

CITY OF RAMSEY

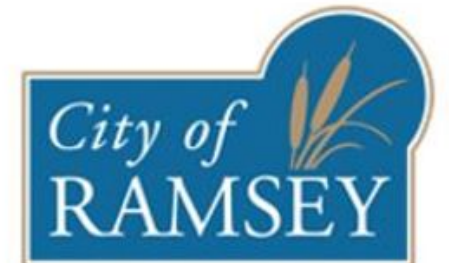
2020 State of the City Address

VISION AND MISSION

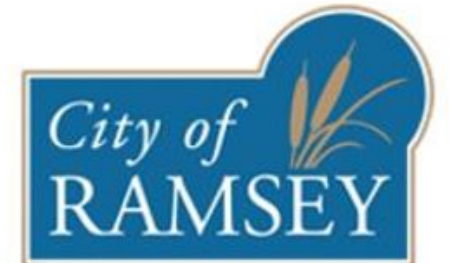
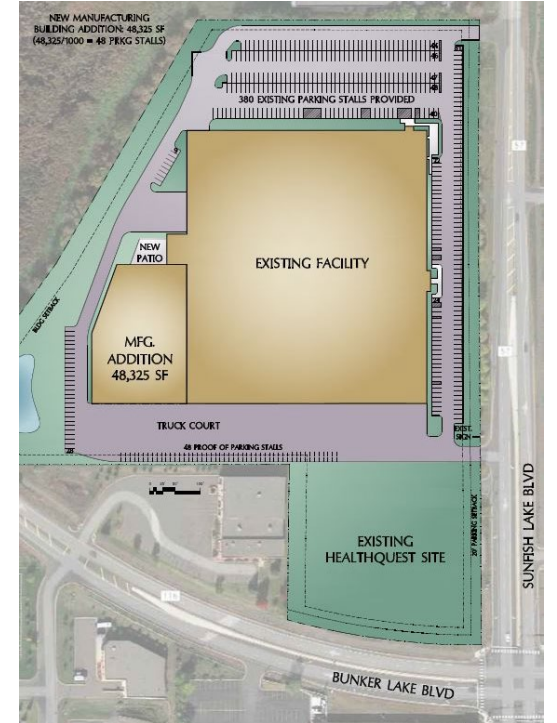
- “Ramsey will be a secure, citizen-driven, collaborative community that respects the balance and connectivity between its unique urban, rural and natural environments.”
- “It is our mission to work together to responsibly grow our community and to provide quality, cost-effective and efficient government services.”

Goals/Imperatives

- Financial Stability
- A Balance of Rural Character and Urban Growth
- An Active and Connected Community
- Smart, Citizen-focused Government
- An Effective Organization

