



## ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN DISCUSSION

City Council  
Work Session  
January 13, 2026

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### ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROCESS

2025	STEPS
January	Notification of Active Transportation grant award by MnDOT
February-May	Preliminary grant activities
June	Kick-off meeting with City staff, MnDOT and consultants
July	Kick-off meeting with Local Planning Team (virtual)
August	Online interactive map and survey for public input goes live
August	Active Transportation information shared at City's VillageFest booth
September	Bike and Walk Audit with Local Planning Team
September-October	Listening Sessions and Open Houses for engagement
October	Local Planning Team Action Planning Workshop – identifying priority areas (in person)
December	Local Planning Team Planning Workshop – Plan Projects review (virtual)
December-January 2026	AT Plan Draft review by staff; Work session with Council for review, Regular session approval and adoption of plan



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## REMINDERS

### Overview

MnDOT provides Active Transportation grants and programs to make improvements to walking, biking and rolling in communities

MnDOT Grant is for planning assistance and provided consultants to assist the City in the process of developing this Plan (no funds have been exchanged between City and MnDOT).

All proposed projects have been identified throughout the public and local planning team engagement process. The Plan summarizes these opportunities but does not commit any funds or greenlight any of those projects at this time. It is a “plan to plan.”

The Active Transportation Plan will be a document used to support future applications for funding and to highlight priority areas in the city when working with external partners. applicable to projects listed in AT Plan.



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## DRAFT REVIEW – ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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## PLAN CONTENTS

### 1. Introduction (10)

Why an Active Transportation Action Plan, how the Plan was developed, and guiding principles

### 2. Vision and Goals (33)

Plan vision and goals

### 3. Where We Are - Our Streets Today

(36)

Existing conditions, current plans and policies, and key insights from the planning process

### 4. Where We're Going - Our Streets

#### Tomorrow (62)

Priority projects and action steps: from quick wins to longer-term projects, policies, programs and practice recommendations

### 5. Implementation Next Steps -

#### Putting Our Wheels in Motion (86)

Incremental steps to move the Plan into action, framework for measuring progress, and call to action



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## PLAN VISION

*A safe, connected, sustainable and equitable active transportation network that promotes mode choice, improves quality of life and environmental outcomes that serves people of all ages and abilities.*



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## Active Transportation Network | Recommended Citywide Connections

## Off Road Shared-Use Path

Shared-use paths are two-way facilities that are physically separated from motor vehicle traffic. They may be within parkland, natural areas or adjacent to roadways. They are used by people walking and bicycling.

## On Road Separated Bicycle Lane

Separated bicycle lanes are bike lanes with some form of both horizontal and vertical separation from motor vehicle traffic. They are separated from pedestrian spaces and can be for one-way or two-way travel.

## On Road Bicycle Boulevard

Bicycle boulevards are streets that give priority to people walking and biking, including speed management and crossing treatments such as diverters, speed bumps, curb extensions, median refuge islands, and traffic circles.



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## Priority Infrastructure Projects

Most recommendations will require close coordination with partners at Hennepin and Ramsey Counties. In some instances, short-term actions are identified to start making progress while longer-term, more resource-intensive improvements are developed.

1	<p><b>Stinson Blvd</b> – Short-term, support striping bike lanes and installing low-cost physical separation. Long-term, support addition of a sidewalk on the east side of Stinson Blvd and permanent separation for bike lanes.</p>	
2	<p><b>Silver Lake Rd</b> – Short-term, explore a corridor approach to speed management and school crossings. Medium-term, support a support a separated bike lane or (long-term) sidewalk.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>36<sup>th</sup> Ave at Silver Lake Rd –</b> Advocate for improved crossing infrastructure and upstream traffic configuration adjustments at 37<sup>th</sup> Ave.</p> <p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Saint Anthony Blvd at Kenzie Ter/Silver Lake Rd and at New Brighton Blvd/County Rd 88 –</b> Continue to explore double roundabout redesign for two existing intersections along Saint Anthony Blvd.</p>



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## PROJECT ACTIONS – HIGH PRIORITY

