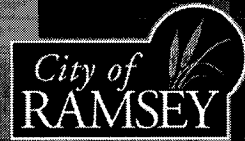


# WEEKLY UPDATE

*Administrator's Report*



June 13, 2013

**Tuesday, June 18, 2013**

6:00 p.m. – Personnel Committee – Lake Itasca Room

Immediately Following Personnel – Public Works Committee – Lake Itasca Room

## *Preview of Next Week*

**Personnel Committee (6:00 p.m. – LIR) – No meal provided.**

- Resolution to Hire a Patrol Officer

**Public Works Committee (Immediately following Personnel – LIR)**

- Consider Request for Use of Veterans Drive Right of Way for Outdoor Dog Area; Case of Residence at The COR
- Review of Updated Costs for Reconstructing Andrie Street
- Consideration of Request to Construct Retaining Wall in Drainage & Utility Easement
- Consider Stop Sign Request for 3-Way Stop at Tiger Street and 171<sup>st</sup> Avenue
- Consider Improvements to Crosswalk at Armstrong Blvd and 161<sup>st</sup> Avenue

**LMC Annual Conference and Marketplace.** The League of Minnesota Cities 2013 LMC Annual Conference and Marketplace is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19 through Friday, June 21. *Attached to the Weekly Update is a Flyer for the LMC Annual Conference and Marketplace.*

## *Council Update*

**Old Municipal Center Site Development.** The City's Economic Development Authority (EDA) and Council are in the process considering the future development of the "Old Municipal Center Site." The City is considering general development scenarios for the 20.5 acre site.

Today, the *Old Municipal Center Site* is zoned Public/Quasi Public. On Tuesday, June 12 the Council considered submitting an application to the Planning Commission to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Council decided to re-engage surrounding property owners in a study committee to help plan the future land use of the parcel before submitting a Comprehensive Plan Amendment application to the Planning Commission.

Staff is in the process of developing proposals for a study group to analyze a potential data center development. Said proposals will be brought to the Council for consideration late June/early July.

For detailed information on the *Old Municipal Center Site* development please visit the City's webpage: <http://www.cityoframsey.com/formerrmc> or contact Patrick Brama: 763-433-9903, [pbrama@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:pbrama@ci.ramsey.mn.us)

### **Community Development/Development Services**

- The Community Development Department has provided an update to current development projects and draft policies as part of the Development Update. *Attached to the Weekly Update is the Development Update.*

### **Fire**

- Notable Responses:
  - 6/8- P.I. accident at the intersection of Nowthen Blvd and 167<sup>th</sup> Ave. Unit arrived to find 2 vehicles involved with minor injuries. Crew assisted with patient care and traffic control
  - 6/13- Female not breathing in the 15200 block of Iguana St. Unit arrived to find patient unresponsive. Crew started CPR and assisted Allina.

### **Police**

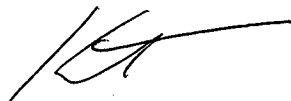
- **Let Me In.** Officers received a call of a domestic situation at a residence in Ramsey. The complainant indicated that she had been at a wedding with her boyfriend earlier in the evening and had gotten into a little fight. The boyfriend left the wedding before she did and returned home. When the complainant got to the residence, she found the locks changed on the home that she stated she owned. She was furious and got more upset when the officer would not kick the door in for her. The officer knocked on the door for five minutes and got no response. The officer asked her for the keys to the house. He inserted the keys and opened the door.
- **One Born Every Minute.** A Ramsey resident came to the police department to make a fraud report. She reported that she received an e-mail offering her \$500 to cash some checks to purchase medical supplies. She stated she received a check for \$6850 and put it into her bank account. She then mailed two Moneygrams for \$1950 each to locations in CA. Her bank informed her the \$6850 check was not legitimate before she could mail a third Moneygram. The complaint is now out \$3900. Hard to believe that people still fall for this scam!