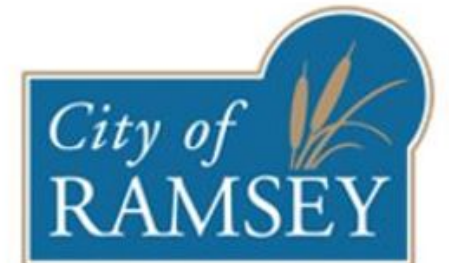


FINANCIAL STABILITY

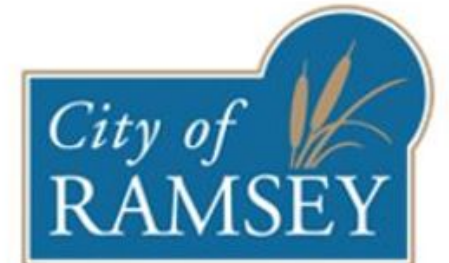
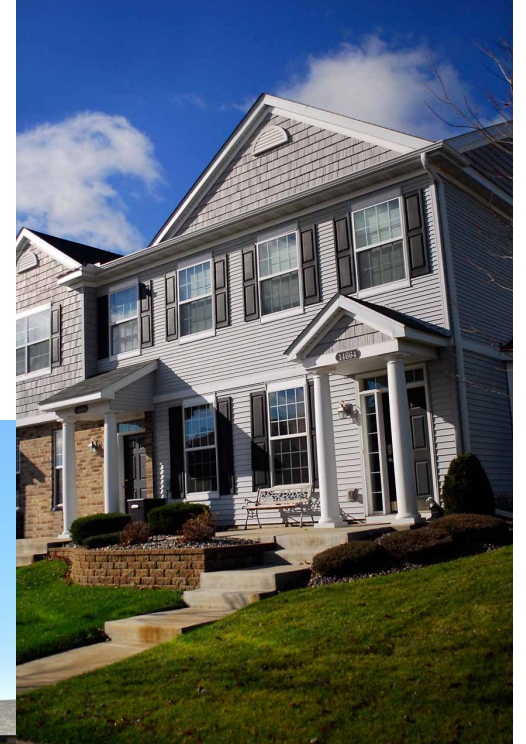


FINANCIAL STABILITY

- **Strong Tax Base:** added over \$100M in private investment for second year in a row
- **Job growth:** expected to add nearly 2,000 over next 20 years
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** tax Capacity Rate has dropped for the last three years.



BALANCING RURAL CHARACTER & URBAN GROWTH



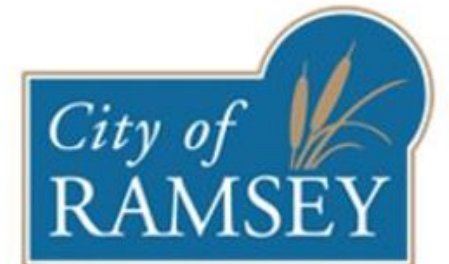


Ramsey's Historic Town Hall once served as a one room schoolhouse



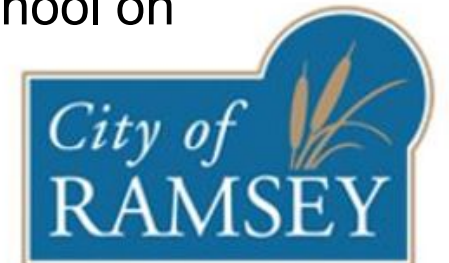
Ramsey's Brookside Elementary opened to students in the fall of 2019.

Honoring our history and preserving our rural character,
while planning and preparing for the future.

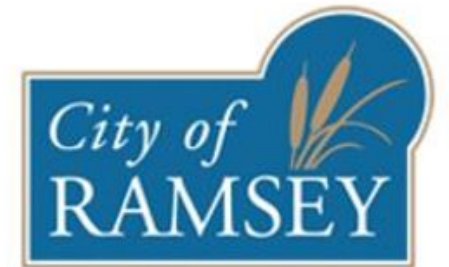


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- **Housing Growth:** 300 new households in 2019
- **Commercial & Industrial Expansion:** 15,000 square feet of new retail underway, industrial park expansion adding to the 541 Businesses that call Ramsey home, employing nearly 7,000 people
- **Preserve city's rural character:**
 - Access to natural resources: rivers and wetlands (canoe and kayak rental, parks, trail access)
 - Connecting with residents: community gardens, pollinator, tree preservation, water conservation and storm water management programs
 - Historic places: Preserve and protect historic places like the one-room school on Highway 47

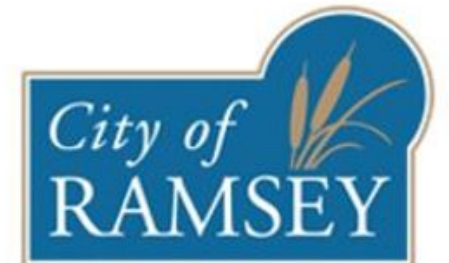


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- **The Ramsey Gateway Project:** Hwy 10 improvements at Sunfish Lake and Ramsey Blvd., and a study of future river crossing to Hennepin County commenced
- **Maintain and improve local roads and trails:** worked on 25 miles of local roads in 2019, worked with Anoka County to design Bunker Lake Blvd./Highway 47 and Alpine Drive/Armstrong Blvd. intersection improvements, City-wide greenway (“Circle of Ramsey”) now nearly 80 percent complete
- **Parks & Recreation Programming:** Estimated 7,800 participants in local recreation programs and weekly summer concerts in the park



The Ramsey Gateway Project

will provide grade separations of US Highway 10/169 and the BNSF Railway to address major crash and congestion issues that are greatly impacting the movement of goods and people between the Minneapolis/Saint Paul metro area and greater northern Minnesota.

