



# Richfield Transportation Commission Agenda

**July 1, 2026 -- 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. April 29th, 2026 Minutes
- 5. Regular Business and Public Hearing Items**
  - a. Penn Avenue - Open House 3 Follow Up
  - b. 69th Street Safety and Utility Improvements Project Introduction
- 6. Updates**
  - a. City Staff
  - b. Liaisons
- 7. Future Agenda Items**
  - a. August 2026: Penn Avenue Design (with County) and 69th Street Open House #1
- 8. Upcoming Meetings**
  - a. Wednesday, July 29th (Time TBD): 2026 Bike Tour
  - b. Wednesday, August 5th (7pm): Transportation Commission Regular Meeting
  - c. Wednesday, August 19th (4:30-7:00pm): Penn Avenue Open House #4 - St. Richard's Catholic Church, 7540 Penn Ave S
  - d. August (Date/Time/Location TBD): 69th Street Open House #1
- 9. Other Business**
  - a. 2026 Bike Tour Route Discussion
- 10. Adjournment**

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# Richfield Transportation Commission Minutes

April 29, 2026

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6700 Portland Avenue South

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1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Louis Dzierzak at 7:00 p.m. on April 29th, 2026, in the Bartholomew Room.

*Members Present:* Louis Dzierzak (Chair), Adam Knosalla (Vice Chair), David Gepner, Josh Kloehn, Brinnon Kubista, Jaz Warren, Stella Yang

*Members Absent:* Eli Straub, Jacob Olsen

*Liaisons Present:* Jan Matheus, Tim Brackett, Sean Hayford O'Leary (City Council)

*Staff Present:* Matt Hardegger, Olivia Wycklendt

*Guest Presenters:* Stan Lim & Nathan Ellingson (Hennepin County), Tyler McLeete & Steven Voelker (Stantec), Dan Edgerton (Zan Associates)

2. **Roll Call**

Staff noted that Commissioners Olsen and Straub were absent.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION:** made by Kubista, seconded by Warren to approve the agenda.

Voting Aye: Dzierzak, Knosalla, Gepner, Kloehn, Kubista, Warren, Yang

Voting Nay:

Motion carried: 7-0

4. **Approval of Minutes**

a. **April 1, 2026 Minutes**

**MOTION:** made by Gepner, seconded by Knosalla to approve the meeting minutes from April 1, 2026.

Voting Aye: Dzierzak, Knosalla, Gepner, Kloehn, Kubista, Warren, Yang

Voting Nay:

Motion carried: 7-0

5. **Regular Business and Public Hearing Items**

a. **Hennepin County - Nicollet Avenue Construction Preview**

Hennepin County Construction Engineer, Stanley Lim, gave an overview of the upcoming Nicollet Ave construction. Topics included construction staging and schedule, detour routes and local access, planned improvements, and general expectations for residents as the project gets underway later this summer.

Commissioners discussed how scheduling and staging was decided for this project, what working hours and schedule would be for construction, and what the general impacts would be to traffic throughout the City.

b. **Hennepin County - Penn Avenue Open House 3 Material Review**

Tyler McLeete, Stantec Project Manager, updated the commission on the current status of public engagement for Penn Avenue Reconstruction, including a recap of material discussed at previous Transportation Commission meetings, and an overview of proposed changes at the Highway 62 interchange. Steven Voelker, Senior Transportation Engineer at Stantec, presented several design options for controlled intersections throughout the Penn Ave corridor. Dan Edgerton from Zan Associates provided updates on Open House #3 and engagement with businesses.