### **Save the Date:**

- **Anoka County "Library Express"** is scheduled to have its ribbon-cutting & Open House on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 prior to the Council meeting. The facility is located in the Mississippi River conference room on the first floor of City Hall.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Police Explorer Bowling Fundraiser.** Saturday, August 17, 2013, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Super Bowl, 6720 Riverdale Drive NW, Ramsey. All proceeds go to the Ramsey Police Explorer POST 3819. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Kristin Camacho, 763-576-4301 or [kcamacho@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:kcamacho@ci.ramsey.mn.us). *Attached to the Weekly Update is a Flyer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Police Explorer Bowling Fundraiser.*

Best regards,



Kurt Ulrich  
City Administrator

Attachments: Flyer for the LMC Annual Conference and Marketplace  
Development Update  
Flyer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Police Explorer Bowling Fundraiser  
Email from the U.S. Transportation Department regarding the TIGER Grant  
application  
Letter from Senator Amy Klobluchar supporting the Hwy 10/Armstrong  
interchange  
Letter from Met Council regarding 2012 Annual Population Estimates

Kathy Schmitz

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**From:** Kathy Schmitz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2013 8:24 AM  
**To:** Kathy Schmitz  
**Subject:** FW: Sneak Peek: 2013 LMC Annual Conference and Marketplace Agenda

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**Subject: Sneak Peek: 2013 LMC Annual Conference and Marketplace Agenda**  
**Reply-To:** League of Minnesota Cities <[members@lmc.org](mailto:members@lmc.org)>

A first look at what's in store for you in St. Paul this June!

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Just Announced! Centennial Year Annual Conference Agenda

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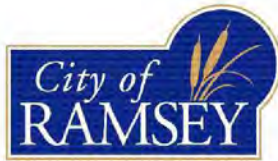
Thanks to our **Business Leadership Council**, who help make this event possible!

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## City of Ramsey Development Update

June 13, 2013

### Report Background

The following report is updated weekly.

#### Seasons of Ramsey [Updated]

*Primary Reviewer: Tim Gladhill ([tgldhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:tgldhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us); 763-576-4308)*

The Seasons of Ramsey is a 50 unit rental townhome development located in the Town Center Gardens plat at the northeast intersection of Bunker Lake Boulevard and Town Center Drive (also known as Center Street). The Planning Commission reviewed the Sketch Plan of the Plat on December 6, 2012. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Plat and reviewed the Site Plan on January 31, 2013. The City Council approved the Preliminary Plat, Final Plat, Site Plan, and associated requests of February 12, 2013. The Developer has submitted an Application for Building Permit.

The Developer was able to successfully close on the Property on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. The Developer anticipates to complete the entire project by December 31, 2013. The City is awaiting a request from the contractor to issue the Building Permit. Leasing information is available at [www.essenceproperties.com](http://www.essenceproperties.com), 320-255-9910, or [info@essenceproperties.com](mailto:info@essenceproperties.com).

Work has commenced and continues on the project. Staff will provide updates as needed.

*The City Council approved a request to amend exterior materials on June 11, 2013, consistent with acceptable exterior materials per Zoning Code. [Updated June 13, 2013]*

#### McDonalds (Sunwood Retail in The COR) [Updated]

*Primary Reviewer: Chris Anderson ([canderson@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:canderson@ci.ramsey.mn.us); 763-433-9905)*

The Planning Commission reviewed a Request for Site Plan Review for McDonalds on January 3, 2013. The site is located along the re-aligned Sunwood Drive at Armstrong Boulevard, located just north of Northstar Marketplace. The City Council approved the site plan and associated requests on January 22, 2013. The project is now eligible to submit a Building Permit. The City has received an Application for Building Permit.

The HRA approved Plans and Specifications and authorized Staff to advertise for bids for the Stage I Improvements as directed by the HRA for the May 14, 2013 HRA meeting. Initial Building Permit Plan Review has been completed, subject to revisions as requested by the City's Technical Review Staff. Staff also continues work with McDonald's to complete pre-development activities and review the plan sheets submitted for Building Permit review.

*The Ramsey Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) accepted bids and awarded a contract to construct the Stage I (common) Improvements for the three (3) lots within the COR TWO/Sunwood Retail area. The HRA also approved an extension to the Real Estate Contract to allow the Stage I Improvements to be completed and the due-diligence process to be completed. Construction is anticipated to begin on the facility itself this fall (2012). [Updated June 13, 2013]*

## Northgate Performing Arts Center [Updated]

Primary Reviewer: Consulting Planner (Contact: Tim Gladhill ([tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us); 763-576-4308)

The Planning Commission reviewed a Request for Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit for Northgate Performing Arts Center located at 7295 Sunwood Drive NW (northeast intersection of Sunwood Drive and Peridot Street NW) on October 4, 2012. The City Council approved the request on October 23, 2012.

