



Richfield Transportation Commission Minutes

July 1, 2026

Richfield Municipal Center
Bartholomew Conference Room
6700 Portland Avenue South

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Louis Dzierzak at 7:00 p.m. on July 1st, 2026, in the Bartholomew Room.

Members Present: Louis Dzierzak (Chair), Adam Knosalla (Vice Chair), David Gepner, Josh Kloehn, Brinnon Kubista, Eli Straub

Members Absent: Jacob Olsen, Jaz Warren, Stella Yang

Liaisons Present: Tim Brackett (Richfield Public Schools), Sean Hayford Oleary (City Council), Husniyah Bradley (Community Services Commission)

Staff Present: Matt Hardegger, Jake Whipple, Joe Powers

Guest Presenters: None

2. Roll Call

Staff noted that Commissioners Olsen, Warren, and Yang were absent

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: made by Commissioner Kubista, seconded by Commissioner Gepner to approve the agenda.

Voting Aye: Dzierzak, Knosalla, Gepner, Kloehn, Kubista, Straub

Voting Nay:

Motion carried: 6-0

4. Approval of Minutes

a. April 29th, 2026 Minutes

Commissioner Gepner requested a correction to the April 29th minutes to define the acronym "RRFB" (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon).

MOTION: made by Commissioner Gepner, seconded by Commissioner Straub to approve the meeting minutes as corrected above from April 29th, 2026.

Voting Aye: Dzierzak, Knosalla, Gepner, Kloehn, Kubista, Straub

Voting Nay:

Motion carried: 6-0

5. Regular Business and Public Hearing Items

a. Penn Avenue - Open House 3 Follow Up

Transportation Engineer Matt Hardegger gave a recap of Open House 3 and ongoing public engagement for Hennepin County's Penn Avenue project. Topics included public preference for various bikeway, major intersection, and minor intersection designs and a request to determine Commission preferences for design items.

Commissioners discussed preferences to send to the City Council about design features that had been presented to the public in Open House 3. Preferences were determined by general consent without any noted objections.

Bikeway Preference: One-way cycletracks

64th Street intersection: Roundabout with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons

69th Street Intersection: Roundabout

75th Street Intersection: Roundabout with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons

67th Street, 71st Street, 73rd Street Intersections: Closed Medians

All other Intersections: Full Access Left Turn Lanes with Medians

Other preferences: Raised crosswalks parallel to Penn Avenue

b. **69th Street Safety and Utility Improvements Project Introduction**

Transportation Engineer Matt Hardegger provided an introduction and overview of the upcoming 69th Street Safety and Utility Improvements project. Topics included project background, existing conditions and challenges, and upcoming schedule.

Commissioners discussed holding Open House #1 in August and potential coordination opportunities with Edina to extend the bikeway beyond the city limits.

No formal action was taken by the Commission.

6. **Updates**

a. **City Staff**

Transportation Engineer Hardegger provided updates on MnDOT's I-494 project, Hennepin County's Nicollet Avenue, and the city's Sheridan Hills Safe Routes to School, 73rd Street Sidewalk, and 64th Street Sidewalk projects.

City staff asked for a volunteer for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee to represent the Transportation Commission. Commissioners Kubista and Straub volunteered. Decision was deferred to a future meeting.

b. **Liaisons**

Council Member Hayford-Oleary provided Council-related updates on park alcohol policy, the City Manager's retirement announcement and search process, and recent news about the property tax assessment for the Best Buy corporate campus.

Commissioner Gepner praised Tim Brackett for his class to teach Richfield kids to bike.

Liaison Bradley invited Commissioners to take the parks survey.

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**

The commission agreed to the proposed route and a start time of 6:30 PM for the Bike Tour for July 29th by general consent.

10. **Adjournment**

MOTION TO ADJOURN: made by Commissioner Gepner, seconded by Commissioner Kubista to adjourn the meeting at Time 8:42 PM.

Voting Aye: Dzierzak, Knosalla, Gepner, Kloehn, Kubista, Straub

Voting Nay:

Motion carried: 6- 0

The audio recording for this meeting is available at: <https://youtu.be/-kaD-HxWZL8>

