handle the additional materials or vehicles. The Kent Street location also lacks hours that are convenient for organics disposal with many residents dropping their organics off on their way to work. What this means is fewer people will be willing to continue their composting initiatives especially with the city lacking any curbside composting pick ups such as what some surrounding cities have.

While issues around illegal dumping is a problem, I suspect Roseville currently has a service maintaining security cameras; which while not eliminating the problem would offer a deterrent to this practice of unscrupulous actors. Unfortunately, the people willing to do this will continue to do it anywhere.

Recently the decisions the City of Roseville are making are regressive instead of progressive and advancing the City to a more sustainable future. This can be seen in many different areas such as road plans that are not cyclists friendly, to closing of facilities that are for the betterment of the environment, to allowing more and more green spaces to be destroyed in order for homes and businesses to be built, or allowing people to cut down nearly all the trees on their lot and not requiring replacements or fining them. The City may look at this "it's just a leaf composting facility" but it speaks to the greater issues at hand that a narrow focus on finance is being looked at versus a holistic analysis of both the fiduciary aspects against the betterment of the community that is attractive to current and future residents.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Cordially,

Michele Brusegard

SEP 15 2025

Sharon Lewandowski

1235 Eldridge Av W

Roseville, MN 55113

City clerk, Council members,

I am disturbed to read about the possible changes to the food waste, compost site on Dale near Co. Rd C. This site is greatly used by tax paying Roseville residents. I am 75 years old. I am grateful to be able to deposit my food wastes and take buckets of compost back to my yard for my vegetable gardens and flowers. Every visit to this site I encounter other residents using this site respectfully and in order with the intended use.

I am sorry there are a very few that are misusing this site. Please, do not discontinue the site due to the misuse of a few, when hundreds of others use this privilege responsibly. This compost site is good for the community, good for the environment, and good for the many young people who travel past this site to see how natural composition and environment protection (and the City of Roseville) can work for our good and the good of the earth.

Instead of closing, consider other options, perhaps a free will "pay as you are able" or cameras to catch the perpetrators.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon Lewandowski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

From: [Amy Schultz](#)
To: [Jesse Freihammer](#)
Subject: Leaf recycling site - keep it open
Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 6:59:31 AM

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Hi Jesse,
I do not support closing the leaf recycling site.

I live northwest of Dale Street and our family and neighbors frequently use the leaf recycling site to both drop off leaves and to use the resulting compost. I drive past it every day and people are there using the site. Closing it would be a huge loss to our community. The cost to keep open is good use of tax payers money, including mine.

As for the people in the building next it who have complained, it was built and people moved into it knowing it was there already.

About the dumping, that happens on other parts of the city too. This isn't the only public location it happens.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Amy Schultz
743 Heinel Dr.
Roseville, MN 55113

From: [Gordon Dahlen](#)
To: [Jesse Freihammer](#)
Subject: possible closing of leaf disposal site
Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025 9:11:08 AM

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I heard that the city of Roseville is considering closing the dale street leaf disposal/compost site due to cost considerations. I wish to express my strong opposition to this plan. I use the site each year both for leaf disposal and for obtaining compost for my garden. I believe it is an asset to the residents of Roseville. I understand that one consideration is the fact that Ramsey County has other sites available. Since anyone (not just Roseville residents) can use the site, would/should Ramsey County pay part/all of the costs to operate it?

Thank You

Gordon Dahlen

9-20-25

City of Roseville

I am concerned over the talk
of closing the compost site on
Dale + Co RLC.

So many good people use this
site and our community is
beautified both by the composted
soil used to grow flowers + vegetables
as well as the leaves that are cleared
from yards to be composted at this site.

Please do not close this site.

I'm sure creative minds can figure
out a solution to the problems
set out that makes some folks anxious
to close this very well used popular
and beneficial site.

Thank you for your service
to our community -

Sincerely
Sharon L. Lusk

From: [Pat Trudgeon](#)
To: [*RVCouncil](#)
Cc: [Jesse Freihammer](#)
Subject: Fw: Organics recycling at C & Dale
Date: Monday, September 22, 2025 7:45:49 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-Roseville](#)

Mayor and City Council, passing this email that was only sent to me regarding the organics drop off site at Dale.

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From: Laura Carroll [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2025 2:33 PM
To: Pat Trudgeon <pat.trudgeon@cityofroseville.com>
Subject: Organics recycling at C & Dale

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Hi Pat,

I wanted to reach out after recently hearing about the possible changes with the compost site at C & Dale. My biggest concern is regarding the organics composting dumpsters. We live about a mile northeast from this site and pass it frequently. It's super convenient to swing by and drop our organics - on our way to work or to pick up our daughter from RAHS or Parkview. We also walk there sometimes in nice weather and see others do the same. It's so convenient and we easily drop at least 1-2 compost bags there every week. And it's popular! I almost always see someone there when I pass it or stop there. At the very least, I see lots of other dropped compost bags when I'm there.

A collection site at Kent and Larpenteur is not the answer for my family and probably not for our neighbors either. It's out of our way and feels unrealistic for it to be our closest option. We moved to Roseville in 2018 and were thrilled with the organics collection site opened shortly after we settled in here. As an enthusiastic composter, it was such a bonus. We now depend on it and would be a significant loss for us to see this removed.

I'm not sure if you're the right person to contact about this, and my apologies if this is outside your scope. Please feel free to forward it as appropriate.

Thanks very much for your time and consideration,
Laura Carroll

From: Comcast
To: RV Engineering
Subject: Attn: Jesse
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 5:22:57 PM

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I am emailing you to express my concern regarding the possible closing of Roseville's Leaf Compost sight. I am retired and a widow, so it's only me to take care of everything. It would be a definite hardship for me to have to travel longer distances to utilize a compost site. Please don't close it.

Annette Malark

Please respond to me.

Sent from my iPhone

Leaf Site FAQ's

- How many leaves are collected at the site each year?

30,000-35,000 cubic yards

Additionally, 500-1000 cubic yards of brush are illegally dumped.

- How many leaves are generated from city crews during fall sweep?

Approximately 3,000 cubic yards (weather dependent) are from city maintenance operations. This is less than 10% of the overall leaves collected at the site.

- How much compost is generated from turning each year?

4,000 - 5,000 cubic yards

- How much compost is left over after distributing to residents each year?

About 1,000 yards (changes each year). This is available to sell but is not lucrative. Compost is sold at the end of the year to free up more space at the limited site.

- What is the capacity of leaves we can currently handle?

30,000 cubic yards is the maximum we can take in and manage to turn into compost.

- What are the sizes of the compost rows?

When the rows are east to west, we have 17 rows. The compost rows are approximately 17 feet wide by 8 feet tall. Leaves are continually added to the compost rows throughout the year as the compost breaks down to manage the overage static pile. When turning is complete, 10 rows are roughly 200-250 yards of finished compost per and 7 rows progressively get smaller due to the layout of the site and maneuverability with the equipment.

- What challenges are we seeing with replacing the existing compost turner?




The front loader mounted turners, that is currently used as the site, are no longer available.

Tow-behind models are PTO driven and require a larger size tractor. Tow-behind models require larger turning radiuses. Less leaves would need to be collected and compost could be made if we go with a tow-behind model.

The price point of an over center self-contained unit is over \$800,000

- Where will city maintenance staff bring fall sweeping leaves?

