

**City of Ramsey
Weekly Update
October 11, 2012**

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Weekly Calendar of Events

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

5:30 p.m. – Public Works Committee – Lake Itasca Room
Immediately following PW – Special CC – Lake Itasca Room
Immediately following Special CC – Special HRA – Lake Itasca Room

Thursday, October 18, 2012

7:00 p.m. – Mayor's Town Hall Meeting – Lake Itasca Room

Preview of Next Week

Friday, October 12, 2012. Win Big with Village Bank, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., for tailgate fun! Free Refreshments, including free chili from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Free box of Village Bank Logo checks. *Attached to the Weekly Update is a Flyer for the Win Big with Village Bank event.*

Friday, October 12, 2012. Lee Carlson Center's 5th Annual RoofRaiser. 5:00 p.m. – Community Leaders will be at BoB's Produce in Fridley – each community is challenged to raise \$5,000 to support Lee Carlson Center. Help your favorite team avoid an overnight stay atop BoB's roof. Donate online at phalvorson@leecarlsoncenter.org. *Attached to the Weekly Update is a Flyer for the Lee Carlson Center's 5th Annual RoofRaiser event.*

Monday, October 15, 2012. MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting featuring Rep. Bachmann. On Monday, October 15, members of the MetroNorth Chamber have the opportunity to hear from Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, whose district covers most of Anoka County. Rep. Bachmann will provide an update on national issues and other matters important to the local business community. The meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. at Connexus Energy in Ramsey with light refreshments provided. There is **NO COST** for MetroNorth members to attend; however an **RSVP is required**. (*The City of Ramsey is a member of the MetroNorth Chamber.*) If you are interested in attending, please let Jo know and she will RSVP for you.

Public Works Committee (5:30 p.m. - LIR) – Dinner will be provided

- Review Bids for Snow Removal at Parking Ramp and Municipal Center
- Resident Concern – 167th Avenue (IP 08-27)
- Sunwood Drive Project – Completion of Signal System, Irrigation System and Sidewalks
- Staff Input - Consider Blvd Maintenance Options on Dysprosium Street

Special City Council (Immediately following PW - LIR)

- Request for Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit Approval for Motor Fuel Sales and Car Wash for a Super America Located in the COR TWO Subdivision; Case of West Real Estate and Management Inc.
- Comparison of final pro-forma and Current Draw Schedule in Regards to the Residence at The COR
- Approve Additional Services ? Sunwood Drive Construction Administration
- Review Utility Building/Historic Town Hall Relocation Project

Special HRA (Immediately following Special CC - LIR)

- Consider Alternative Development Scenario - Sunwood Retail
- Approve Development Agreement - COR TWO
- Approve Documents Related to the Plat of COR TWO
- Approve Contract for Design Services - Sunwood Retail
- Approve Agreement Related to Pre-payment - The Residence at The COR
- Approve Option Agreement - Edgewood Management Group (portions may be closed to the public)

Council Update

Girl Scouts to Promote Clean Curbs for Water Quality this Saturday. Local Girl Scout Troop #11375 will be dodging forecast rain on Saturday morning around the townhomes north of The Draw to inform residents on the importance of cleaning curb and gutters of leaves and debris. This is particularly relevant, as this area drains into the storm pond at The Draw (amphitheater pond), which does have problems with algal blooms. They will be distributing approximately 300 door hangers as part of their clean water initiative; and if catch basins are not wet from the rain, they will also be gluing don't dump down the drain stickers as well – (46 in total, in this same area).

They all have chaperones with respect to traffic safety; and there may be a maximum of 200 people (likely fewer)... They'll begin in Akin Park in Anoka (litter pick up and registration) at 8:30 a.m. and travel by auto to Ramsey as soon as 9:00 in the morning. They anticipate wrapping up around 11:30 a.m. Boy and Girl Scouts are generally very active in community service, and this group has also been invited to 'Adopt-a-Spot' at Fox Park in Ramsey. The group may report to the community on this weekend's activity at the November Park and Recreation Commission meeting.

Continued Favorable News for COR Residents – Trees for North Commons. This coming week, North Commons' area residents are being invited to participate in planting trees at the park and for children to learn about tree care. *Attached to the Weekly Update is a letter that was sent to the larger neighborhood served by North Commons park.* The correspondence also invites families to provide images of their favorite play equipment elements as part of the planning for the proposed play equipment for North Commons. Council, Staff and interested parties are invited to visit or partake in the volunteer planting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 18th.