Project	Action	Action Steps	Time Period
Stinson Boulevard NE: Saint Anthony Boulevard to 37 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	<p>Short-term: Support striping bike lanes in the existing County right-of-way and explore a low-cost protective buffer (such as paint and bollards).</p> <p>Long-term: Support addition of a sidewalk on the east side of Stinson Blvd and permanent separation (such as concrete medians or plantings) for bike lanes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate with Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis on striping timelines and maintenance roles.</li> <li>Consider demonstration project to add bike lane and buffer.</li> <li>Identify longer-term funding opportunity to support sidewalk development.</li> </ul>	<p>Short-term: 2026-2028</p> <p>Long-term: 2031-future</p>



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## PROJECT ACTIONS – HIGH PRIORITY

Project	Action	Action Steps	Time Period
Silver Lake Road: Saint Anthony to 37 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	<p>Short-term: Support exploration of a corridor approach to speed management and school crossings, potentially including more speed feedback, traffic calming, and quick-building crossing opportunities.</p> <p>Medium-term: Support a separated bike lane retrofit or (long-term) off road shared-use path along Silver Lake Rd.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convene both counties to discuss a corridor study for the full Silver Lake Rd corridor, including parking utilization.</li> <li>Support development of a concept design for bike facility in existing right-of-way, in partnership with Hennepin County.</li> </ul>	<p>Short-term: 2026-2028</p> <p>Medium-term: 2031-future</p>



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## PROJECT ACTIONS – HIGH PRIORITY

Project	Action	Action Steps	Time Period
Silver Lake Road: 37 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to northern city limit	Support opportunities for traffic calming and separation for people walking/biking from traffic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify any upcoming capital improvement timing.</li> <li>Support a vehicle traffic count and engineering study to understand potential traffic calming opportunities.</li> </ul>	2029-2030



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## PROJECT ACTIONS – HIGH PRIORITY

Project	Action	Action Steps	Time Period
33 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue at Rankin Road	<p>Short-term: Study this intersection to better understand conflicts between people driving and people walking or biking. In coordination with the school, explore a demonstration project to test out visibility improvements.</p> <p>Medium-term: improve crossing infrastructure, potentially through pavement markings, advanced warning signage, bump-outs, or medians.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short-term: Study intersection and/or test designs through a demonstration project.</li> <li>Medium-term: Identify funding for intersection improvements.</li> </ul>	<p>Short-term: 2026-2028</p> <p>Medium-term: 2029-2030</p>



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## PROJECT ACTIONS – HIGH PRIORITY

Project	Action	Action Steps	Time Period
Silver Lake Road NE at 36 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	• Advocate for improved crossing infrastructure at this location as part of a corridor approach to Silver Lake Road (school crossing corridor), potentially including a raised crossing, median island, advanced warning signage, or other treatments consistent with the existing crossing at 34 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.	• Invite Hennepin County Commissioner to join a walk audit at this site, align with bike bus crossing or school activity.	2026-2028
	• To support crossing, conduct an engineering study of upstream traffic behavior (southbound) and lane configuration. Specifically, explore potential to make a southbound lane of Silver Lake Road NE Right-Turn Only at 37 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, and have one lane carry through the intersection southbound.	• Coordinate with Hennepin County staff around this location as a vital SRTS connection and better understand crosswalk guidance considerations. • Coordinate with Ramsey County on upstream traffic configuration study.	2029-2030



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## PROJECT ACTIONS – HIGH PRIORITY

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Saint Anthony Boulevard at Kenzie Terrace and New Brighton Boulevard	Support County exploration of double roundabout design for two existing intersections along Saint Anthony Blvd.	• Continue coordination with Hennepin County around previously developed project scope. • Coordinate with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) on Grand Rounds consistency through the area.	2029-2030



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## PROJECT ACTIONS – MEDIUM PRIORITY

Project	Action	Action Steps	Time Period
Saint Anthony Boulevard: Stinson Boulevard NE to Silver Lake Road NE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stripe road to add bikeable shoulder and narrow lanes on both sides.</li> <li>Explore using bollards as short-term separation until long-term MPRB off road shared-use path is implemented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review parking reallocation impacts along this segment.</li> <li>Coordinate with City striping and road maintenance efforts to program this roadway for 2027.</li> <li>Coordinate with MPRB on Grand Rounds consistency through the area.</li> </ul>	2026-2028



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## PROJECT ACTIONS – MEDIUM PRIORITY