Commissioners discussed presenting all proposed options for different intersections along the Penn Avenue corridor for public input at Open House 3. Discussion was also had about roundabout and traffic

signal safety benefits and cost differences, whether certain intersection options were dictated by funding, RRFB maintenance, geographical and demographic context related to daily usage of the 75th Street intersection, coordination of the 69th Street intersection with the future city project, benefits of different types of pedestrian median refuges and left turn movements, potential access closures at non-state-aid street intersections, painted crosswalks, tree planting, potential inclusion of a median near the cemetery,

The Commission did not support bringing forward intersection options that did not include a median refuge, but was fine with all other presented options being brought forward for public comment. Commissioners also requested a copy of comments provided by business owners during the business outreach.

c. **Sidewalk Projects Update**

City of Richfield Transportation Engineer Matt Hardegger gave an update on the three 2026 sidewalk projects throughout the City. Project status, schedule updates, design updates, and regulatory approval process updates were provided for all three projects.

Commissioners discussed potential design revisions to cross the railroad on 64th and what options were available to keep construction in 2026.

d. **Regional Solicitation Update**

Transportation Engineer Hardegger provided an overview of the Metropolitan Council's Regional Solicitation for grant funding and projects the city is planning to submit. Hardegger requested that Commissioners review the Active Transportation Plan, Pedestrian Master Plan, and Safe Routes to School Plan to suggest any projects that staff should explore submitting.

6. **Updates**

a. **City Staff**

Transportation Engineer Hardegger asked if the Commission was interested in doing another bike tour in lieu of a summer meeting date. Staff will poll Commissioners about potential dates.

Hardegger also asked about Commissioner availability to table at upcoming city events.

b. **Liaisons**

Council Member Hayford Oleary provided an update on a recent incident involving the Police Department.

No updates were provided by Bike Walk Richfield and Richfield Public Schools.

7. **Future Agenda Items**

a. **June 3rd: TBD**

8. **Upcoming Meetings**

a. **Wednesday, June 3rd, 7:00pm - Regular Meeting**

b. **Tuesday, May 19th, 4:30-7:00pm - Penn Ave Open House #3, Richfield Middle School**

9. **Other Business**

10. **Adjournment**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** made by Kubista, seconded by Yang, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm.

Voting Aye: Dzierzak, Knosalla, Gepner, Kloehn, Kubista, Warren, Yang

Voting Nay:

Motion carried: 7-0

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**Report Prepared By:**  
Matt Hardegger, Transportation Engineer

**Department Director:**

**Item for Consideration:**  
Penn Avenue - Open House 3 Follow Up

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

City staff will be providing a current picture of engagement results from the 3rd Open House and the (still open) online survey, to discuss Commission preferences on intersection design, bikeway configuration, and any other relevant design items prior to the County creating a full project layout for consideration.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

### **HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

### **EQUITABLE OR STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS OR IMPACTS**

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

### **CRITICAL TIMING ISSUES**

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. 260701\_Penn



# Penn Avenue

Transportation Commission  
July 1st, 2026

Matt Hardegger, PE  
Transportation Engineer

# To-Do List

- Identify desired bikeway
- Identify desired intersection control
- Identify other desired features

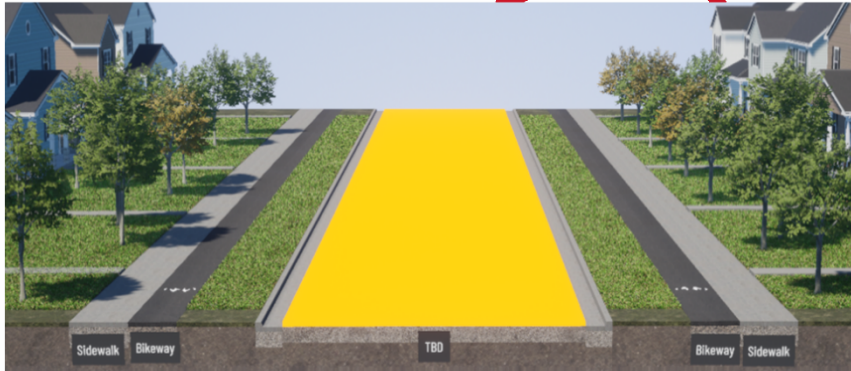
# Schedule

- July 10
  - Phase 3 online survey closes
- July 28
  - City Council Work Session (Cost Participation Items)
- August 5
  - Transportation Commission Meeting
- August 17
  - Phase 4 online survey opens
- August 19
  - Open House #4 – 4:30-7:00 at St Richard’s Catholic Church
- September 20
  - Penn Fest
- September 25
  - Phase 4 online survey closes
- October
  - County seeking recommendation from Commission and Concurrence from Council