Currently exploring options with vendors to static pile the sweepings and haul out during the winter months.

			
Brand	Vermeer	Vermeer	Vermeer
Name	Vermeer CT718 Compost Turner	CT616 Compost Turner	CT612 Compost Turner
Price	\$839,511.02	DISCONTINUED	\$83,306.57
Windrow Height	7 ft	6 ft	6 ft
Windrow Width	18 ft	16 ft	12 ft
Make and Model	CAT C15 TIER 4 Final	John Deere RG6060HF Power Tech Tier 4F (Stage IV)	
Max Fuel Consumption	29 gph	13.9 gph	
Clutch Type	PT Tech HPT014FX, microprocessor controlled, wet hydraulic clutch	PT Tech Hydraulic	
Maximum Width (Transport)	11.2 ft		

NOTE: Self contained, no additional equipment needed for operations.

NOTE: Demo this model in 2019, no longer distributing.

NOTE: Unable to pull with front end loader, requires mid size ag tractor to run the turner off of the tractor PTO. (Would need to purchase a tractor)

Mainframe	Four cross frames constructed of 4 " x 3 " x 3/16 " (10.2 cm x 7.6 cm x 0.5 cm) tubing
Hitch Frame	6 " x 3 " x 0.25 " (15.2 cm x 7.6 cm x 0.6 cm) tube
Sheet Metal	7 gauge
GROUND DRIVE ▲	
Maximum Speed	20 mph
PROCESSING TUNNEL ▲	
Windrow Height	6 ft 2 ft shorter than current rows (200 cubic yards less per row)
Windrow Width	12 ft 5 ft narrower than current rows (296 cubic yards less per row)
DRUM ▲	
Drum Diameter (including flails)	35 in
Length of Drum	142.8 in
Number of Flails	68
Flail Dimensions	0.5 " x 4 " x 12 " (1.3 cm x 10.2 cm x 30.5 cm)
DRIVE LINE ▲	
PTO Shaft	Weasler-rated 217 hp (157.3 kW) at 1000 RPM
Tractor/power unit	Can't exceed 150 hp (111.9 kW)
Right Angle Gearbox	1000 RPM [175 hp (130.5 kW) maximum]
Shaft Coupler	80 - 2 roller chain coupler



Vermeer CT612 Compost Turner - 1



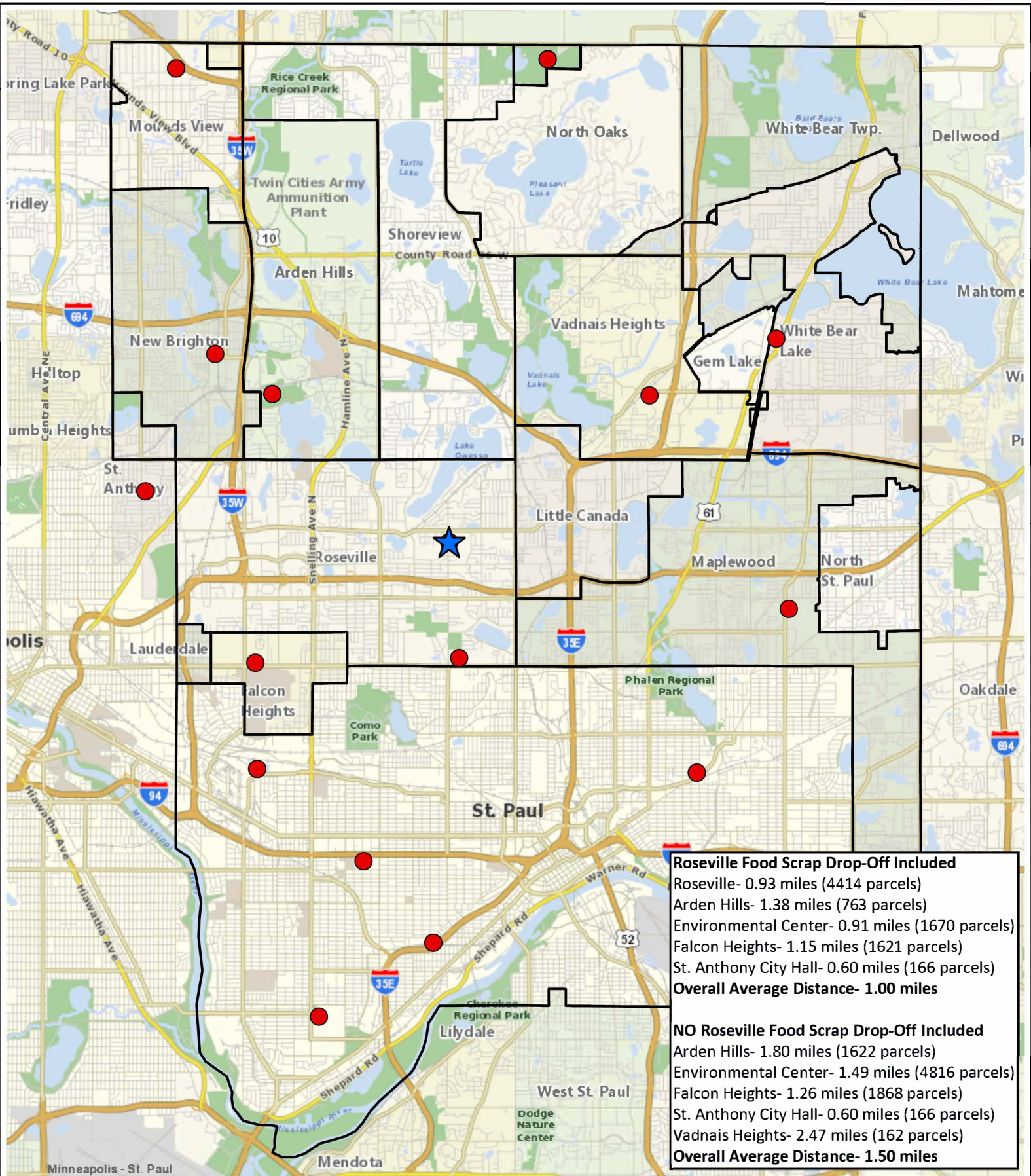
DISCONTINUED: Roseville did a demo with this machine in 2019. Current replacement numbers were based on this model as it was the closest application to work with our existing equipment (front end loader)



Vermeer CT718 Compost Turner - 3







Roseville Food Scrap Drop-Off Included
Roseville- 0.93 miles (4414 parcels)
Arden Hills- 1.38 miles (763 parcels)
Environmental Center- 0.91 miles (1670 parcels)
Falcon Heights- 1.15 miles (1621 parcels)
St. Anthony City Hall- 0.60 miles (166 parcels)
Overall Average Distance- 1.00 miles
NO Roseville Food Scrap Drop-Off Included
Arden Hills- 1.80 miles (1622 parcels)
Environmental Center- 1.49 miles (4816 parcels)
Falcon Heights- 1.26 miles (1868 parcels)
St. Anthony City Hall- 0.60 miles (166 parcels)
Vadnais Heights- 2.47 miles (162 parcels)
Overall Average Distance- 1.50 miles

Food Scrap Sites



- Food Scrap Drop-Off Site
- ★ City of Roseville Dale Street Compost & Food Scrap Drop-Off Site

Prepared by: Engineering Department
9/25/2025

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Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: September 30, 2025

ITEM: 5.c.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Bike Plan Update

Background

Roseville was awarded an Active Transportation Planning Assistance grant from MnDOT that Roseville used to create a bike plan to complement our existing Pathway Master Plan. The Bike Plan was first introduced to PWET on March 26, 2024, with updates in April and June of 2024, and March of 2025. The draft plan has been produced with the assistance of a MnDOT consultant team and reviewed by the Bike Plan Committee, consisting of representatives from various City departments and commissions, Roseville Public Schools, Ramsey County, and a Roseville resident.

