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## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Monday, April 24, 2017, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
*All meetings are held in the City Hall Annex 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Conference room at 25 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Saint Paul*

1. Ramsey County All Abilities Initiative – Jim Tolaas (Ramsey County PW) 10 minutes
2. Maryland 4- to 3-lane study (Greenbriar to Johnson Pkwy) – Jim Tolaas, 15 minutes
3. Johnson Pkwy/Ames pedestrian improvements – Jim Tolaas, 15 minutes
4. Dale Street Bridge over I-94 – Joe Lux (Ramsey County PW), 15 minutes
5. 2017 County Mill & Overlays – Joe Lux, 20 minutes
6. Rice Street Traffic Study – Nick Fischer (Ramsey County PW), 15 minutes

### *Upcoming Transportation Committee Meetings*

- May 8
- May 22
- June 5

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*Meetings are open to the public. The Chair may allow five minutes for informal public comment (from non-committee members) at the beginning of each agenda as needed. Additional time may be allocated for comments or further discussion at the discretion of the Chair. Meetings will be cancelled if there is not a quorum expected, or if there are no agenda items. For additional information on the Transportation Committee of the Planning Commission, please visit our website at [bit.ly/StPaulTC](http://bit.ly/StPaulTC) or contact Bill Dermody at [Bill.Dermody@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Bill.Dermody@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or 651-266-6617.*

## Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date: 4-24-17

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Ramsey County All Abilities Transportation Network Policy</b>
Geographic Scope	Citywide
Ward(s)	
District Council(s)	
Project Description	New Policy adopted by Ramsey County Board
Project Webpage	<a href="https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/projects-initiatives/building-all-abilities-transportation-network">https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/projects-initiatives/building-all-abilities-transportation-network</a>
Project Contact, email/phone	Jim Tolaas, Ramsey County Engineer, <a href="mailto:james.tolaas@co.ramsey.mn.us">james.tolaas@co.ramsey.mn.us</a>
Lead Agency/Department	Ramsey County
Purpose of Project/Plan	See Attached
Planning References	NA
Project stage	Planning
General Timeline	NA
District Council position (if applicable)	NA
Level of Committee Involvement	Inform
Previous Committee action	
Level of Public Involvement	
Public Hearing	
Public Hearing Location	
Primary Funding Source(s)	
Cost	

Staff recommendation	NA
Action item requested of the Committee	
Committee recommendation	
Committee vote	

**REQUEST FOR ACTION  
RAMSEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Requesting Department: Economic Growth & Community Investment B2016-434

Committee: Board of Commissioners Meeting Date: 12/13/2016

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**SUBJECT: Ramsey County All Abilities Transportation Network Policy**

**REQUESTED ACTION**

1. Adopt the Ramsey County All Abilities Transportation Network Policy.
2. Direct the County Manager to develop administrative policies and procedures to implement the Ramsey County All Abilities Transportation Network Policy.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Ramsey County is fully developed and the most urbanized county in Minnesota, with an extraordinarily diverse population and evolving demographics. A quality comprehensive transportation system is fundamental to advancing the county's vision of *"A Vibrant Community in Which All are Valued and Thrive"*.

Ramsey County is committed to creating and maintaining a transportation system that provides equitable access for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual preference, health, education, abilities, and economics. Transforming this commitment into reality requires consistent leadership and collaboration over time and must incorporate the best ideas from across the region, state and country. Several County departments, such as Public Works, Parks and Recreation and Public Health, along with the Regional Railroad Authority have leadership roles in developing, operating and maintaining the county's transportation network. Collectively they define and manage how County investments are integrated into local, regional and state systems.

In July 2016, the County Board conducted two workshops to discuss the County's existing approach to developing an All Abilities Transportation Network and to identify strategic steps to improve planning, design and implementation. The workshop was facilitated by the Policy and Planning Division in collaboration with the Regional Railroad Authority, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Public Health. The County Board identified the following recommendations for timely completion in 2016:

1. Adopt a prioritized transportation system users hierarchy that ensures that the most vulnerable users of the transportation network are always considered first during transportation planning and implementation
2. Adopt a unified policy for Ramsey County's transportation network that clarifies its commitment to people of all abilities; an integrated and fully interconnected transportation system; and to the safety, health, mobility and connectivity for all residents and businesses.