# Survey Respondents

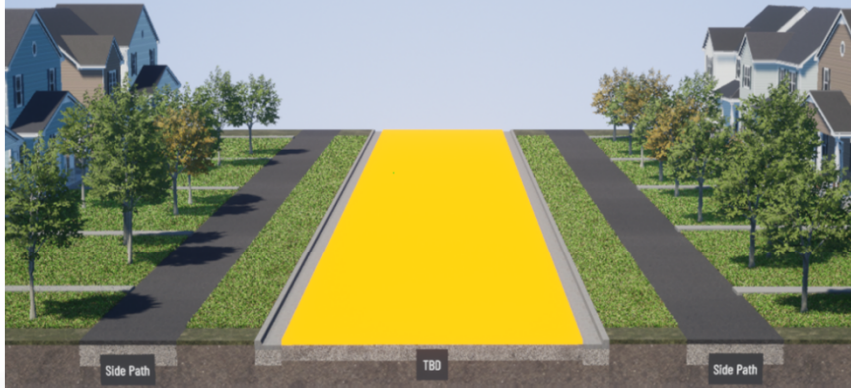
- In Person (Open House 3): 63
- Online (As of 6/18/26): 531
- Preference percentages consistent between in person and online responses
  - Exception: Closed Medians

# Bikeway Options



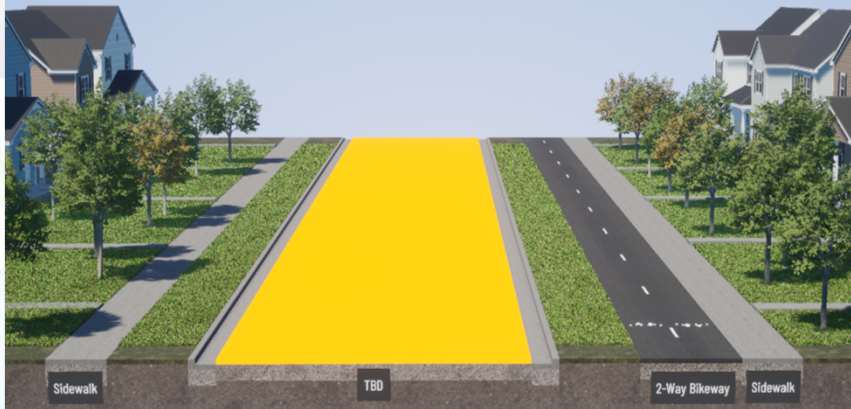
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70% support in each segment