Attached is the body of the draft Bike Plan for your review and discussion. The original draft was over 100 pages; the current draft is just under 20 pages, with the remaining ~80 pages in appendices. The appendices will be shared for comment shortly, but staff would like to have the Commission's input on if the shortened version conveys the necessary information well enough on its own. After PWET review, the draft will be shared with the Parks and Recreation Commission and then released for public comment in October. We also plan to have a survey available for additional feedback on the demonstration bike lane constructed on Hamline Avenue from County Road B to County Road B2.

Recommendation

Receive update and provide feedback.

Attachments

1. Draft of Bike Plan



Bike Plan

Establishing Roseville's Bicycling Network

Acknowledgement

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This Plan was funded through the Minnesota Department of Transportation's (MnDOT) Active Transportation Program and developed with the technical assistance of MnDOT and its consultants.

Learn more:

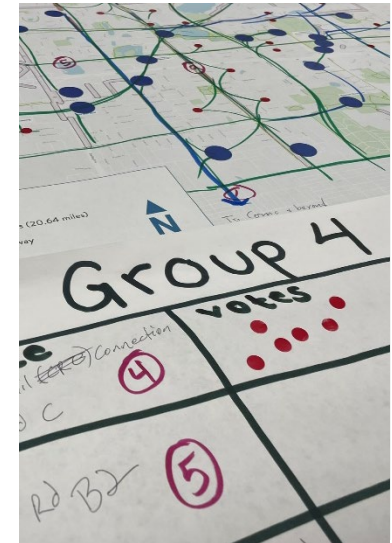
www.dot.state.mn.us/active-transportation-program



Executive Summary

This Bike Plan is the result of a collaboration in 2024 and 2025. A local Bike Plan Committee comprised of city, county, and school district staff and a resident, came together to set direction, co-create strategy and engagement which included bicycle audits, hands-on network planning workshop, and hosted an online interactive mapping tool and survey to collect broader input.

This Plan serves as a living guide. The Plan builds on existing plans, engagement with residents, lessons learned from other cities, and observation and coordination with city staff to establish a Priority Bike Network for Roseville, along with a preliminary prioritization framework, and next steps for moving the plan forward.



What's in the Plan?

This is **Roseville's first Bike Plan** and is meant to establish a solid start for defining and building a more robust bike network in Roseville. This Plan shares the purpose, vision, and goals that drove the planning efforts to date. It includes the benefits of biking and why the City of Roseville values biking and the benefits it brings to the community. The Plan highlights how existing policies and plans, existing biking condition, crash data, and public engagement helped inform the proposed Priority Bike Network.

Additionally, it introduces a framework for how the bike network and its bikeways can be categorized and suggests next steps for how Roseville can implement a robust bike network for all abilities to use.

To make the plan more accessible to the public and usable by staff, the body of the Bike Plan was intentionally made to be a summary of the data, efforts, resources, and input that went into its creation. The appendices include nearly 80 pages of additional information.

- Appendix A – Research & Resources
- Appendix B – Community Engagement
- Appendix C – Existing Network and Draft Prioritization
- Appendix D – Policy, Practice, and Program Recommendations

Bicycle Terminology

The Plan uses the terms **bicycling**, **bike**, **biking** and **bicyclist** broadly to refer to people of all abilities riding bicycles both human-powered and electric-assisted, including devices adapted for use by people with disabilities.

The terms **bikeway**, **bike facility** and **bike infrastructure** refers to a bicycle lane, bicycle path, bicycle boulevard, shared use path, or similar bicycle facility, regardless of whether it is designed for the exclusive use of bicycles or for shared use with other transportation modes. [See Appendix A](#) for more information on different types of bikeways, routes, facilities and infrastructure.



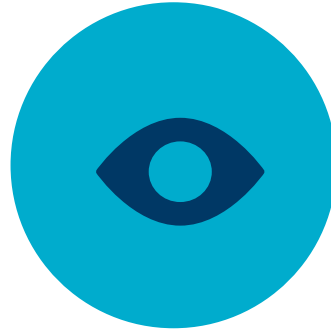
Why a Bike Plan?

PURPOSE

Bicycling is a sustainable transportation option that contributes to a vibrant, equitable and sustainable city. The Plan builds from, and is supported by, the city's Complete Streets Policy, 2040 Roseville Comprehensive Plan, 2021 Pathways Master Plan and community goals.

The primary purpose of this Plan is to develop a network of bikeways that creates opportunities for people of **all abilities** to safely and comfortably ride bicycles for both recreational and functional trips: daily errands, to get to work, a friend's house, school, or to enjoy Roseville's great parks. This is a network-level planning document that identifies specific corridors (bikeways) for future investment in bike infrastructure. The recommended bike network policies and programs in this Plan serve as a roadmap and should be used to guide next steps and other planning efforts that impact biking.

VISION



A bicycle network that is safe, comfortable and accessible for riders of all abilities, especially for people experiencing systemic barriers and inequities, to use confidently.

GOALS



Safe Streets: Create a safer, comfortable and convenient network that prioritizes people of all abilities bicycling, improving community access and safety for all.

Health & Well-Being: Encourage a healthy, active lifestyle for all, improving community health outcomes.

Transportation Choice: Make bicycling an efficient way to get around the community, reach neighboring cities and connect to transit, increasing bicycle trips and reducing automobile trips.

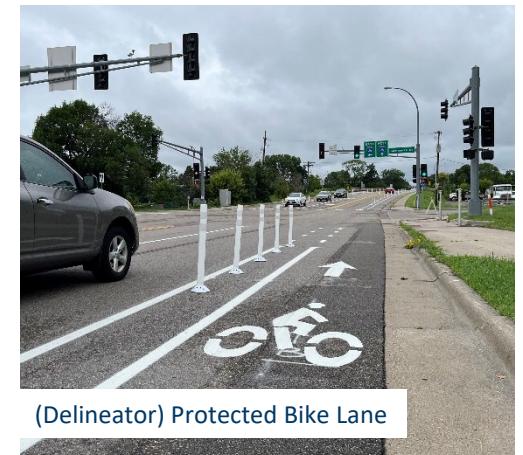
How the Plan was Developed

The Bike Plan is the result of a collaborative process led by Roseville's Bike Plan Committee. The committee came together to host and participate in:

- **Bicycle audits to assess existing conditions**
- **Network mapping workshop to define bikeways and connections**
- **Online engagement using an interactive mapping tool and survey to collect broader community input**
- **Plan review through virtual meetings with city champions who participated in the network mapping workshop**
- **Implementation of a demonstration project on Hamline from B to B2**

The Plan builds on existing plans and policies, community and committee participation and evidence-based state and national best practices to identify a bicycle network and action steps to guide future investments in making bicycling safer and more accessible for all.

