



Richfield Transportation Commission Agenda

December 3, 2025 -- 7:00 PM

Richfield Municipal Center
Bartholomew Conference Room
6700 Portland Avenue South

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Minutes
5. **Regular Business**
 - a. 2025 Safe Routes to School Projects - Lessons Learned Discussion
 - b. Q&A with Staff
6. **Updates**
 - a. City Staff
 - b. Liaisons
7. **Future Agenda Items**

February items: Annual Organizational Meeting, Bylaw Changes, Community Development Presentation (Penn Ave), Penn Ave Phase 2 Engagement Results
8. **Upcoming Meetings**

Next Transportation Commission Meeting: January 7th, 2026 - 7pm, Bartholomew Room, Richfield City Hall
9. **Other Business**
10. **Adjournment**

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Report Prepared By:

Matt Hardegger, Transportation Engineer

Department Director:

Item for Consideration:

2025 Safe Routes to School Projects - Lessons Learned Discussion

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Two projects were constructed in 2025 that had Transportation Commission involvement in the design -- the 73rd Street Trail near Centennial Elementary School and the 70th Street bike lane near STEM/RDLS. Staff will provide a review of the goals and expected outcomes of the projects for Commission discussion about whether the projects met these goals and what lessons can be carried forward to future projects.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discuss lessons learned from local projects constructed in 2025.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

73rd Street

Goals:

1. Safer travel for all modes and users
2. Improve trail connectivity to Centennial Elementary School
3. Minimize impacts to existing parking and trees
4. Increase the number of trips taken using transit, carpools, bicycling, and walking
5. Increase bicycle and pedestrian facility connections
6. Balance the comfort and safety of pedestrians with vehicle needs
7. Lower vehicle speeds
8. Improve pedestrian crossings across 73rd Street

Problem Statement: There is an identified gap in pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure on 73rd Street between Bloomington Avenue and Cedar Avenue. This gap in the Safe Routes to School network forces pedestrians, especially children and families walking to and from Centennial Elementary School, to walk in the street east of the school. Additionally, there is a desire for improved pedestrian crossings to cross 73rd Street, as well as to lower vehicle speeds in the neighborhood.

70th Street

Goals:

1. Improve multimodal access to schools
2. Improve visibility and access for residents and students crossing 70th Street

3. Create calmer streets and manage traffic speeds along 70th Street

Problem Statement: Crossing safety and comfort has been identified as a concern along this segment of E 70th Street for neighborhood residents, including neighborhood residents, including school-aged children and their families in the area. The wide roadway on E 70th Street currently encourages higher vehicle speeds, posing safety and visibility risks for students and residents traveling along and across the street, especially during high traffic times such as student drop off and pick up activity.

EQUITABLE OR STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS OR IMPACTS

POLICIES (RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS, STATUTES, ETC.)

CRITICAL TIMING ISSUES

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION(S)

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

None



Transportation Commission Meeting 12/3/2025

Agenda Section: Regular Business

Agenda Item: 5.b.

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Item for Consideration:

Q&A with Staff

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff will be providing responses to questions submitted by Commissioners on a variety of transportation related topics.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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None