Option 2: Dual shared-use path

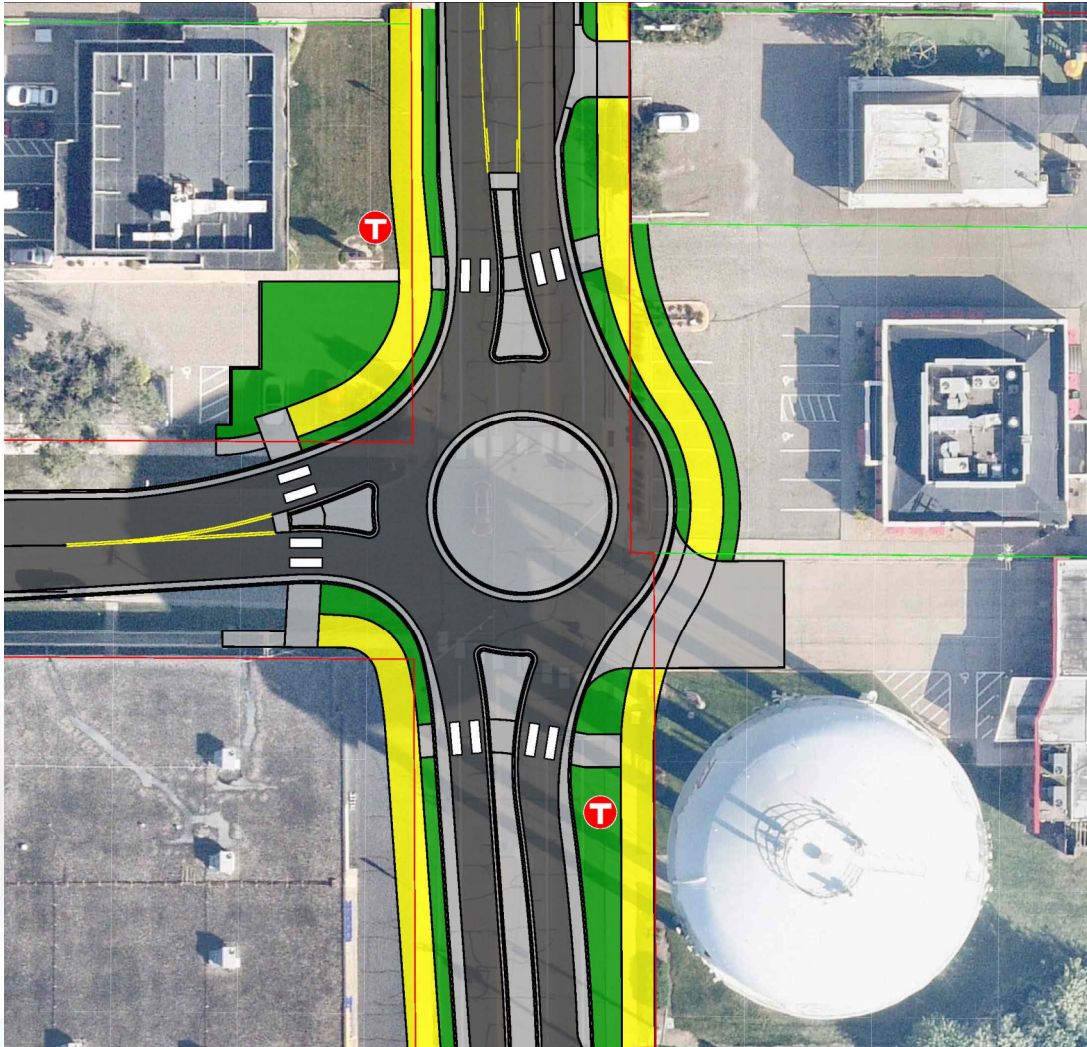
8% support in each segment



Option 3: Two-way cycle track

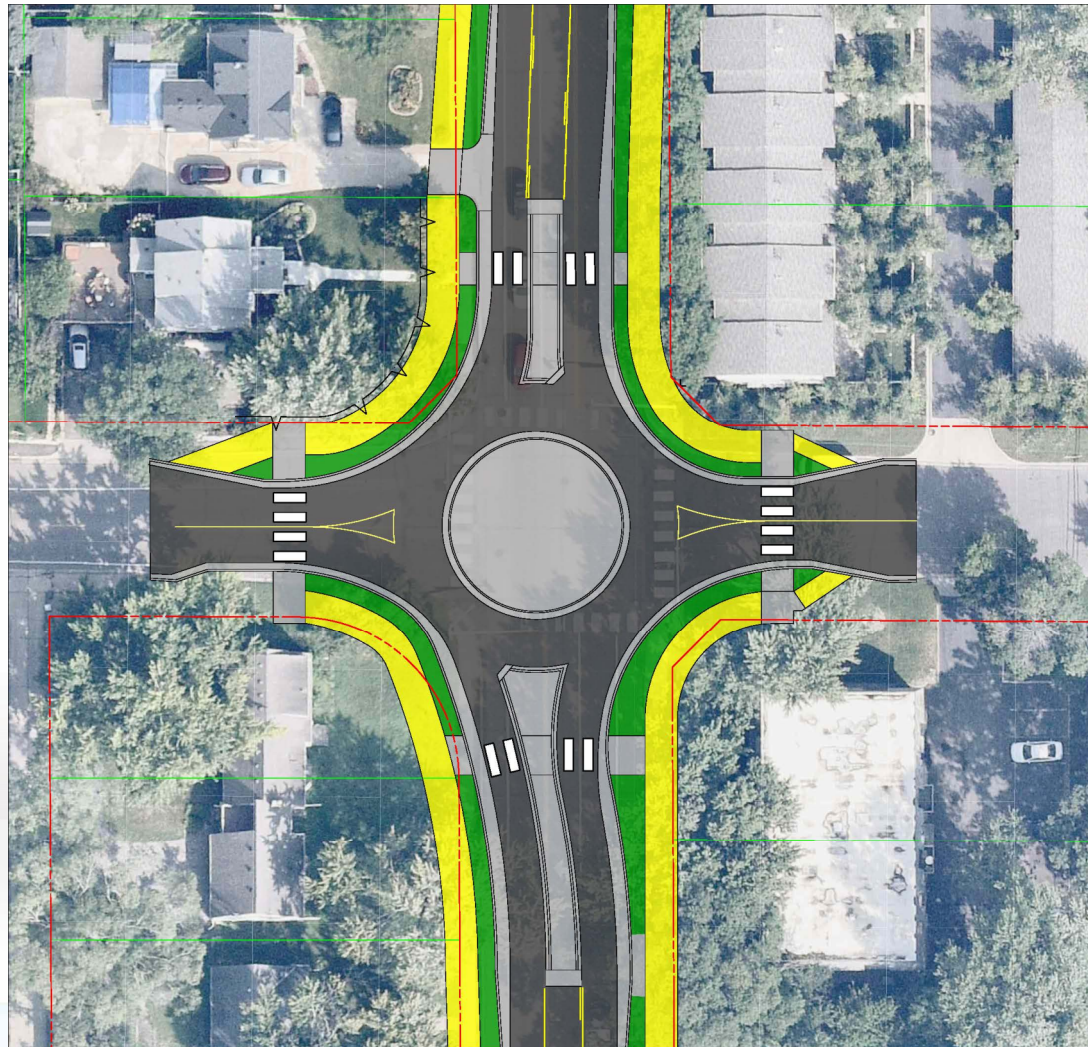
22% support in each segment

# Major Intersections: 64<sup>th</sup> Street



Roundabout: 70%  
