

**PLANNING COMMISSION EXCERPT
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey Planning Commission conducted a regular meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2015, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Gary Levine
 Commissioner Andrew Andrusko
 Commissioner Randy Bauer
 Commissioner Ralph Brauer
 Commissioner Matthew Maul
 Commissioner Cindy Nosan
 Commissioner Gary VanScoy

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Community Development Director Timothy Gladhill
 Planning Intern Geoff Solomonson

5.03: Receive Update on Public Works Campus Space Needs Analysis and Consider Policy for a Future McKinley Street Connection.

Presentation

Community Development Director Gladhill presented the staff report and reviewed the campus space needs analysis with the Planning Commission. He requested the Commission consider policy direction on McKinley Street as one of the top concepts for the proposed future public works campus requires the future connection of McKinley Street to be vacated.

Commission Business

Commissioner Bauer questioned how long range the plan was.

Public Works Superintendent Reemer believed the plan was slated for tentative construction in 2018.

Community Development Director Gladhill agreed stating there was three years of planning needed in order to properly complete the project.

Commissioner Bauer inquired when the City's transportation plan would be complete.

Community Development Director Gladhill anticipated that the transportation would be completed late 2016 or early 2017.

Commissioner Brauer was in favor of not making a single sided decision, but rather wanted the Planning Commission to take a look at the overall transportation plan.

Chairperson Levine commented the McKinley issue has been an issue in Ramsey for 30 years. The roadway should have been a through street. He believed this was an important issue for the Commission to address.

Public Works Superintendent Reemer explained there was talk of constructing an underpass under the railroad at Sunfish Lake Boulevard. He indicated this would directly impact and close off McKinley. He did not believe that McKinley would be used enough to push it through.

Further discussion ensued regarding the amount of traffic using McKinley and 143rd.

Commissioner Brauer was in favor of taking McKinley off the table and giving the Public Works Department the green light to proceed with their planning efforts.

Community Development Director Gladhill provided further comment on future rail crossings planned for the City of Ramsey.

Motion by Commissioner Brauer, seconded by Commissioner Maul, to remove future consideration of a connection at McKinley Street.

Commissioner VanScoy requested further information on the proposed frontage road.

Community Development Director Gladhill reviewed the location of the proposed frontage road and discussed how this roadway would assist with directing traffic along the front side of Highway 10.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Levine, Commissioners Brauer, Maul, Andrusko, Nosan, and VanScoy. Voting No: Brauer. Absent: None.