Strides forward in server maintenance: The IT department is going to be more diligent about server maintenance in the future. What does this mean for you? The goal is to get better performance, more space and longer life out of our servers. This shouldn't negatively impact anyone's ability to work as most maintenance will take place outside of the 8-4:30 schedule. We do need everyone's help on some matters, such as the space of the File Server, which we've mentioned before. Look for training material to surface soon and we'll start from there. It's important that everyone be aware of the changes that are happening behind our metaphorical IT curtain.

Former employee emails and files: With all of the recent changes in staff there has become a surplus of emails and files floating out on the network. The IT department would like to coordinate with all of you to find out who's files and email accounts we need to salvage, move or delete. **Please touch base with Jason if you suspect/know you have use for emails or files from a former employee/councilmember etc.**

Sunwood Drive Project. The Contractor is currently installing storm sewer in the COR TWO retail area and sidewalk along the new Sunwood alignment. Connexus Energy is relocating the Switch Cabinet to the north side of Sunwood as requested. Next week we anticipate the construction of bituminous trail along Armstrong Blvd, additional sidewalk work, and possibly wear course paving.

Alpine Drive. The existing bituminous has been reclaimed and the trail is currently being paved. We anticipate paving next week.

Report from Scott Flynn, QCTV. The tech department has completed its investigation of the incident of October 9, 2012 where QCTV equipment had failed which effected the ability to cover the EDA and City Council meetings at Ramsey Municipal Center. The issue was determined to be a corrupt configuration file that effectively made the VDESK, the primary video production switcher, unable to start up. The corrupt file was a result of a Windows operating system crash.

As of this time, the equipment is back up and running.

The following is the timeline of events:

- A full equipment check was performed at 1:13pm
 - A recording is produced of the equipment check to verify completeness
 - The check was performed by Adam Emberland
 - The check was verified on the morning of October 10 by Scott Flynn as complete from the recorded equipment check date stamped for October 9, 2012, 1:13:34pm
 - The video recording of this check is available upon request
- System Crashed prior to the EDA meeting
 - Producer was Matt Perkins
 - Reported while in VDESK, the video production software, the screen when blank and the computer restarted. VDESK from then on resulted in an error screen when trying to start that software
- Producer called Adam Emberland

- Adam went over some diagnostics over the phone
- Adam then remotely logged in to the VDESK computer and tried to repair
- The error persisted into the City Council meeting
- The EDA and City Council was not recorded
- Morning of October 10
 - Adam continued to do some additional diagnostics to determine the issue
 - The issue was deemed unresolvable in-house
- The Afternoon of October 10
 - Rushworks technical support was contact and Adam supplied all information he had found about the issue
 - Determined to be a corrupt file
 - Replacement file was sent and installed by Adam Emberland

A full equipment check is scheduled for October 11, 2012 to verify all issues have been resolved. This was an unforeseeable issue, and has a rare chance of appearing again, however, the replacement file is being backed-up for future use in case this same issue does arise again.

Department Activities:

Building Maintenance

- Relocate engineering and finance departments
- Repair projector in A.R. room
- Place supply orders
- Continue fall maintenance

City Clerk

- In-Person Absentee Voting/Received and accepted ballots into State's voter system, and conducted ballot board
- Attended head judge Primary Election debriefing
- Met to discuss possible resolution and ordinance number assignments via CRM
- Attended Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting
- Data Request (1)

Finance

- Attended Sales Tax Seminar
- Reconcile Sept credit card statement & Bank Reconciliation
- Revise ESS Manual for JDE upgrade
- Finance Move
- Meeting with Engineering in regards to how Riverdale Drive Projects will be funded

Fire

- Notable Responses
 - 10/4- Grass fire in the 16600 block of St Francis Blvd. Crews extinguished fire with assistance from DNR
 - 10/5- Mutual aid request from Anoka-Champlin for an apartment deck fire. Crew assisted with ventilation
 - 10/7- Trench rescue in the 7300 block of Hillendale Rd. Crews assisted in removing victim from trench that caved in.