Construction has officially commenced on the facility. The Contractor has requested a temporary closure of one (1) block on Peridot Street, adjacent to the site and NAU Country Insurance. The closure is planned for June 18, 2013 to June 21, 2013 in order to set building panels along Peridot Street. The closure would only be from Sunwood Drive north to 145<sup>th</sup> Avenue (one [1] block). The closure will also impact traffic patterns for PACT Charter School, which is currently not in regular session. The detour would use 145<sup>th</sup> Avenue west to Peridot Street, then south to Sunwood Drive. The Contractor will be forwarding Staff a detour plan/map. A sketch provided by the Contractor is shown below. When a more detailed map is provided, Staff will ensure proper communication with the City Council and adjacent property owners. [Updated June 13, 2013]



## Super America (Sunwood Retail in The COR) [No Update]

Primary Reviewer: Chris Anderson ([canderson@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:canderson@ci.ramsey.mn.us); 763-433-9905)

The Planning Commission reviewed a Request for Site Plan Review for Super America located in the Sunwood Retail Center of The COR, along the realigned Sunwood Drive on October 4, 2012. The City Council approved the request on October 16, 2012.

The City is awaiting said submittal of the Building Permit. [Updated March 14, 2013]

## North Commons (COR THREE) [Updated]

*Primary Reviewer: Tim Gladhill ([tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us); 763-576-4308)*

The Planning Commission reviewed a Request for Minor Plat Review of COR THREE, a seventeen (17) lot single-family development located north of Bunker Lake Boulevard in The COR on June 19, 2012. The City Council approved the request on July 10, 2012.

Preliminary grading and utility work commenced at the end of 2012. The Plat will need to be recorded prior to any Building Permit issuance.

On May 28, 2013, the HRA amended the scope of the project to focus on four (4) of the seventeen (17) lots that are located abutting North Commons (park). The remaining thirteen (13) lots that were approved along Bunker Lake Boulevard could be re-evaluated in the future as market conditions improve.

*The Ramsey Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) reviewed a potential purchase offer on all or portions of the four (4) lots along the park. The HRA will be reviewing current market conditions and seeking additional qualified offers on these lots. A more detailed work plan will be provided soon. [Updated June 13, 2013]*

## Residence at The COR [No Update]

*Primary Reviewer: Tim Gladhill ([tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us); 763-576-4308)*

The Planning Commission reviewed the request for Site Plan Review of Residence at The COR, a 230 unit apartment development along Sunwood Drive next to the Ramsey Municipal Center in 2011. The City Council approved the request in November, 2011. The project is currently under construction. The Developer anticipates the opening of a leasing office on a temporary basis in the coming weeks. The Developer desires to open a portion of the project (approximately 50 units) in early May, at which time an existing unit will take the place as the leasing office until the actual leasing/management office is complete. For more information, visit [www.corapts.com](http://www.corapts.com) or call 763-208-5931.

A temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been issued on approximately 50 units. The Developer anticipates opening the remainder in two (2) phases, with Phase II desired opening in late June. [Updated May 30, 2013]

## Stoney River [Updated]

*Primary Reviewer: Tim Gladhill ([tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us); 763-576-4308)*

The Planning Commission reviewed the request for Site Plan Review of Stoney River, a 72 unit assisted living and memory care development at the northwest intersection of Nowthen Boulevard and Saint Francis Boulevard in August, 2011. The site is adjacent to the Lord of Life Lutheran Church Campus. The City Council approved the request in August, 2011.

The City has reviewed the Building Permit, and is awaiting final revisions as requested. According to Anoka County Property Records, the site is now owned by First Phoenix Ramsey, LLC. The Developer has stated they anticipate to close on the financing package sometime on in mid-April and has now agreed to submit the required financial surety in the form of the City's standard Letter of Credit.