The City of Roseville received planning assistance to develop this Plan, funded by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Active Transportation Program. The Active Transportation Program aims to increase the number of people walking and biking to destinations.



(Delineator) Protected Bike Lane

Why Bicycling Matters



HEALTH & WELLBEING

Bicycling as part of everyday travel is as effective as structured workouts for improving health. Active commuting is associated with a **11% reduction** in cardiovascular risk.

American Public Health Association. (2010). *The hidden health costs of transportation*. https://www.apha.org/-/media/files/pdf/topics/transport/apha_active_transportation_fact_sheet_2010.pdf



SOCIAL CONNECTION

"Humans are social creatures—we live in community. Individual health and wellbeing is intricately tied to the health of our communities and our interactions with others."

Bicycling provides us more opportunity to interact with our friends, neighbors and community.

Taking Charge of Your Health & Wellbeing. (n.d.). *How do our social networks affect wellbeing?* University of Minnesota. <https://www.takingcharge.csh.umn.edu/how-do-our-social-networks-affect-wellbeing>



HAPPINESS

Researchers at the University of Minnesota have found **bicycling** to be the **happiest form of transportation**.

University of Minnesota. (2018, August 20). *The happiest mode of transportation? That would be cycling*. University of Minnesota. <https://twin-cities.umn.edu/news-events/happiest-mode-transportation-would-be-cycling>

Why Bicycling Matters



EQUITY

7.4% percent of Roseville households do not have access to a vehicle and 36.7% percent have just one. Owning a new car costs roughly **\$12,-182 per year** (AAA, 2023). This is a sharp increase from 2022 when the average yearly cost was \$10,728. Car ownership should not be a requirement for getting around safely and efficiently.

2022 American Community Survey 5-year estimate, table B08201
AAA Newsroom. (2023, August 30). *Annual new car ownership costs boil over \$12K*. AAA. <https://newsroom.aaa.com/2023/08/annual-new-car-ownership-costs-boil-over-12k/>



ENVIRONMENT

The city supports Minnesota’s goal of an **80%** reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) by 2050. Vehicle travel is the **second** leading source (42%) of GHG emissions in the City of Roseville.

Bike networks reduce dependence on driving to get around. Less driving provides two-fold benefit – cleaner air and reduced impact on our climate.

Minnesota Department of Transportation. (n.d.). *Minnesota Walks: Statewide Pedestrian System Plan*.
<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/minnesotawalks/index.html>



ECONOMY

Bicycling means business: it stimulates local economies through job creation, tourism and business development.

People biking make **more frequent trips** than people driving, spending more money at local businesses.

Cortright, J. (2009). *Walking the walk: How walkability raises home values in U.S. cities*. CEOs for Cities.
https://nacto.org/docs/usdg/walking_the_walk_cortright.pdf
Schmitt, A. (2012, December 5). *Cyclists and pedestrians can end up spending more each month than drivers*. Bloomberg.
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2012-12-05/cyclists-and-pedestrians-can-end-up-spending-more-each-month-than-drivers>

Why Bicycling Matters | Safer Streets for All

Traffic-related crashes that kill and severely injure people are a **serious transportation equity** and **public health concern**. Minnesota is seeing a rising share of crashes involving people biking that result in fatal and serious injuries.

[Ramsey County's 2015 County-wide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan](#) estimated that Ramsey County has the second highest serious injury rate of bicyclists relative to the rest of the state. In Ramsey County, three-percent of all crash fatalities are bicyclists which is one-and-a-half times the state average. Streets with higher numbers of bike crashes tend to be in St. Paul; in Roseville areas with one to six bicycle crashes were reported on nearly all major roads.

In Roseville, over **130 people walking or biking were involved in a crash in the last 10 years**, 5 of them lost their lives, and 25 sustained life-changing injuries. Of the crashes involving people walking and biking in the past 10 years, nearly **20% occurred on Roseville city streets**.

One of the top reasons people cite for not biking is concern about safety (both traffic safety and personal security). People who bike (and walk) are the most vulnerable transportation system users. National and state data show American Indian/Alaskan Native, Black/African American and Hispanic people and low-income individuals are at greater risk of being severely injured or killed due to a motor vehicle related crash while biking.

Streets that are safer for people biking (and walking) reduce the frequency and severity of crashes and minimize conflicts between all transportation users. Safety, both real and perceived, is essential to increasing the number of people who bike.



Lyndale Ave in Richfield before (above) and after (below) the installation of modern roundabouts at multiple intersections, which allowed lane space to be reallocated for protected bike lanes (cycle tracks).



Policy Framework, Existing Plans & Policies

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

Recent plans and policies have made efforts to improve biking in Roseville. Plans have established comprehensive standards for the development and maintenance of bikeways, creating safe and accessible travel for pedestrians, cyclists and other wheeled users. Additionally, they collectively support a vision of growth of a well-connected bike network, enhancing safety and connectivity while promoting physical activity and community interaction.

This bike plan seeks to build from the Pathways Master Plan by:

- Reaffirming proposed pathway segments identified in 2021 that continue to be priorities for bicycling upgrades today
- Identifying new bikeways to add to the bicycle network in Roseville. See page 6 for bikeway definition
- Identifying the types of bike facility upgrades appropriate for these bikeways
- Providing a clearer vision for implementation of bikeways when opportunities arise

“Roseville’s streets enhance neighborhood character, encourage human interaction and physical activity, and facilitate engagement in the community and local commerce.

City policies and transportation projects incorporate principles of sustainability and environmental stewardship, reflecting the value of natural spaces and clean air and water for the community.” – *Roseville’s Complete Streets Policy*

Roseville’s **Bike Plan** supports and is informed by the following existing plans and policies:

Pathway Master Plan (2021 Update) – This plan provides policies and standards for the community’s pathway facilities including planning, design, construction, and maintenance. The goal is to have safe travel for pedestrians, cyclists, and other wheeled users (e.g., in-line skaters) on every street. Pathways are intended to connect residents to schools, retail, residential, parks and other destinations inside and outside the city.

Roseville 2040 Comprehensive Plan (2020) – The Comprehensive Plan provides a vision for growth and development. It analyzes and sets policies and goals regarding land use, housing, economic development, transportation, utilities, parks and trails and more. The plan is guided by several goals including providing access to destinations through a reliable, affordable and efficient multi-modal transportation system and encourages the use of non-motorized transportation by providing and supporting development of a high-quality network of both off-road and on-road pathways.

Complete Streets Policy (2019) – This policy states Roseville will create a safe and sustainable transportation network for motorized and non-motorized [active] transportation users. The policy encourages the use of active transportation through the development of a high-quality network of both off-road and on-road facilities to ensure that bikeways and pedestrian routes are safe, efficient and attractive.

Ramsey County Wide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan – This plan envisions that walking and bicycling is an integral part of daily life in Ramsey County for people of all abilities, allowing them to move freely across the integrated system. An annual inventory is conducted by individual jurisdictions, typically municipalities, to identify the types and miles of various active transportation facilities. Active Living Ramsey Communities will then evaluate the network based on their goals outlined in this plan (see left) using a range of analyses. Following the analysis, a summit will be held to explore ways to collaborate and build out the network.