- 10/8- Female down at Daytonport Park. Units arrived to find patient unresponsive. Crew performed CPR on scene and rode with ambulance to assist with patient care.
- Administration
 - Fire Prevention Week- School & Daycare Visits
 - Attended AHIMT training in Bloomington
 - Completed sprinkler rough in on remodel
 - Attended ATK facility tour for emergency response tactics planning
- Training this week: Business Meeting

HR

- Attended 2-day investigations training
- Met with the League's Loss Control Consultant
- Continued work on the Patrol Officer recruitment

IT

- Department moves were a huge success! Thank you to everyone who helped coordinate the move.

Parks

- Trees tagged and reserved at Grove Nursery for fall planting of Blvd. and park trees; 67 trees will be planted in various locations throughout the city beginning the week of October 15th and continuing for three weeks in concert with other duties
- North Commons tree planting organized for next week
- Park and Recreation intern continued on the detailed trail inventory for the 40+ miles of paved trails within Ramsey, and set out/pick up Farmers Marked signs for the last time this year
- Deer repellent applied to trees in parks and boulevards
- DOC 'off' this week due to chainsaw training – staff stripped soccer fields
- A super detailed litter in parks was performed following the horrendous winds of last week – and corners in curb and gutter parking lots were swept out for pick up with street sweeper

Planning/Building

- Attended ThriveMSP 2040 Listening Session
- Assisted in Office Space Remodel
- Preparation of North Commons Landscaping Plan
- Discussion of remaining Required Improvements and surety for Cross of Hope

Police

- **Charmin.** On Wednesday night, officers received several calls of homes being “toilet papered” as part of what was called Grub Night by Anoka High School students. Seniors were out in force decorating trees in the yards of Juniors. Not everyone is happy about having the mess in their yards and wanted the prank stopped. Officers stopped one suspect vehicle and discovered over 400 rolls of quality paper (some quilted). The fruits of the crime were removed from the vehicle and the occupants were sent home. If the toilet paper is not claimed, officers will begin disposing of it a little at a time over the next several months.

- **ATV on the Roadway.** On Wednesday, at 1748 hours, a Ramsey officer was about to leave the police department lot when he observed an ATV eastbound on Veterans Drive that appeared to be traveling faster than the posted limit of 30 mph. The ATV's speed entered radar at 44 mph and the officer attempted to stop the machine. When the officer activated his red lights and siren, the ATV driver and passenger looked back at him as the machine accelerated. The ATV then left the roadway and got onto the dirt road that parallels the railroad tracks, continuing east. The officer lost sight of the ATV but could see dust in the area of Oak Terrace Estates while he was on Ramsey Blvd. The officer proceeded to that area to search for the ATV. An ATV was located between two homes, partially hidden by a garbage can and couch cushions (doesn't everyone have couch cushions next to their home?). The ATV was hot to the touch but the driver and passenger were not around. The homeowner indicated that the ATV was not his, but thought he knew who was driving it. Both parties were located at a home near where the ATV was found. The passenger was taken into custody for an outstanding warrant and the driver was arrested for felony fleeing a peace officer. Further investigation revealed the ATV was stolen from Rogers in September. Additional charges for possession of stolen property were added.

Public Works

- We are receiving, and stock piling, approximately 1700 cubic yards of quality asphalt millings from the Alpine Drive overlay project. This material will be used on numerous PW projects in the future.
- We are in possession of the two reader boards from Anoka County. Staff training will be scheduled over the winter months.
- The PW department will also order, in the near future, two radar speed signs. These are the signs that flash your speed as you approach. Their initial use will be at the intersection of Sunwood Dr/ Sapphire St near city hall.
- We continue to wind down with summer maintenance projects and start thinking in earnest about winter.


Utilities

- Worked with a contractor to replace the pump starters for both sewage pumps at lift station #1, the existing ones were getting weak and were starting to trip causing pump fails at this location
- A three person crew continues to flush water mains throughout the city and should be able to finish the project by mid to late next week
- We have been responding to an increased amount of water turn off requests due to the upcoming cold weather
- We responded to a possible sewage backup at a commercial site at 14000 Unity street our gravity system was flowing as expected without issues and it was determined that the businesses service lateral was plugged between the street and the building. After a drain cleaning company pushed the blockage into our system we utilized our jetter truck to break it up and send it down the sewer main this was done to eliminate the chance that another blockage occurs.