Traffic Signal: 30%

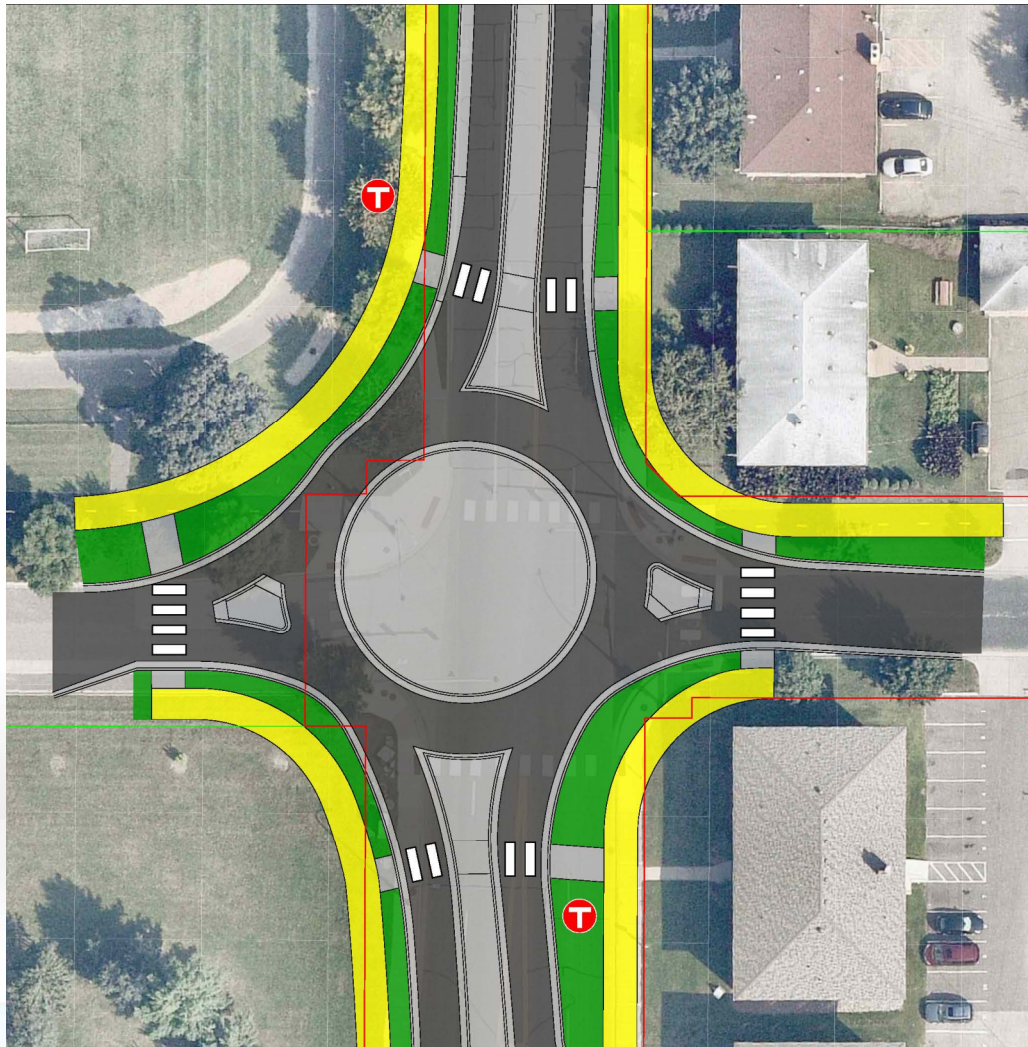
# Major Intersections: 69<sup>th</sup> Street



Roundabout: 78%

Traffic Signal: 22%

# Major Intersections: 75<sup>th</sup> Street



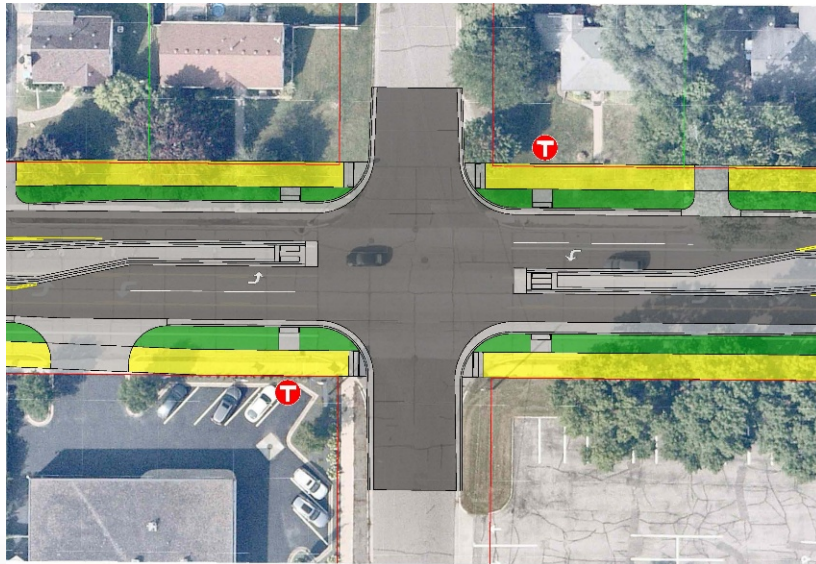
Roundabout: 54%

Traffic Signal: 30%

RRFB: 16%

Roundabout is preferred design for Three Rivers Park District

# Minor Intersections



- Left Turn Lanes + Pedestrian Median desired by 50-60% of respondents
  - Other options were
    - Left Turn Lanes + No Median
    - No Turn Lane + Pedestrian Median