Existing Bike Network

The existing network of bikeways in Roseville is comprised of striped shoulders, sidewalks, and shared-use paths that are mostly located on Ramsey County roads. Shared-use paths in Roseville city parks also contribute to the existing network. There are very few on-road bike lanes that are relatively new (i.e. the delineator protected bike lane on Hamline Avenue from County Road B to B2 installed as a demonstration project associated with this planning effort).

Sidewalks comprise nearly 50% of existing bikeways in Roseville. While city ordinance allows biking on sidewalks, sidewalks are not a long-term solution for cycling in Roseville as sidewalks are not designed for people to bike; they are narrow, which creates conflicts between bicyclists and pedestrians, and drivers do not expect to see cyclists on sidewalks.

The map on the following page shows pathways proposed in Roseville’s 2021 [Pathway Master Plan](#) update overlaid on the existing bike network. The map also shows the progress the City has made on since 2021, with nine recently completed pathway segments and six near term pathways programmed for completion in the upcoming year.


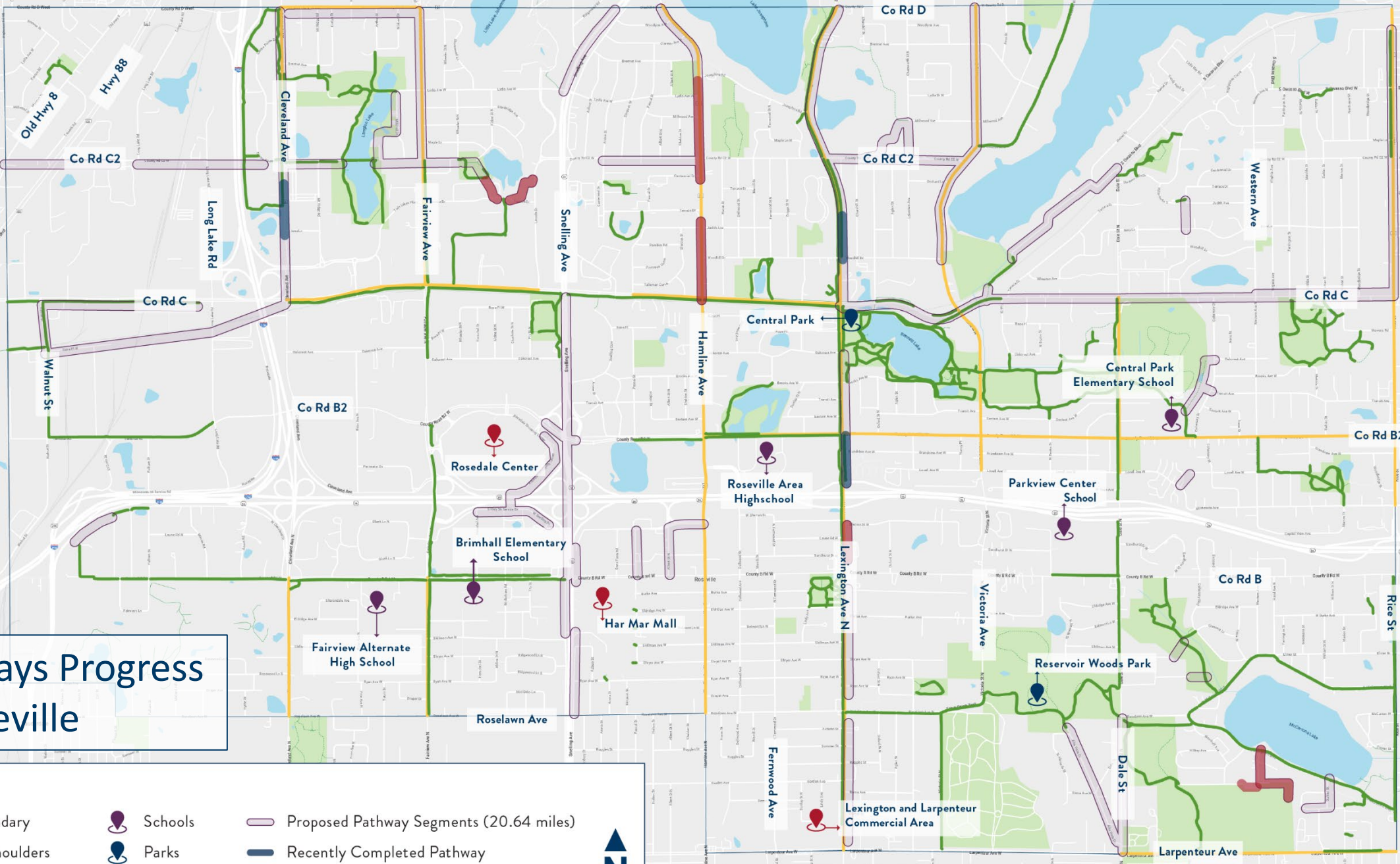
Bikeway Type	Existing Mileage
Sidewalks: 5-6 feet wide along busy roads, bicycling allowed, but not ideal.	47
Shared-use path: 8-10 feet wide along busy roads, shared by people walking and biking.	37
Striped Shoulders: street-level paved shoulders often shared with parking and marked with a white line.	18
Total	102



Pathways Progress in Roseville

LEGEND

- City Boundary
- Striped Shoulders
- Existing Path
- 📍 Schools
- 📍 Parks
- 📍 Malls
- Proposed Pathway Segments (20.64 miles)
- Recently Completed Pathway
- Near Term Pathway

How the Community Was Engaged



Networking Mapping Workshop



Audit Team for Rosedale Mall Area Bike-ability

Roseville Bike Plan Survey

Open from April 18th to July 1st, 2024. There were 370 responses to the survey.

Roseville Bike Plan Interactive Comment Map

Open from April 10th to June 30th, 2024. There were 324 visitors who left 378 comments.

Walk and Bike Audits

Three audits that took place on June 10th and June 11th, 2024. City staff, project staff, committee members and residents were present.

Network Mapping Workshop

The in-person mapping workshop took place on June 11th, 2024. City staff, committee members and residents worked together to identifying a priority bicycle network for Roseville.

Overarching Findings from Engagement

Need for Improved Comfort and Safety on Major Roads

There are significant concerns about biking safety and comfort on major roads like Snelling Avenue, County Road B, Rice Street and Fairview Avenue.

Lack of Dedicated Bike Infrastructure

Bikeways separated from vehicle traffic were expressed as a desire to enhance safety and comfort, especially for families and commuters.

Challenging Bikeways in Key Areas

Several areas were noted for having inadequate or uncomfortable bike paths, but issues vary depending on the area. People biking in Central Park experience conflicts with pedestrians while there are not bike facilities for people biking to Rosedale Center on Co Rd B2.

High Traffic Volume

High traffic volumes and are major concerns. Locations like County Road C east of Lexington Ave and the intersection of County Road B and Hamline Ave are areas where traffic conditions make biking intimidating.

Complex Intersections

Bike audit and interactive comment map results frequently showed that large, complex intersections in Roseville are uncomfortable for bicyclists of all abilities.