Save the Date:

- **Thursday, October 25.** Secretary of State Mark Ritchie will discuss the two ballot questions facing Minnesotans. There has been a lot of debate and even controversy over these issues – now is your chance to hear from the Secretary of State and have your questions answered. The meeting is scheduled for 8:00 a.m., at Ramsey Community College in Coon Rapids. The meeting is hosted by the MetroNorth Chamber; therefore, there is no cost for MetroNorth members; however, an RSVP is appreciated. Please let Jo know if you would like to attend this session.

Best regards,



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Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

Attachments: Flyer for the Win Big with Village Bank event
Flyer for the Lee Carlson Center's 5th Annual RoofRaiser event
Letter that was sent to the Larger Neighborhood Served by North Commons Park
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WIN BIG with VILLAGE BANK!



- **SIMPLY
FREE CHECKING**
- **FREE GIFT**

*Plus these Tailgate
Specials on October 12th*

- **FREE REFRESHMENTS
INCLUDING FREE CHILI
FROM 5pm - 7pm**
- **FREE BOX OF VILLAGE
BANK LOGO CHECKS**
- **\$25 CASH**

RECEIVE UP TO \$25 FOR YOUR UNUSED
CHECKS AND DEBIT CARD FROM ANOTHER
FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.



- **A CHANCE TO WIN A
43" FLATSCREEN TV**
- **AND OTHER
GREAT PRIZES**

*Join us on Friday, October 12
from 8:30am - 7:00pm for tailgate fun!*

FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!





Raising \$ and awareness for mental health

Lee Carlson Center's 5th Annual RoofRaiser



On **Friday, October 12th beginning at 5pm** [community leaders](#) will be at [BoB's Produce](#) in Fridley.

Each community is challenged to raise \$5,000 to support Lee Carlson Center.

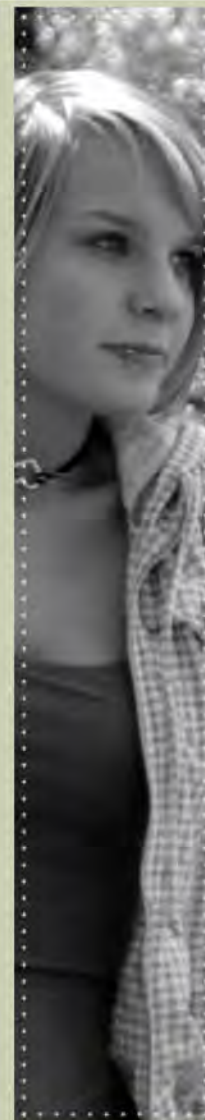
Help your favorite team avoid an overnight stay atop BoB's roof.

[Donate online](#) (and designate your team)

Or pledge your support to:
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phalvorson@leecarlsoncenter.org
and drop your donation in the mail to:

*Lee Carlson Center
Attn: Patty
7954 University Ave. NE
Fridley, MN 55432*

And don't forget to stop by BoB's for a little music & a bite to eat. Fri., 10/12, beginning at 5pm.



If you've already donated to The RoofRaiser, thank you! Your donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.



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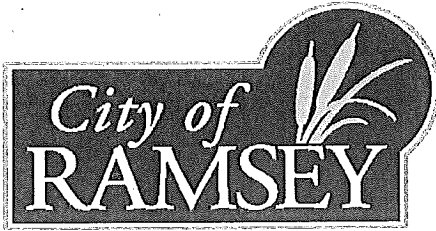


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October 10, 2012

Dear North Commons area Resident,

As you may know, the City of Ramsey continues to make progress and investments in your neighborhood park known as North Commons. The most recent successes include a MN DNR grant for trees for the park and also City Council go-ahead to begin the planning for a playground. This letter shall address both projects somewhat separately - and in both matters I am respectfully requesting your response and feedback.

Tree Planting: As you know, grading, seeding and irrigation was completed earlier this summer so the site is ready for our trees, which will be delivered on Wednesday the 17th. We have deliberately scheduled the planting for Thursday the following day, as this is the school district's first day of MEA with children out of school. The hope is that families can join city staff in the park for planting and learning about trees. *You are hereby invited to meet at the park at 1 O'clock October 18th for a primer on how trees grow, and what important considerations there are in properly planting a tree.* (What a great opportunity for children to learn on their day off from school!) Thereafter together we will plant your neighborhood park!

If the weather is exceedingly poor, the volunteer planting will be delayed until 1 PM on Friday, the following day. Below this letter is a summary* of the tree planting grant and other aspects of the planting project.