Staff did receive the required Plumbing Plan Review from the State of Minnesota. Staff is still awaiting revised plan sheets, which are assumed to be under development to complete the Building Permit Review. Staff is also awaiting the required Letter of Credit.

*Staff did receive communication from the Developer's Managing Director for Minnesota that the project was awarded financing and expects to close on said financing within the next month. The Developer anticipates construction to begin mid-to-late summer. Staff is working on final review of the Building Permit with this most recent communication. [Updated June 13, 2013]*

## Mary T, Inc. Housing [Updated]

*Primary Reviewer: Tim Gladhill ([tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us); 763-576-4308)*

The City has requested Planning Commission review of a concept plan for housing for disabled veterans on a parcel located within The COR.

The Planning Commission held a work shop to receive a presentation from Mary T., Inc. on Thursday, March 14, 2013. The Developer must now submit the required land use applications. Staff anticipates said applications in the spring of 2013. The Developer has stated they desire to start construction in 2013.

Staff has received notification that the Developer is now exploring multiple options for sites within Ramsey, other than the site originally identified. Staff will be meeting with the Developer in mid-May to discuss potential options.

*City Staff met with staff from Mary T., Inc. on Friday, May 28, 2013. The Developer is still interested in a project within Ramsey, and has broadened their search scope. Staff continues to review viable alternatives for site selection. [Updated June 13, 2013]*

## Housing Assistance Policy [Updated]

*Primary Contact: Tim Gladhill ([tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us); 763-576-4308)*

The City Council has directed Staff to complete a Housing Assistance Policy. The intent of the policy is to provide a framework for which to review requests for housing assistance and provide a mechanism to review proposals for compatibility with the City's housing goals. The Policy was forwarded to the Planning Commission for development. The Planning Commission has established an ad-hoc sub-committee to assist in the development of the policy.

The Housing Sub-Committee has met on two (2) occasions to date. Current accomplishments include completion of an Interim Policy Statement (until the final policy is adopted), agreement on the framework of the policy, and establishment of housing-type priorities. All drafts must still be approved by the City Council. Staff would like to provide a status update with the City Council in June.

*Staff provided an update to the City Council on June 11, 2013, and received positive feedback on direction to continue along the current path for completion. The next meeting of the Sub-Committee is scheduled for June 25, 2013. [Updated June 13, 2013]*

## 167<sup>th</sup> Avenue Retail Node [No Update]

*Primary Contact: Tim Gladhill ([tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us); 763-576-4308)*

The Planning Commission and EDA have both discussed the status of the retail node located at the intersection of 167<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Saint Francis Boulevard (TH 47). The City had previously been asked to review two (2) potential users at 6001 167<sup>th</sup> Ave NW (indoor shooting range and clothing recycling warehouse distribution. Per EDA discussion, Staff will be setting up stakeholder meetings to discuss a comprehensive approach with all property owners of the node in regards to future land uses as well as mechanisms to achieve desired future land uses. A more detailed summary will be provided following the outcomes of these stakeholder meetings.

Staff has scheduled a Stakeholder/Property Owner Meeting with owners of commercial/retail property in the area for Wednesday, June 5, 2013. The intent of the meeting is to outline options (land use and economic development related) for Property Owners and discuss a unified vision for the future of the current retail node. Staff will provide an update to the Planning Commission, EDA, and City Council following the Stakeholder Meeting.

Staff held a Stakeholder Meeting on June 5, 2013. Staff will forward feedback from said meeting in the near future. [Updated June 6, 2013]

## Former Municipal Center Future Land Uses [\[Updated\]](#)

*Primary Contact: Patrick Brama ([pbrama@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:pbrama@ci.ramsey.mn.us); 763-433-9903)*

In 2006, the City relocated the Ramsey Municipal Center from 15153 Nowthen Blvd NW to 7550 Sunwood Dr NW. The former location still operates as Fire Station #2. The City has been exploring options for future use of this campus and relocation of Fire Station #2. To assist in the analysis of acceptable land uses for this campus for future development, an Open House has been scheduled for Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers (7550 Sunwood Dr NW). The Open House will explore options for single-family and data center users. Multiple smaller group stations, with full size maps and ability for written comments, will be available from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. A brief presentation will be presented, with ability for large group comment, from 7:00 to 7:30 (or until comments are complete). Small group stations will re-convene following the presentation and comment period.