Improved Amenities and Maintenance

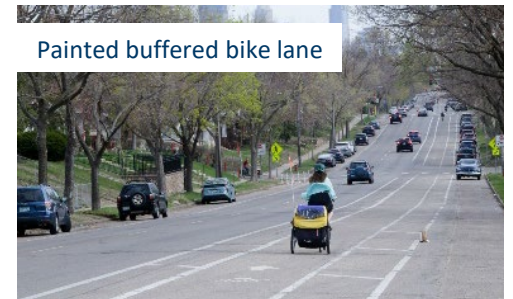
There is a notable concern about the lack of bike racks at key destinations, poor maintenance of existing bike paths and the need for better infrastructure support.

Priority Bike Network

The Priority Bike Network provided on the next page was developed through the planning efforts previously described. This proposed Priority Bike Networks helps Roseville be strategic about investments and implementation, especially in partnership with Ramsey County and MnDOT. It will inform the selection of bikeway facility types by showing where higher quality facilities are needed to best support all abilities bicyclists (“interested but concerned” type of bicyclist). If a project is planned on a roadway that is shown on the bike network, project development should prioritize including the appropriate bike infrastructure.

The Priority Bike Network map identifies **two different types of bikeways**:

- **All Abilities Bikeways** – these bikeways focus on the half-mile major road grid in Roseville where vehicle volumes and speeds are high enough that complete separation of bike facilities from vehicle traffic is required for bicyclists of all abilities to feel comfortable. These routes are located on city, county, and state roads. Along with separation from vehicle traffic, improving the complex intersections and barrier crossings along these bikeways will be essential to making them available to all abilities of cyclists.
- **Traffic-Calmed Local Street Bikeways** – these bikeways focus on city streets where traffic volumes and speeds might be low enough for bike lanes, buffered bike lanes, and shared-use street treatments to provide a comfortable environment for users of all abilities and complete separation of bike facilities from vehicle traffic may not be required. Intersections where these bikeways cross major roads will also need improvement.




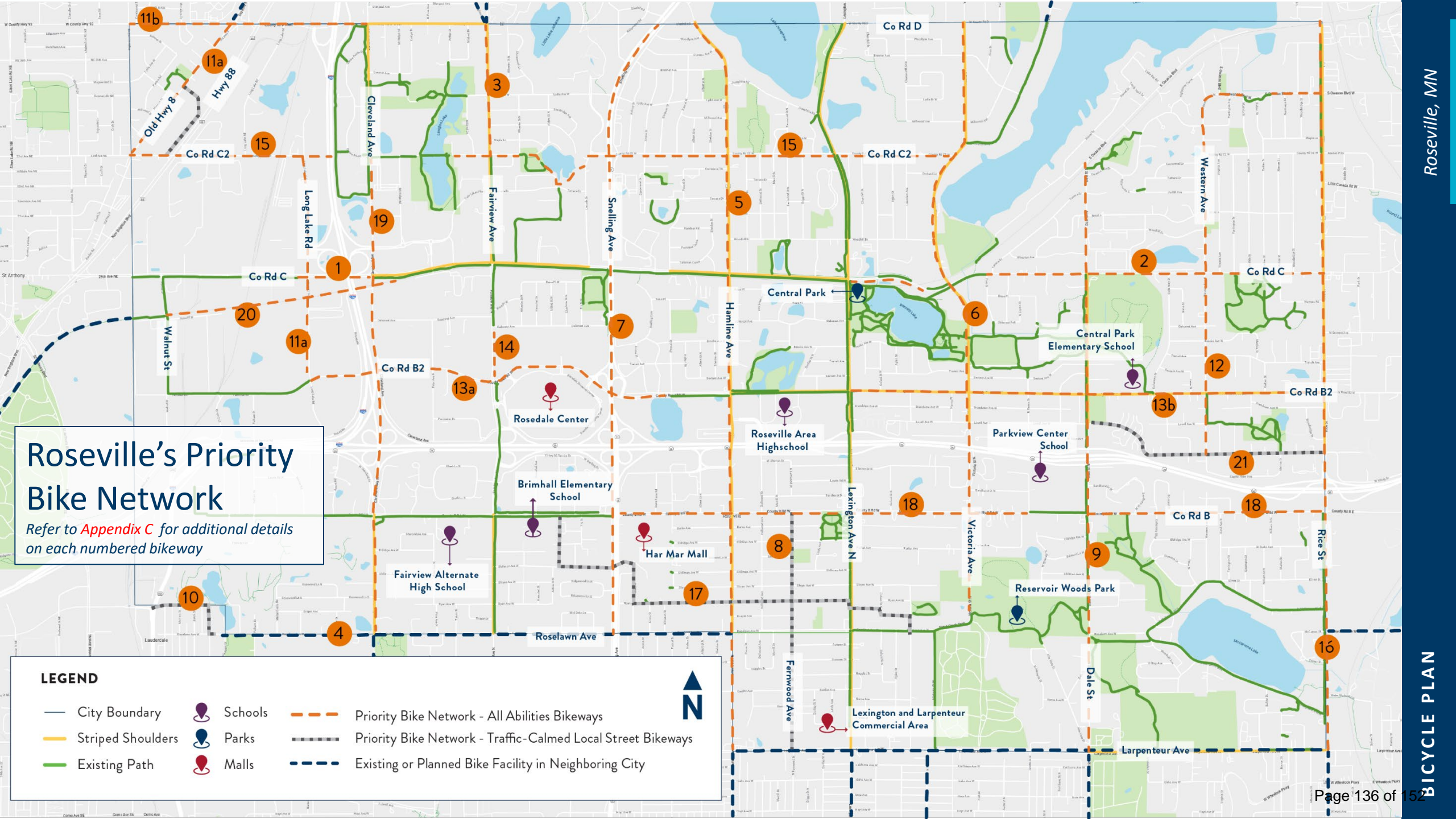
The Priority Bike Network identified through development of this plan is extensive. To help the city identify projects to move forward in the near-term a **draft prioritization** is provided in [Appendix D](#). In addition, the city will not always have the opportunity to implement a street’s preferred or highest quality bikeway in the short term. Facilities like protected bike lanes or shared-use pathways often require full street reconstruction. The city should be prepared to implement interim bikeway facilities as the streets are maintained. For example, restriping projects can narrow vehicle travel lanes to stripe bike lanes or use pavement markings and signage to convert “bikeable shoulders” that exist today to dedicated bike lanes.

Roseville's Priority Bike Network

Refer to *Appendix C* for additional details on each numbered bikeway

LEGEND

- City Boundary
- Striped Shoulders
- Existing Path
- Schools
- Parks
- Malls
- Priority Bike Network - All Abilities Bikeways
- Priority Bike Network - Traffic-Calmed Local Street Bikeways
- Existing or Planned Bike Facility in Neighboring City

Next Steps

Conduct additional engagement.

A public comment period and focused engagement with equity communities are wanted to collect additional input and finalize this plan. The City has identified these as critical steps to successful implementation of this plan.

- Conduct focused engagement with equity communities and update this plan based on feedback.
- Develop a shorter, two-page summary of this plan to make public review more accessible.
- Collect broad public comment on this plan and update this plan based on feedback.

Identify a network of Traffic-Calmed Local Streets

This plan identifies three Traffic-Calmed Local Street bikeways, but the City will work to identify additional of these local routes to add to the Priority Bike Network. These bikeways can include painted bike lanes and/or traffic calming treatments to achieve a low-speed, low-volume environment for bicyclists to share the street with drivers. Traffic-Calmed Local Streets provide an alternative and redundant route to the all-abilities routes on the arterial streets and can be implemented using less costly, temporary materials.