Project	Action	Action Steps	Time Period
Silver Lake Road at 29 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	<p>Short-term: Use a demonstration project to test out traffic calming and/or crossing treatments, potentially including a mini roundabout/traffic circle, curb extensions, or a crossing island.</p> <p>Medium-term: Support recommendations that arise from a demonstration project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In close coordination with Hennepin County, explore a demonstration project at this site to test new treatment(s).</li> </ul>	<p>Short-term: 2026-2028</p> <p>Medium-term: 2029-2030</p>



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## PROJECT ACTIONS – MEDIUM PRIORITY

Project	Action	Action Steps	Time Period
Silver Lake Road at 37 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	Explore removing the free right turn from westbound 37 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to northbound Silver Lake Road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate with Hennepin and Ramsey County to conduct turning movement counts.</li> <li>Work with agency partners to explore an alternative that prioritizes people walking and biking across 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.</li> </ul>	2029-2030



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## PROJECT ACTIONS – MEDIUM PRIORITY

Project	Action	Action Steps	Time Period
Neighborhood Bike Route System and Improved Crossings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider signage and incremental low-cost/quick-build infrastructure improvements to designate a neighborhood bike route system.</li> <li>Explore crossing improvements along the proposed network at busier cross-streets, such as 29<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify set of possible crossing treatments based on existing infrastructure and design guidance.</li> <li>Incorporate new crossing locations into existing City maintenance processes for roadway paint and signage.</li> </ul>	2026-2028



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## PROJECT ACTIONS – MEDIUM PRIORITY

Project	Action	Action Steps	Time Period
29 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE / County Road C W at New Brighton Boulevard / County Road 88	Coordinate with Ramsey County on an engineering study to identify crossing improvements for people walking and biking through this intersection, to address long crossing distances and challenging signal timing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate with Ramsey County to secure dedicated staff time for an engineering study.</li> </ul>	2029-2030



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## PROJECT ACTIONS – LOW PRIORITY

Project	Action	Action Steps	Time Period
Railroad Crossing at MacAlaster Drive NE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore formalizing a grade-separated railroad crossing along MacAlaster Drive NE.</li> <li>If the long-term vision for a rail-with-trail along this corridor is realized, leverage that construction to create a connection north and south at MacAlaster Dr NE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long-term, pursue regional solicitation or other active transportation funding to connect this gap in the network.</li> </ul>	2031-future



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## POLICY ACTIONS

Policy	Action	Action Steps	Time Period
Complete Streets Policy	Adopt a Complete Streets resolution modeled on elements of Hennepin County's Complete and Green Streets Policy that align with City values and priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek City Council approval of the Complete Streets resolution attached to this plan.</li> </ul>	2026-2028



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## POLICY ACTIONS

Policy	Action	Action Steps	Time Period
Toward Zero Deaths	Make an official and public commitment to a Toward Zero Deaths goal to achieve zero traffic fatalities or severe injuries among all road users within a set timeframe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a shared understanding among City staff about existing Police Department Toward Zero Deaths efforts.</li> <li>Educate around and advance a Toward Zero Deaths goal for all road users within a set timeframe with the Mayor, City Council and City Manager.</li> </ul>	2026-2028



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## PROGRAM ACTIONS

Program	Action	Action Steps	Time Period
Safe Routes to School (SRTS)	Conduct a citywide SRTS Plan and continue to support local SRTS program efforts, such as the parent/caregiver organized Bike Bus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with school partners to apply for MnDOT planning, boost infrastructure grants to enact this Action Plan and a SRTS Plan.</li> </ul>	2029-2030



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## PROGRAM ACTIONS

Program	Action	Action Steps	Time Period
Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program	Create a traffic calming program, including an implementation budget for public works.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assign staff to review other communities' traffic calming programs and draft program recommendations.</li> </ul>	2026-2028



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## PRACTICE ACTIONS

Practice	Action	Action Steps	Time Period
Design Guidance	Continue to review evolving national or state street design guides and active transportation best practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to review evolving design guide(s) and active transportation best practices to be used by city staff and consultants on street projects.</li> </ul>	2026-2028



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## NEXT STEPS

Step	Details
Upcoming Council Meeting	Final draft of Active Transportation Plan will be presented to Council for approval and formal adoption.
Spring/Summer 2026	Planning and executing a temporary demonstration project that is included with planning assistance grant activities (MnDOT budgeted \$10,000-\$15,000)
Initiate Conversations	Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, other agency partners as indicated in the plan.
Ongoing Monitoring	Funding opportunities applicable to projects listed in AT Plan.



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QUESTIONS?