The Open House was held as scheduled despite weather concerns. Staff continues to compile results and comments from that Open House and presented preliminary findings to the City Council on Tuesday, April 23, 2013. Based on the results of that open house, Staff will presenting the detailed results to the Planning Commission, EDA, and City Council in May prior to taking any further steps. It is at this stage that Staff will discuss future direction, if any direction is desired at this time.

Staff has updated the Planning Commission (5/2/13) and the EDA (5/16/13) on the status of the project.

*Staff presented a case to discuss possible next steps at the June 11, 2013 City Council Meeting. The City Council directed Staff to re-engage the surrounding public through a collaborative process utilizing a task force to continue to review options for the site. A more detailed work plan and task force setup will be forwarded to City Council for review, potentially on June 25, 2013. [Updated June 13, 2013]*

## Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) Update for The COR [\[New\]](#)

*In 2003, an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) was prepared for the development formerly known as Ramsey Town Center, now known as The COR. The AUAR is an environmental review process that is an alternative to the standard, required environmental review for certain sized project. This alternative is a proactive, rather than individual reactive review, of the development as a whole as opposed to review with each individual project.*

*Minnesota Rules guiding the length of time this review is valid requires that the City update this document if is to be used for current environmental review purposes. In addition, the preferred development alternative has changed from the original preparation.*

*On May 28, 2013, the City Council 'ordered' the AUAR, which sent the completed update for an official review process. The comment period ended on June 12, 2013. Staff received comments from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT), and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Staff will now complete the final draft, including submitted comments, and distribute for final review. It is anticipated that the City Council will consider adopting the final document on July 9, 2013. [Updated June 13, 2013].*

## Potential Sign Overlay District for Armstrong Boulevard Interchange Area [\[New\]](#)

*As part of the public review process for the Armstrong Interchange, several comments from commercial (retail) property owners discussed concern with loss of visibility to their business due to the height of the interchange. It was discussed as a potential solution to increase the allowable height for properties surrounding the interchange. One property owner has requested that the City consider implementing a zoning solution as soon as possible, to ensure when construction does begin, a tool is already in place to allow additional height.*

*The Planning Commission briefly discussed the request to begin a process on June 6, 2013, and directed Staff to begin the process of establishing an Overlay District related to signs adjacent to the Armstrong Boulevard Interchange. [Updated June 13, 2013]*

## June Planning Commission Cases [Updated]

The following cases were reviewed by the June Planning Commission (details are included in the technical reports to the Planning Commission [[www.cityofframsey.com/agendas-minutes](http://www.cityofframsey.com/agendas-minutes)]):

1. Consider Request for Site Plan Review and Variance to Front (Side-Corner) Yard Setback for an Expansion Located at 6815 McKinley St NW; Case of Cullinan Rigging *[Recommended for approval. Variance was approved. City Council to consider final approval on June 25, 2013]*
2. Consider Request for Conditional Use Permit to Allow Two (2) Horses on 2.5 Acres Located at 8010 167<sup>th</sup> Ln NW; Case of Linda Eidem *[Recommended for approval. The Planning Commission would like to review rates and fees for Conditional Use Permits and consider a staggered fee structure depending on application type. Staff will prepare a future topic report for discussion.]*
3. Consider Request for Conditional Use Permit for Motor Vehicle Sales 7820 Riverdale Dr NW; Case of Bethel Properties *[Recommended for approval]*
4. Consider Request for Conditional use Permit for Oversizing of Accessory Structure Size; Case of Mike and Diane Dahlberg *[Recommended for approval]*

## July Planning Commission Date

The regularly scheduled Planning Commission for July would normally be July 4, 2013. As City Offices are closed that day, the meeting has been **officially** re-scheduled for July 18, 2013.

## Detailed Report Information

For more information regarding the project listed above, please contact the Tim Gladhill at 763-576-4308 or visit [www.cityofframsey.com/planning-division](http://www.cityofframsey.com/planning-division).