Identify Priority Intersections and Barrier Crossings for Improvement

Given that Roseville's Priority Bike Network is comprised of the half-mile grid of major roads, plus additional Traffic-Calmed Local Streets, there are many intersections and barriers in the network that require improvement. Use engagement data collected for this Plan and crash data to prioritize intersections for improvements.

Finalize Prioritization

This plan provides a preliminary prioritization framework to start planning and implementing projects. The City should add to and finalize this prioritization by considering:

- Bike crash history and trends
- Critical gaps in existing pathway network
- Implementability
- Priorities from the Pathways Master Plan

Next Steps

Coordinate and advocate for this Plan

- Bring the plan to City Council for consideration.
- Share it with partners.
- Continue to coordinate with Ramsey County, MnDOT, and other agencies to further corridor and street design in support of biking.
- Study and report lessons learned from the demonstration project on Hamline Avenue from County Road B to B2

Put the plan into action!

- Actively use this plan as a living guide and start to program studies and update practices to advance Roseville's Priority Bike Network.
- Explore and identify funding opportunities listed in **Appendix A** of this plan and identify appropriate projects
- Build momentum and participation by doing low-cost, quick build projects or events to raise awareness. Taking incremental steps to demonstrate change helps projects get realized faster. Examples include:
 - Consider paint or temporary devices to test curb extensions to slow turning motorists and shorten crossing distances. Or test narrower travel lanes to paint a buffered bike lanes, providing more visual separation between people biking and driving.
 - Sign and use pavement markings to mark on-street bike lanes.

Periodically review Plan

Periodically review this plan to confirm remaining steps needed, add new bikeways, and reprioritize.

Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: September 30, 2025

ITEM: 5.d.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: City Campus Project – Appoint Committee Member

Background

As part of the Civic Campus Project, a Civic Campus Final Design Stakeholder Group will be formed to provide input and feedback on the final design of the project. The group will begin meeting once an architect has been hired (October 13, 2025) and some preliminary design has been completed. The group will consist of the following:

- Residents surrounding the project area
- A representative of the VFW
- One representative from each of the following five commissions:
 - Finance
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Public Works, Environment and Transportation
 - Equity & Inclusion
 - Planning
- One City Council member

Recommendation

Appoint one PWET commission member to the Civic Campus Final Design Stakeholder Group.

Attachments

None

Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: September 30, 2025

ITEM: 5.e.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: City Code Updates: Section 802.17

Background

Public Works reviewed Roseville City Code, Section 802.17, and recommends updates to add clarity that roots and protruding taps are considered obstructions to the public sewer system. These types of intrusions can significantly restrict flow, cause blockages, and increase the risk of sewer backups and costly maintenance, both to public and private property. Explicitly including them in the code will provide clearer enforcement authority and help protect the long-term functionality and reliability of the City's sewer infrastructure, all of which is the intent of Section 802.17.

Recommendation

Receive presentation and make a recommendation to the City Council.

Attachments

1. Code Language
2. Presentation

802.17: OBSTRUCTIONS

No owner, agent, occupant or other person having charge of any building, yard, lot of land or other premises which are drained into any public sewer or drain shall permit any substance, ~~or~~ matter, roots, or protruding taps which may form a deposit, ~~or~~ obstruction, or intrusion in any public sewer or drain, to flow, grow, extend, or pass into the same. And said owner, agent, occupant or other person, as aforesaid, shall, when directed by Public Works Director or building code enforcement, within ten (10) days' notice in writing to that effect from said Public Works Director or building code enforcement, provide their drain with sufficient cesspool or catch basin, or, if one already exists, clean out, repair or alter the same, and provide such other means as shall prevent any substance, ~~or~~ matter, roots, or protruding taps from passing into or intruding upon the drain or sewer which may cause a deposit, ~~or~~ obstruction, or intrusion therein. (Ord 1590, 10-12-2020)

Ordinance Updates

Public Works Department



Obstruction Ordinance

802.17: Obstructions

Ordinance

- Prohibits substances or matter that may form a deposit or obstruction from passing into public sewers or drains
- Focus is on materials that flow or pass into the system (e.g., debris, grease, solids)
- Enforcement authority lies with the Public Works Director or building code enforcement

Proposed Changes

- Clarifies that roots and protruding taps are considered obstructions
- Expands language to address intrusions that may grow or extend into the system (not just flow)
- Strengthens enforcement tools to address common sources of blockages and backups
 - ✓ In 2025, the City has sent 123 “Root” and 8 “Protruding Tap” enforcement letters to residents as of September 12, 2025
- Helps protect long-term functionality and reliability of the City’s sewer infrastructure



Public Works Ordinance

Questions?

Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: September 30, 2025

ITEM: 6.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Commission Direction on Member Initiated Agenda Items

Background

Suggested Items:

- October 28, 2025
 - Utility Rates
 - Climate Equity Action Plan Update
 - Noise Ordinance Update
 - Pathway Master Plan - Segments
- November 25, 2025
 - 2026 PW Work Plan
 - Pavement Asset Management
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Looking Ahead:

- Future
 - PW CIP
 - Work Plan

Recommendation

Attachments

None

Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: September 30, 2025

ITEM: 7.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Approve August Minutes

Background

Attached are the minutes from the August 26, 2025 meeting.

Recommendation

Motion approving the minutes of August 26, 2025, subject to any necessary corrections or revision.

Attachments

1. Draft August Minutes

Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Roseville, Minnesota 55113

1 **1. Introduction / Roll Call**

2 Chair Ficek called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m., and at his
3 request, Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer called the roll.

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5 **Present:** Chair Bryant Ficek; Vice Chair Edwin Hodder; Members Jarrod
6 Cicha, Daniel Fergus, Allison Luongo, Des Mueller; and Youth
7 Commissioners Carsten Bauer and Alexis Jendro (arrived at
8 6:32 p.m.)

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10 **Absent:** None

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12 **Staff Present:** Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer

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14 **2. Approve Agenda**

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16 **Member Hodder moved, Member Fergus seconded, approval of the**
17 **August 27, 2025, agenda as presented.**

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19 **Ayes: 6**

20 **Nays: 0**

21 **Motion carried.**

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23 **3. Public Comments**

24 None.

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26 **4. Communication Items**

27 Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer provided a brief review and update on
28 projects and maintenance activities listed in the staff report dated August 26, 2025.

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30 Mr. Freihammer updated the commission on the Lexington Pathway project, stating
31 that final plans are complete and construction is set for 2026. He mentioned that
32 the Hamline Avenue project is underway, with design work continuing and water

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main and pathway included. The Twin Lakes Phase Two and Booster Station Phase Four are expected to begin in 2026.

Mr. Freihammer mentioned that the pavement management project was completed with only minor repairs needed. Installation of wayfinding signage is expected to be finished in September, and the lighting project includes new streetlights along with a policy update recommended by the council. Light readings will be taken to compare lighting levels to actual lumens, thereby improving standards. He also noted that the bike plan update will be presented at the next meeting.

Mr. Freihammer updated the commission on Ramsey County projects, including the Hamline Avenue / Clarmar storm sewer, which is scheduled to begin in the fall with anticipated road closures. Upgrades on County Road C are planned for 2026, with an open house on August 28. He mentioned that the bridge project on County Road C might be delayed, which could potentially cause significant traffic impacts.

