



COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Coon Rapids City Center

Conference Room 1

Call to Order

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.04, subd. 2, the City Council will meet in work session to discuss the following:

1. Active Transportation Plan Update

Other Business

Adjourn



City Council Work Session

1.

Meeting Date: 09/17/2024

Subject: Active Transportation Plan Update

From: Matt Brown, Community Development Director

INTRODUCTION

Staff will provide an update on the active transportation planning process that has been underway over the course of this year.

DISCUSSION

Earlier this year, the Council adopted a resolution accepting an Active Transportation Planning Assistance Grant to help the City create an active transportation plan. The Minnesota Department of Transportation's Active Transportation Planning Assistance Grant Program covers an estimated \$100,000 cost of technical assistance from a consultant. City Staff applied for the grant last fall to assist with future sidewalk and trail planning, as well as implementation of low-cost, incremental projects to improve conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists. In January, the City of Coon Rapids was awarded a grant for the 2024 cycle, along with the cities of Alexandria, St. Peter, and Cannon Falls. The award involves technical assistance from a consultant selected by MnDOT and no matching funds are required from the City.

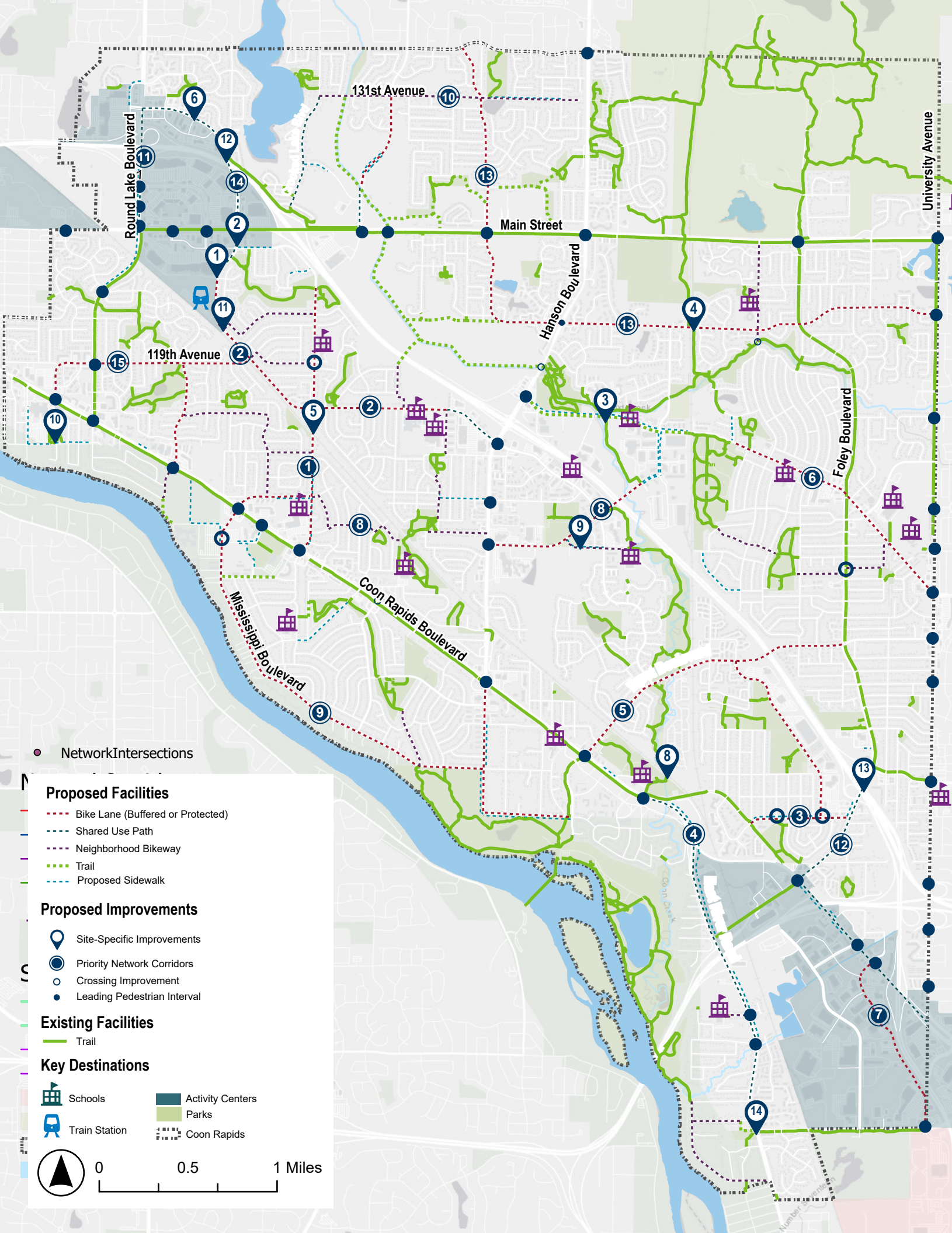
The planning process has involved monthly meetings with an internal staff team and consultants, and a series of five meetings with technical experts including state, school district, and county staff. Public engagement, including a survey and online mapping activity, occurred over the summer and provided a framework for recommendations. Using that input, Staff has worked with the consultant on a draft Network Map. This map essentially updates the City's Sidewalk and Trail Plan, while also identifying incremental safety improvements that can be implemented with minimal cost using existing roadway sections. Staff will provide a brief presentation on the draft Network Map and provide additional updates on the overall plan, which is expected to be finalized for Council adoption by January 2025. A second component of the grant, which was implemented in August, involved restriping portions of 121st Avenue near Sand Creek Elementary School to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests any input from the Council as the active transportation planning process progresses.

Attachments

Draft Network Map



● NetworkIntersections

Proposed Facilities

- Bike Lane (Buffered or Protected)
- Shared Use Path
- Neighborhood Bikeway
- Trail
- Proposed Sidewalk

Proposed Improvements

- 📍 Site-Specific Improvements
- Priority Network Corridors
- Crossing Improvement
- Leading Pedestrian Interval

Existing Facilities

- Trail

Key Destinations

- 🏫 Schools
- 🏠 Activity Centers
- 🚂 Train Station
- 🌳 Parks
- 🏘️ Coon Rapids