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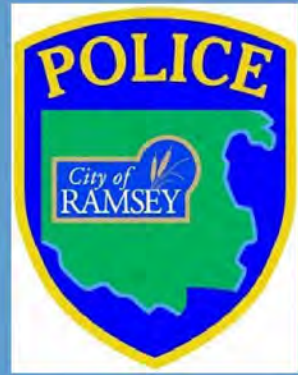
Tim Gladhill, Development Services Manager

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Police Explorer Bowling Fundraiser!

**Saturday 8/17/2013  
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Super Bowl  
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Ramsey, MN 55303

All proceeds go to the  
Ramsey Police Explorer POST 3819



Come join us for 2 hours of unlimited bowling + shoes for only \$15.00 per ticket!

Each ticket will also get you 1 entry into our raffle for fun prizes! We will be selling \$1.00 raffle tickets the day of the event!

For more information or to purchase your bowling ticket please contact:

Kristin Camacho  
763-576-4304

[Kcamacho@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:Kcamacho@ci.ramsey.mn.us)



**From:** Kurt Ulrich  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2013 10:05 AM  
**To:** Kathy Schmitz  
**Cc:** Bruce Westby; Tim Gladhill  
**Subject:** FW: Transportation Advisory: 500+ Applications for Latest Round of TIGER Grants  
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Please put this in this week's update.

"The Armstrong/Highway 10 TIGER Grant application for \$10 million faces some strong competition for available funds. This announcement was just released from the U.S. Transportation Department:

## {TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY}

### **U.S. Transportation Secretary LaHood Announces 568 Applications for Latest TIGER Grants**

*Continuing Demand for TIGER Grants Highlights Need for Transportation Investment*

WASHINGTON – U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood today announced that the strong demand for TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grants continues as once again the number of applications has surpassed the available funding.

Applications to the U.S. Department of Transportation for TIGER 2013 grants totaled more than \$9 billion, far exceeding the \$474 million set aside for the program. The Department received 568 applications from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and American Samoa.

"President Obama challenged us to improve our nation's infrastructure to provide the transportation choices people and businesses want and the efficiency and safety they need," said Secretary LaHood. "TIGER projects do exactly that – across the country, they are helping relieve congestion, create jobs and generate lasting economic growth."

On March 26, 2013, the President signed the FY 2013 appropriations act, which, after sequestration, provided \$474 million for Department of Transportation national infrastructure investments. Like the first four rounds, TIGER 2013 grants are for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and will be awarded on a competitive basis. This is the fifth round of TIGER funding.

The previous four rounds of the TIGER program provided \$3.1 billion to 218 projects in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. During the previous four rounds, the Department of Transportation received more than 4,050 applications requesting more than \$105.2 billion for transportation projects across the country.

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AMY KLOBUCHAR  
MINNESOTA

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United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 11, 2013

Charles A. Zelle  
Commissioner  
Minnesota Department of Transportation  
395 John Ireland Boulevard  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Commissioner Zelle:


I am writing in support of Anoka County's proposal to replace the existing at-grade intersection at US Highway 10 and Anoka CSAH 83 (Armstrong Boulevard) with an interchange and an overpass of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad. This project will improve safety, congestion, mobility and support existing and future economic growth and development in Anoka County and the City of Ramsey.

Eliminating the traffic signal and at-grade crossing of the BNSF Railroad will incorporate and integrate multiple modes of transportation, making the entire transportation network safer and more efficient. Completing this project will also improve access to homes, schools, employment nodes, service centers, the Northstar Commuter Rail Station and the Veterans Administration clinic.

Both Anoka County and the City of Ramsey have committed significant local funding for this project but are seeking other financing options to move the project forward. I supported Anoka County's recent application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation, and I support the County's application for MnDOT's Transportation Economic Development (TED) and Corridor Investment Management Strategy (CIMS) grants.

Improving safety, congestion and mobility on the Highway 10 corridor needs to be a priority and replacing the existing at-grade intersection at US 10 and Anoka County Road 83 would be an important step towards achieving those goals.

Sincerely,

  
Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senator

May 29, 2013

Kurt Ulrich, Administrator  
City Of Ramsey  
7550 Sunwood Drive NW  
Ramsey, MN 55303

Dear Mr. Ulrich:

Each year, the Metropolitan Council prepares population and household estimates as of April 1 of the previous year. Local governments are invited to review and comment on the preliminary estimates. The Council will certify final estimates by July 15 for State government use in allocating local government aid and street aid.