Mr. Freihammer explained that the State Fair updates include high attendance and parking restrictions, with additional no-parking zones added, and Falcon Heights paid parking has not caused significant issues in Roseville.

Mr. Freihammer provided an update on sustainability and environmental projects, mentioning that only one intern remains for the summer. He stated the Green To Go program continues, with 45 businesses in compliance. The packaging and resource fair was a success, and the climate equity action plan is in progress. Roseville's first clothing swap, organized by an intern, was also successful. Waste Management has taken over cart management, with some initial issues resolved. Call center problems persist, as residents continue to contact the City for service.

Mr. Freihammer indicated that a new maintenance worker has started, bringing the public works team up to full staffing. Street sweeping, Flex Seal application of storm sewers, and pavement repairs are ongoing. Crack sealing has begun, focusing on neighborhoods affected by previous road work. The ninth turn on compost has been completed, and they are preparing to stack it and open the leaf site sometime in October. Various utility projects, including motor and pump replacements, are also underway.

Mr. Freihammer updated the commission on council news and budget plans, including Ramsey County Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire's update on various projects. The council tabled consideration of the Aldine right-of-way vacation. The gold leaf presentation was received, highlighting Roseville's green initiatives. The New Tracks Roseville Area Circulator Bus Service for seniors was presented, and City Manager Trudgeon presented the City budget with significant proposals for review.

Mr. Freihammer discussed the Civic Campus Master Plan, which includes a half-percent sales tax for the Maintenance Operations Center. He indicated that

79 Concept C1 or C2 was advanced, with architect and construction management
80 services requested. A construction manager at risk will be chosen by October 14,
81 and an architect by October 15. A final design stakeholder group for the Civic
82 Campus will be formed, involving various commissions and residents, and updates
83 will be provided as consultants are onboarded.
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85 **5. Pathway Master Plan**

86 Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer explained that the last Pathway Master
87 Plan update was in October 2021, which focused on completed and removed
88 segments. The current plan includes a preference list based on GIS analysis,
89 prioritizing segments using various criteria. The plan is intended to be updated to
90 address current needs, incorporating new studies and developments. It will guide
91 future pathway projects and funding decisions. He mentioned that public feedback
92 will be solicited on which parts of the plan should be updated and how the
93 preference list should be revised.
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95 Mr. Freihammer explained that interns documented the desired paths in Roseville,
96 highlighting areas where residents walk despite the absence of official pathways.
97 Examples include the north side of County Road C east of Victoria, the south side
98 of County Road C west of Victoria, and Fernwood Court. These desired paths could
99 be prioritized for future pathway projects, considering railroad crossings and other
100 infrastructure needs. Public feedback will be gathered on how to incorporate these
101 paths into the Pathway Master Plan. He noted that the commission will need to
102 discuss the best way to engage the public and prioritize these segments.
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104 Mr. Freihammer explained that the current preference list is based on statistical
105 analysis, prioritizing segments according to various criteria. The list includes
106 segments on arterial roads with more than 4000 ADT, following a policy to add
107 pathways on one side before the other. The commission should discuss whether this
108 threshold needs reevaluation and how it should be integrated into the ranking. He
109 mentioned that funding considerations will be discussed, including the use of State
110 Aid dollars, grant funds, and dedicated funding for new pathways. The commission
111 will also explore ways to make the plan more useful and understandable to the
112 public.
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114 Member Fergus commented on the evaluation criteria, saying it was generally good
115 but questioned whether further adjustments were needed.
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117 Mr. Freihammer addressed the problem of tied rankings and the confusion they
118 create, highlighting the need for clearer separation. He emphasized the list's role in
119 project prioritization, recognizing feedback from the previous commission.
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121 Member Luongo suggested comparing the criteria with the bike plan to ensure
122 consistency and logical application, and also reviewing the list of criteria against
123 city goals to identify similarities and ensure alignment.
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125 Mr. Freihammer agreed, emphasizing the importance of consistency across various
126 city plans.
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128 Member Luongo suggested assigning higher rankings to arterials and considering
129 factors such as ADT (Average Daily Traffic) and the number of lanes.
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131 Mr. Freihammer acknowledged the dynamic nature of roadways and the
132 importance of factoring these elements into the criteria.
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134 Member Luongo recommended adding a cost-to-benefit ratio to prioritize projects
135 by their ease and cost-effectiveness.
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137 Mr. Freihammer recalled a previous discussion about including cost estimates in
138 the criteria but noted the challenges of making accurate assumptions.
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140 Chair Ficek proposed a simple ranking system (1, 2, or 3) to indicate project cost.
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142 Mr. Freihammer endorsed that suggestion as a quick and simple solution. He cited
143 the Hamline Avenue project example, where combining projects saved money and
144 boosted efficiency.
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146 Member Luongo suggested considering desired paths as a measure of public need
147 and including them in the criteria.
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149 Mr. Freihammer agreed, emphasizing the importance of right-of-way
150 considerations and the potential for narrowing roads to reduce costs. He discussed
151 the challenges of proper road sizing and how it affects curb lines and right-of-way
152 expenses.
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154 Member Luongo suggested using available right-of-way as a criterion, awarding
155 more points to projects that need less curb movement.
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157 Chair Ficek recommended updating the map to display all potential segments for
158 review and to discuss their priorities.
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160 Mr. Freihammer agreed, noting the need to update the map and review the list to
161 generate new ideas and gather feedback.
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163 Member Luongo suggested clearly listing City goals alongside the criteria to better
164 promote the plan to Council.
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166 Mr. Freihammer discussed the upcoming strategic plan and its possible effect on
167 the pathway master plan.
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169 Chair Ficek recommended including an executive summary and emphasizing maps
170 and technical details in the plan.

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Mr. Freihammer agreed, noting the need for specific design standards and maintenance requirements.

Chair Ficek suggested discussing minimum widths for trails and pavement thickness to ensure durability and prevent heaving.

Mr. Freihammer discussed the current design standards and emphasized the importance of referencing them in the plan.

Chair Ficek suggested the need to involve other commissions, especially parks, in the Pathway Master Plan.

Mr. Freihammer agreed and emphasized the need to coordinate with Parks and other commissions. He proposed a joint meeting or subcommittee to review the Pathway Master Plan and its alignment with other city plans. He outlined the next steps, which include updating the map, discussing the preference list, and incorporating feedback from the commission.

6. Future Agenda Items and Upcoming Meetings

Public Works Director Freihammer reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule and confirmed the next meeting date as September 30, 2025. He outlined topics for future meetings, including the updated bike plan, utility rates, and the climate equity action plan. He proposed a tour with St. Paul Regional Water and a presentation on stormwater projects.

Chair Ficek discussed the importance of resident education on lawn care and its impact on water quality with the commission.

7. Commission Direction on Member-Initiated Agenda Items

8. Approval of July 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Comments and corrections to the draft minutes had been submitted by PWETC commissioners prior to tonight’s meeting, and those revisions were incorporated into the draft presented in the meeting materials.

Motion

Member Mueller moved, Member Luongo seconded, approval of the July 22, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

9. Adjourn

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Motion

Member Fergus moved, Member Mueller seconded, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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