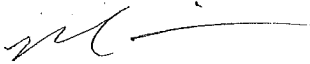
Playground for North Commons: As you may have noticed, there is a lot of construction staking within the park and to the west. This is to receive bids for bringing sewer and water to the lots that were created that will provide funding for the play equipment. (Please see the earlier letter I sent to you, or the large sign in the park for detail on these proposed new homes.)

Indeed, City Council has authorized staff to begin the planning for the playground. In August, the Park and Recreation Commission met at your park and determined that you and your family should have direct input on what the play equipment looks like. The Commission thought *the best way to communicate all these ideas would be if people e-mailed me pictures of your favorite elements of playgrounds that you currently visit in the city or elsewhere.* In fact this may serve as a bit of a treasure hunt for you and your children. On the City's web site is a Playground Location Map. Please go to <http://www.cityoframsey.com> then 'Departments' - 'Public Works' - then 'Parks' and scroll down the page to near the bottom for a link to a map with 13 playgrounds within Ramsey.

If you are interested in learning more on either of these two improvements for your park; or to e-mail me images of what you'd like to see for your proposed play equipment - please send them to me in writing at the above address, or at mrriverblood@ci.ramsey.mn.us. Or you may also reach me by phone at 763 238 1733.

On behalf of City Council and the Park and Recreation Commission, we are energized about all the favorable momentum building in The COR, and are equally excited to hear your thoughts for the playground and I *especially* look forward to planting trees with you next week!

Yours in Public Service,



Mark Riverblood,
Parks & Asst. Public Works Superintendent



***Project Title:** City of Ramsey's MAJESTY OF THE COMMONS

Project Purpose: In contrast to the 'Tragedy of the Commons', this unified planting project engages the residents within this livable community in the communal care, education and ongoing stewardship of their shared park space named North Commons. The outcome will be a diverse array of trees that are well adapted to the Anoka Sand Plain for this new public space; *and*, the endeavor will result in a 'mini-arboretum' showcasing species that perform well in sandy soils. Small, didactic placards will be installed adjacent to the individual species as on-going tools for public education.

Project Location Description: The project will occur in North Commons, a park within Ramsey's pedestrian and transit oriented, master-planned community known as The COR. The park is just over seven (7) acres in size, located in the south central portion of the community and connects the higher density urban area with the existing larger, rural lot neighborhoods to the north and east. The northern and northeastern portions of the property are wetland with the remainder of the site being upland consisting of sandy soil (Hubbard-Nymore association).

Project Goals: Engage residents from the adjacent neighborhood and townhome associations, who have expressed their desire to initiate park improvements, in the place-making practice of planting trees to create an aesthetically pleasing, inviting and functional public space. The project will also serve as an educational tool for the community by showcasing species well adapted to the area, their growth characteristics (habit and form), and pertinent facts about the needs, benefits and care of trees.

This project will provide living examples of tree species that perform well in sandy soils, which residents can see, touch and replicate as they landscape or reforest their property. The project will incorporate participation of a K-12 school (PACT), within walking distance of North Commons, to develop language for interpretive signage to highlight the *Majesty* of trees and community/urban forests.

Subject: FW: TLC News: What's ahead in the Central Corridor

From: "Barb Thoman - Transit for Livable Communities" <tlc@tlcminnesota.org>

To: bobbenke@comcast.net

Sent: Tuesday, October 9, 2012 11:52:59 AM

Subject: TLC News: What's ahead in the Central Corridor

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Progress for Southwest LRT

October brings more exciting developments for the Southwest light rail line. As part of the *We Can't Wait* initiative, the White House expedited the project review process, affirming what TLC and other advocates have long contended: that the the SWLRT transit project is "nationally and regionally significant" and "will greatly improve access to major employment centers and all area attractions for residents and commuters." Progress on the planned line also continues to move forward here at home with a draft environmental impact statement expected October 12. Three [hearings scheduled](#) for next month will provide an excellent opportunity for public comment on the DEIS. We encourage you to attend! This fall TLC is also happy to welcome Whitney Lawrence, Bri Whitcraft, and Bridgette Kelly to our team!

Best of the Blog

Central Corridor Update: What to Expect in 2013

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A warm welcome to Whitney, Bri, and Bridgette!

Show your support for improved bus service, rail transit, and options for biking & walking. [Donate today!](#) Together we can bring safe, affordable, and sustainable transportation options to all Minnesotans.