The policy set forth herein has been created to unify County transportation efforts under a shared vision and implementation strategy that allow pedestrians and bicyclists to move freely and safely throughout the County. The policy demonstrates the County's commitment to all people who use the transportation system.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

County staff will align the Ramsey County All Abilities Transportation Network Policy implementation with planned construction projects on Ramsey County roads and trails. Expanding access, safety and mobility within existing corridors may result in increased project costs in some instances, and those costs will be incorporated directly into all future transportation project budgets as part of the regular course of business.

**COUNTY MANAGER COMMENTS**

The County Board requested staff to prepare this policy at the July 19, 2016 workshop. County Board approval is required to adopt policies.

**PREVIOUS ACTION**

On July 12 and July 19, 2016, the County Board held workshops to discuss the development of an all-abilities transportation network.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft Resolution

Draft Resolution

WHEREAS, A quality comprehensive transportation system is fundamental to advancing the county's vision of "A Vibrant Community in Which All are Valued and Thrive", with a commitment to creating and maintaining a transportation system that provides equitable access for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual preference, health, education, abilities, and economics; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is fully developed and the most urbanized county in Minnesota, with an extraordinarily diverse population and evolving demographics; and

WHEREAS, The County Board conducted two workshops in July 2016 to discuss the County's existing approach to developing an All Abilities Transportation Network and to identify strategic steps to improve planning, design and implementation of such a network; and

WHEREAS, The policy set forth herein has been created to unify County transportation efforts under a shared vision and implementation strategy that allow pedestrians and bicyclists to move freely and safely throughout the County, and to demonstrate the County's commitment to all people who use the transportation system; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners adopts the Ramsey County All Abilities Transportation Network Policy as follows:

"Ramsey County All Abilities Transportation Network Policy"

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners is committed to creating and maintaining a transportation system that provides equitable access for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual preference, health, education, abilities, and economics. This is broadly defined as an "All Abilities" Transportation Network. Transforming this commitment into reality requires consistent leadership and collaboration over time, and must incorporate the best ideas from across the region, state and country. The policy set forth herein has been created to unify County transportation efforts under a shared vision and implementation strategy, and to clarify its commitment to: people of all abilities; an integrated and fully interconnected transportation system that utilizes a variety of modes; and safety, health, mobility and connectivity for all residents and businesses.

This policy shall apply to all transportation corridors and projects under County jurisdiction and guide the County in partnering with local, regional and state agencies and the community at large.

Ramsey County's core transportation principles are:

- Ensuring equitable access to people of all abilities to use the county's transportation network
- Ensuring safety for all when using the county's transportation network
- Implementing an integrated and fully interconnected transportation system utilizing a variety of modes
- Aligning all transportation principles and policies with comprehensive planning
- Incorporating sensitivity to environment and context in all transportation planning
- Incorporating meaningful engagement with communities.

These principles are to be applied to a hierarchy of prioritized transportation system users that ensures that the most vulnerable users of the transportation network are always considered first during transportation planning and implementation:

- Pedestrians

- 55 • People Who Bike
- 56 • People Who Use Transit
- 57 • Drivers/Parkers
- 58 • Freight Operators.

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60 Planning, design, and implementation will follow applicable standards and best practices.  
61 Inclusive dialogue and evaluation, with decisions being transparent and based on authentic  
62 engagement with our communities, will guide the implementation of projects.”

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64 And, Be It Further

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66 RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners directs the County Manager to  
67 develop administrative policies and procedures to implement the Ramsey County All Abilities  
68 Transportation Network Policy.

## Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date: 4-24-17

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Ramsey County Maryland 4 to 3 Lane Study</b>
Geographic Scope	Maryland- Payne to Johnson Parkway
Ward(s)	Ward 6
District Council(s)	District 5
Project Description	Complete Study of Conversion of Maryland from 4 lane roadway to 3 lane roadway
Project Webpage	To be completed in conjunction with 2017 Maryland Mill and Overlay Project
Project Contact, email/phone	Jim Tolaas, Ramsey County Engineer, <a href="mailto:james.tolaas@co.ramsey.mn.us">james.tolaas@co.ramsey.mn.us</a>
Lead Agency/Department	Ramsey County
Purpose of Project/Plan	
Planning References	NA
Project stage	Work to be completed in 2017.
General Timeline	NA
District Council position (if applicable)	NA
Level of Committee Involvement	Inform
Previous Committee action	
Level of Public Involvement	
Public Hearing	
Public Hearing Location	
Primary Funding Source(s)	
Cost	

Staff recommendation	NA
Action item requested of the Committee	
Committee recommendation	
Committee vote	

## Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date: 4-24-17

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Johnson Parkway Pedestrian Safety Improvements</b>
Geographic Scope	Johnson Parkway/Ames Intersection
Ward(s)	6
District Council(s)	2, 4
Project Description	Construct Improvements at Ames Intersection
Project Webpage	<a href="https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/2017-construction-maintenance/johnson-parkway-pedestrian-safety-improvements">https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/2017-construction-maintenance/johnson-parkway-pedestrian-safety-improvements</a>
Project Contact, email/phone	Jim Tolaas, Ramsey County Engineer, <a href="mailto:james.tolaas@co.ramsey.mn.us">james.tolaas@co.ramsey.mn.us</a>
Lead Agency/Department	Ramsey County
Purpose of Project/Plan	See website
Planning References	NA
Project stage	Construction Planned for 2017
General Timeline	NA
District Council position (if applicable)	NA
Level of Committee Involvement	Inform
Previous Committee action	
Level of Public Involvement	
Public Hearing	
Public Hearing Location	
Primary Funding Source(s)	
Cost	

Staff recommendation	NA
Action item requested of the Committee	
Committee recommendation	
Committee vote	



## Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date: 4-24-17

<b>Project Name</b>	<b><i>Dale Street Bridge over I-94 Reconstruction</i></b>
Geographic Scope	<i>Dale Street over I-94</i>
Ward(s)	<i>1</i>
District Council(s)	<i>8</i>
Project Description	<i>Reconstruct Existing Bridge</i>
Project Webpage	<a href="https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/future-road-construction-projects/dale-street-bridge-reconstruction">https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/future-road-construction-projects/dale-street-bridge-reconstruction</a>
Project Contact, email/phone	<i>Joe Lux, <a href="mailto:joseph.lux@co.ramsey.mn.us">joseph.lux@co.ramsey.mn.us</a></i>
Lead Agency/Department	<i>Ramsey County</i>
Purpose of Project/Plan	<i>See Web Site</i>
Planning References	<i>NA</i>
Project stage	<i>Planning – Construction Planned for 2018</i>
General Timeline	<i>NA</i>
District Council position (if applicable)	<i>NA</i>
Level of Committee Involvement	<i>Inform</i>
Previous Committee action	
Level of Public Involvement	
Public Hearing	
Public Hearing Location	
Primary Funding Source(s)	
Cost	

Staff recommendation	<i>NA</i>
Action item requested of the Committee	
Committee recommendation	
Committee vote	

## Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date: 4-24-17

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>2017 Ramsey County Mill and Overlay Projects</b>
Geographic Scope	Citywide
Ward(s)	
District Council(s)	
Project Description	Complete Mill and Overlays
Project Webpage	<a href="https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/2017-construction-maintenance">https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/2017-construction-maintenance</a>
Project Contact, email/phone	Joe Lux, <a href="mailto:joseph.lux@co.ramsey.mn.us">joseph.lux@co.ramsey.mn.us</a>
Lead Agency/Department	Ramsey County
Purpose of Project/Plan	Pavement Maintenance. Some of the projects will include bike facility and pedestrian ramp improvements
Planning References	NA
Project stage	2017 Construction
General Timeline	NA
District Council position (if applicable)	NA
Level of Committee Involvement	Inform
Previous Committee action	
Level of Public Involvement	
Public Hearing	
Public Hearing Location	
Primary Funding Source(s)	
Cost	

Staff recommendation	NA
Action item requested of the Committee	
Committee recommendation	
Committee vote	

## Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date: 4-24-17

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Ramsey County Rice Street Transportation Safety Study</b>
Geographic Scope	Rice Street – University to Larpenteur
Ward(s)	1,5
District Council(s)	6, 7
Project Description	The transportation safety study will consider pedestrians, bikes, transit, vehicles and parking and will guide future investments in sidewalks, bikeways, transit and the roadway.
Project Webpage	<a href="https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/future-road-construction-projects/rice-street-transportation-safety-study">https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/future-road-construction-projects/rice-street-transportation-safety-study</a>
Project Contact, email/phone	Nick Fischer <a href="mailto:nicklaus.fischer@co.ramsey.mn.us">nicklaus.fischer@co.ramsey.mn.us</a>
Lead Agency/Department	Ramsey County
Purpose of Project/Plan	See website
Planning References	NA
Project stage	Planning
General Timeline	NA
District Council position (if applicable)	NA
Level of Committee Involvement	Inform
Previous Committee action	
Level of Public Involvement	
Public Hearing	
Public Hearing Location	
Primary Funding Source(s)	
Cost	

Staff recommendation	NA
Action item requested of the Committee	
Committee recommendation	
Committee vote	