

## **Transportation Plan Component of City of Ramsey Comprehensive Plan**

### **Introduction**

WSB & Associates staff will prepare a Transportation Plan for the City of Ramsey consistent with Metropolitan Council “Local Planning Handbook” requirements. The Transportation Plan will build upon elements of the existing City of Ramsey Transportation Plan. Existing transportation plan content will be utilized as much as possible, with outdated information updated to bring plan content into compliance with current Met Council requirements.

### **Overall Transportation Plan Approach**

Specific tasks assumed in development of the Transportation Plan are follows:

- **Task 1: Project Management:** WSB staff will conduct quality control and quality assurance checks on all transportation plan materials that are prepared to ensure that they meet the requirements of Met Council.
- **Task 2: Agency Involvement:** WSB staff will participate in one work session with the City of Ramsey Public Works Committee, the MnDOT Area Manager and Anoka County transportation planning staff to discuss existing and forecasted conditions, issues identification and transportation plan goals and objectives. Up to six meetings are scheduled in total with City staff, council, various committees, the general public and adjacent communities, as needed.
- **Task 3: Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs) and Travel Forecasting:** WSB staff run the Met Council 2040 travel demand model to identify forecasted 2040 traffic for Principal Arterials and A-Minor Arterials. Population, employment and household data from an approved forecasted land use plan will be summarized by TAZ and broken down into 2010-2020, 2020-2030, and 2030-2040 growth periods.
- **Task 4: Roadway Component:** WSB staff will prepare a Roadway component of the overall Transportation Plan. Maps and supporting narrative will be prepared consistent with Met Council requirements documenting the existing and proposed roadway network, associated AADTs, functional classification, etc. WSB will also collect Met Council required heavy commercial AADTs on City of Ramsey Principal Arterial and A-Minor Arterial roadways. Previous and current transportation studies in the Ramsey and adjacent communities will be documented and integrated into the roadway component, as appropriate. Access Management will be also be discussed and best practices referenced.
- **Task 5: Transit Component:** WSB staff will prepare a Transit component of the overall Transportation Plan. The Transit component will include discussion of existing transit service and associated infrastructure. Existing and forecasted gaps in transit service will also be discussed.
- **Task 6: Bicycling and Walking Component:** WSB staff will prepare a Bicycling and Walking component of the overall Transportation Plan. The Bicycling and Walking component will

include existing/future local on-road, off-road bicycle facilities, including Regional Transportation Bicycle Network (RTBN) facilities and pedestrian facility needs.

- **Task 7: Aviation Component:** WSB staff will prepare an Aviation component of the overall Transportation Plan. The Aviation component will include minimal language regarding existing policies that protect regional airspace since no aviation facilities are in the area of influence of the City of Ramsey. A map will also be created to illustrate existing radio beacons and other navigational aids with narrative discussing how they will be protected.
- **Task 8: Freight Component:** WSB staff will prepare a Freight component of the overall Transportation Plan. The Freight component will include supporting narrative identifying existing freight generators, freight related facilities, existing Principal Arterial and A-Minor Arterial HCAADT, existing weight restricted roadways, insufficient clearances, at-grade railroad crossings, turning radii problems, etc.
- **Task 9: Final Report:** WSB staff will prepare a final report of the overall Transportation Plan, including narrative and associated tables, maps and other exhibits from the individual Transportation Plan modal components. The Transportation Plan report will include summary findings and recommendations from the modal components and specific strategies in the form of general policies, projects, studies or other initiatives to address overarching transportation plan goals, objectives, existing/forecasted conditions and associated issues. Recommended projects or unresolved issues will be identified on a map for quick reference with a description of the issue or needed improvement and necessary coordination required with other agencies.
- **Optional Tasks:** As an optional task, WSB staff will conduct an analysis of high auto crash concentrations to assist with identification of potential future safety projects.