**The Metropolitan Council estimates that the City Of Ramsey had 23,946 people and 8,134 households as of April 1, 2012. Household size averaged 2.94 persons per household.**

With this letter, the Council is reporting the data inputs used to develop the preliminary estimates for your community. The Council estimates current population and households through changes in the housing stock, occupancy rates and persons per household. Input data sources include housing stock, manufactured home parks, and group quarters data maintained by Metropolitan Council Research, as well as U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey data. For more information on the Council's population estimates model, please visit the Council's website at <http://stats.metc.state.mn.us/stats/aboutestimates.aspx> or contact Todd Graham at 651-602-1322.

Council staff welcomes discussion of the 2012 preliminary estimates. *Under Minnesota Statutes 473.24, the Metropolitan Council must receive your comments, questions or specific objections, in writing, by June 24.* Please send any written comments or questions to Todd Graham, Metropolitan Council Research, 390 North Robert Street, Saint Paul, MN 55101; or by e-mail to [todd.graham@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:todd.graham@metc.state.mn.us)

Sincerely,



Todd Graham  
Principal Demographer

## 2012 Annual Population Estimates

### **Ramsey city, Anoka County, Minnesota**

Households:	8,134	Population in Households:	23,937	Average Household Size:	2.943
Housing Total:	8,382	Population in Group Quarters:	9		
Occupancy Rate:	97.04%	Total Population:	23,946		

Metropolitan Council's Annual Estimates account for housing stock changes since April 1, 2010. These include housing units permitted and other changes. Other changes are due to demolitions, building conversions (units added or lost), city boundary changes (units annexed in or out), and other changes reported by city and township staff. The Council assumes that 85% of multifamily and 95% of single-family units permitted in 2011 were completed and occupiable by April 1, 2012; the remainder are occupiable in the future.

Manufactured homes are counted each year from Metropolitan Council surveys of manufactured home park operators and local governments. Other housing (boats, RVs, etc. used as housing) is an estimate from the most recent Census ACS estimates.

	<u>Housing Stock</u> <u>April 1, 2010</u>	<u>Permitted and</u> <u>built since 2010</u>	<u>Other changes</u> <u>since 2010</u>	<u>Housing Stock</u> <u>April 1, 2012</u>
Single-family-detached:	6,400	82	-2	6,480
Townhomes:	1,331	0	0	1,331
Duplex, 3-, 4-plex units:	37	0	0	37
Multifamily units:	450	0	0	450
Manufactured homes:	84			84
Other (boats, RVs, etc. as shelter):	0			0
<b>Housing Total:</b>	<b>8,302</b>			<b>8,382</b>

Each housing type will have a specifically estimated occupancy rate and average household size. Starting with the 2011-12 cycle, the primary data are the most recent American Community Survey estimates, calculated and adjusted as described in the Council's methodology, available online at <http://stats.metc.state.mn.us/stats/aboutestimates.aspx>

Definitions: A household is a group of people (or one person alone) occupying a housing unit.

The number of occupied housing units and the number of households are equivalent.

Population in Group Quarters (or institutional housing) is counted separately through an annual Metropolitan Council survey.

	<u>Housing Stock</u> <u>April 1, 2012</u>	<u>Occupancy</u> <u>Rate 2012</u>	<u>Occupied with</u> <u>Households</u>	<u>Persons Per</u> <u>Household</u>	<u>Population</u> <u>in 2012</u>
Single-family-detached:	6,480	97.42%	6,313	2.960	18,685
Townhomes:	1,331	97.42%	1,297	2.960	3,839
Duplex, 3-, 4-plex units:	37	99.50%	37	2.935	109
Multifamily units:	450	92.78%	418	2.692	1,125
Manufactured homes:	84	81.75%	69	2.600	179
Other:	0	Counted only if occupied	0	1.600	0
<b>Housing Total:</b>	<b>8,382</b>		<b>Households: 8,134</b>	<b>In Households:</b>	<b>23,937</b>
				<b>In Group Qtrs:</b>	<b>9</b>
				<b>Total Population:</b>	<b>23,946</b>