# Minor Intersections

- Closed Medians
  - 6% support from in person respondents
  - 50-60% support online



# Discussion

- Identify desired bikeway
- Identify desired intersection control
- Identify other desired features





**Report Prepared By:**

**Department Director:**

**Item for Consideration:**

69th Street Safety and Utility Improvements Project Introduction

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

City staff will be providing a preliminary overview and engagement/design schedule for the 69th Street Safety and Utility Improvement project, currently scheduled for construction in 2028.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

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1. 260701\_69th Street



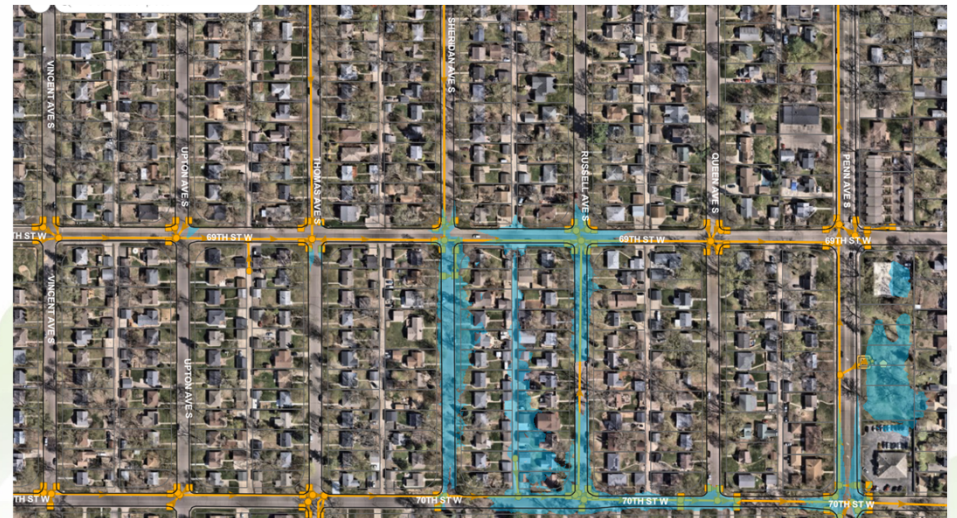
# 69<sup>th</sup> Street Safety and Utility Improvements

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Matt Hardegger, PE  
Transportation Engineer

# Project Background

- Demo project began in 2016
- Permanent project first identified in 2020-2023 Capital Improvement Plan
  - Sidewalk retrofit from Xerxes to Penn
- Full reconstruction including storm sewer
  - Existing trunk line is at end of life
  - Known flooding concerns, especially between and along Sheridan and Russell
  - Can tie in improvements to Penn Project for additional capacity



# Context and Challenges

- Current State Aid route
  - AADT (2024)
    - 2827 (east end)
    - 2897 (west end)
  - Vehicle Speeds (at Thomas Ave, 2024)
    - Median Vehicle Speed: 32mph
    - 85% Vehicle Speed: 36mph
- Existing curb to curb width: 36 ft
  - 4 ft shld
  - 11 ft lane
  - 11 ft lane
  - 10 ft trail
- Existing right of way: 60 ft
  - 44-45 ft wide pinch point between retaining walls at Vincent Avenue



# Tentative Schedule

- July/August
  - Field Investigation, Data Gathering, and Topographic Survey
- August
  - Open House 1
- September/October
  - Open House 2
- November
  - Open House 3
- January/February
  - Open House 4
- Tentative Bid Opening: late Fall 2027

# Questions?





**Transportation Commission Meeting 7/1/2026**

**Agenda Section: Other Business**

**Agenda Item: 9.a.**

**Report Prepared By:**

**Department Director:**

**Item for Consideration:**

2026 Bike Tour Route Discussion

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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1. July 29 Special Meeting