Many of you are eager to ride the new Central Corridor light rail line, and so are we! Major construction is expected to wrap up successfully by year's end, but the Green Line won't be ready for passengers until 2014. So what needs to happen before we can all hop aboard? [Read more.](#)

Expanding Options, Expanding Opportunity



Housing and transportation are the two largest expenses for most households today. Expanding affordable options for both gives families the opportunity to achieve greater financial stability. Despite growing public demand, and a growing understanding of how transportation and housing development are interrelated, these options are still lacking for too many Twin Cities residents. What three efforts can make a difference? [Read more.](#)

Transportation Options Matter: Let Candidates Know

The options you have for getting where you need to go are impacted by decisions made by elected officials at every level of government. Having access to transit near home, work, or school and safe places to bike and walk in your community can make a big difference in your daily life *and* in your bank account. Transportation options matter. But have you talked with candidates and friends about why transportation matters to you? Now is the time. Tips and information [here.](#)

Speaking up at nonpartisan candidate forums, like those hosted



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Thank you!



by the League of Women Voters, is one great way to make the issues you care about part of the conversation this election season. [Find an upcoming forum near you.](#)

Bike Walk Twin Cities Update

Making Franklin Avenue Work Better for Everyone



A major route for getting across Minneapolis and home to many businesses and other destinations, Franklin Avenue is also known for its high crash rates. With safety a significant concern, bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists alike could benefit from a street redesign. Bike Walk Twin Cities recently funded a planning study to explore possible improvements along this roadway. Following great input from neighbors, organizations, and agencies, what design recommendations came out of the planning process, and what's next for Franklin Ave? [Read more.](#)



Interested in keeping up with bicycling and walking news from Bike Walk Twin Cities? E-mail [Jamez](#) to be added to the Bike Walk Twin Cities E-newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Public Unveiling of First Central Corridor Light Rail Vehicle

Wednesday, October 10, 1:15-2:30pm

Target Field Station, Minneapolis

The the first light rail vehicle (LRV) for the Central Corridor LRT Green Line will be unveiled on Wednesday, October 10th! Please gather by 1:15 p.m. at Target Field Station in Minneapolis to greet the new LRV as it arrives at 1:30 p.m. Brief remarks will begin at 1:30 p.m. sharp to coincide with the train's arrival. Afterward, media, elected officials, and the public are invited to tour the new LRV. Viewing ends at 2:30 p.m. when train departs. (In case of inclement weather, remarks will be made inside Metro Transit's escalator/elevator lobby at Target Field Station.)

Open House: Central Corridor Transit Service Plan

Wednesday, October 10, 4:30-6:30pm

Rondo Community Outreach Library, Saint Paul

Metro Transit will host an informational open house about the revised concept plan for bus service connecting to the Central

Corridor (beginning in 2014) at the Rondo Community Outreach Library on October 10. The revised plan includes changes in proposed service to these routes, in response to customer feedback: route 3, 16, 63, 68/71, 83, 87, 94, and 134. The full recommended plan is available [here](#).

Public Meeting: 44th/Penn/Osseo Intersection and Corridors Study

**Monday, October 15, 7-9pm
The Warren, Minneapolis**

The Victory Neighborhood Association will host a public meeting to discuss the 44th, Penn & Osseo Intersection and Corridors Study. This study funded by BWTC/TLC involves identifying opportunities to add bicycle facilities and to improve pedestrian street crossings. The meeting will include a presentation of the consulting engineer's report including intersection assessment, options considered, and design recommendations. Community members are encouraged to provide input on preferred options. Next action steps and a project timeline will also be discussed. More information is available [here](#).

Public Meeting: Talking Taxes with Myron Frans

**Thursday, October 18, 7-8pm
Folwell Recreation Center, Minneapolis**

Minnesota Revenue Commissioner Myron Frans is conducting a statewide tour to talk about our tax system and collect suggestions on how to make it fairer, simpler, and more supportive of economic development. Attend and share the message that more transportation options are essential to ensuring that all Minnesotans benefit from growth. You can also email your tax reform suggestions to revenue@state.mn.us. The department will present this input to Governor Dayton as a draft tax reform proposal this fall. The Governor will then present his tax reform recommendations to the 2013 Legislature. Contact: ryan.brown@state.mn.us, 651-556-6750.

The Details

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