Investment Results:

- 42% Crash Reduction
- 94% Average Delay Reduction
- Reliable movement of regional railroad and highway freight and commuter traffic
- 1+ Benefit-cost Ratio
- Accommodates 74,000 Vehicles Per Day



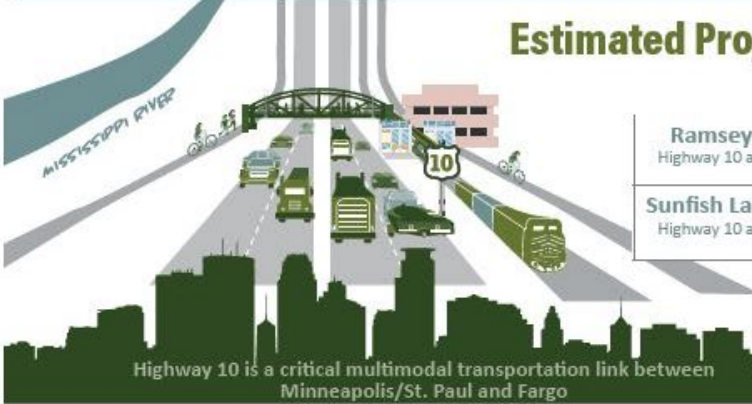
NOTES:
Green shading denotes potential grading areas.
Frontage road alignments are preliminary.
Right-in/right-out locations on Highway 10 are preliminary.
Intersection controls to be determined in preliminary design.

US Highway 10/169 Importance

- » A principal arterial carrying up to 55,000 vehicles per day (1,650 trucks)
- » Significant commuter and freight corridor between Minneapolis – St Paul, northwestern Minnesota, and into North Dakota
- » Busiest BNSF rail line in MN with 57-81 freight trains and 14 transit trains per day
- » Connection to northern Minnesota lakes and outdoor tourism industry

Project Need

- » 218 crashes in the last 5 years, 4 fatal crashes in the last 10 years
- » Crash rate 2x the state average
- » Traffic backups approaching 1 mile by 2025 and almost 4 miles in 2045
- » Fully funded Anoka and Elk River 2023/24 projects will result in Ramsey having the only two remaining at-grade traffic signals on the US Highway 10/169 freeway system from Minneapolis/St Paul to Elk River.



Estimated Project Costs:

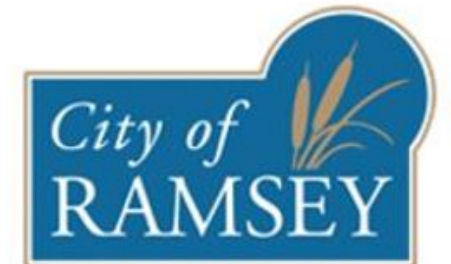
	Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Documentation		Final Design		Right-of Way Acquisition		Construction		Construction Engineering/ Administration		Total Estimated Costs
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Ramsey Blvd (CSAH 56) Highway 10 and RR Grade Separation	\$1,500,000		\$2,000,000		\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000	\$38,000,000		\$2,500,000		\$66,000,000
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Sunfish Lake Blvd (CSAH 57) Highway 10 and RR Grade Separation	\$2,500,000		\$3,000,000		\$15,000,000		\$48,000,000		\$3,500,000		\$72,000,000
	\$2,500,000	NA	\$3,000,000	NA	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$24,000,000	\$24,000,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	

Cost Breakdown Notes:

- Costs in red are already funded
- ROW costs include funds for Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Funds (RALF) payback
- Costs for the frontage road between Ramsey Blvd and Sunfish Lake Blvd are split between the two interchange projects

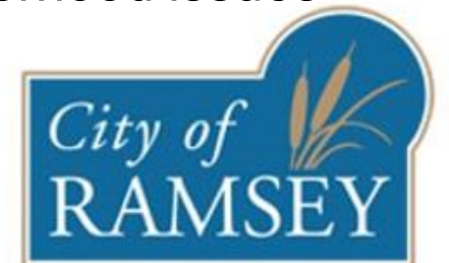
Total Investment Needed: \$138M
Inflated to 2025 dollars

SMART, CITIZEN-FOCUSED GOVERNMENT

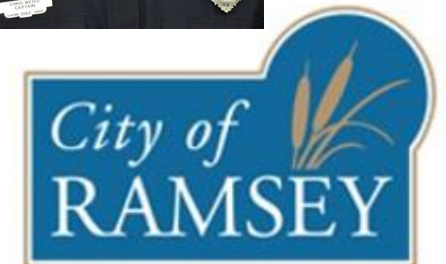
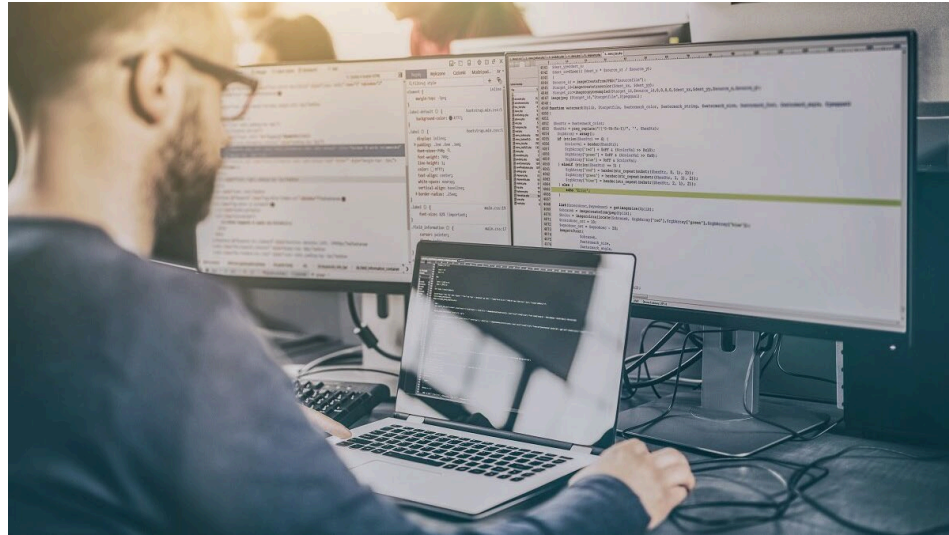


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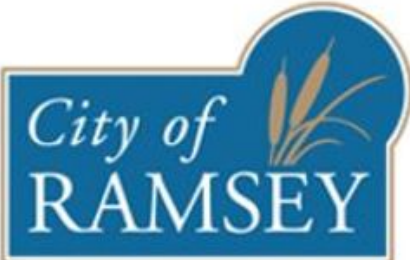
- **Clean and safe neighborhoods:** Granted \$900,000 to clean up the construction debris dump site along the Mississippi River; new code compliance initiatives
- **Community Events:**
Coffee with a Cop events, Pet Clinics, Car Seat & Bike Helmet Fitting clinics, Special Olympics Support, Polar Plunge, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Coborn's Kids Day, 4th annual Citizen's Academy, Fire Prevention Week school visits, 18th Annual Safety Camp, Night-to-Unite, annual Happy Days festival and Public Safety Open House
- **Community Engagement:** Enhanced web site and social media presence, 4th bi-annual citizen-wide survey in 2020, plus a variety of open houses to discuss neighborhood issues and Ramsey's future



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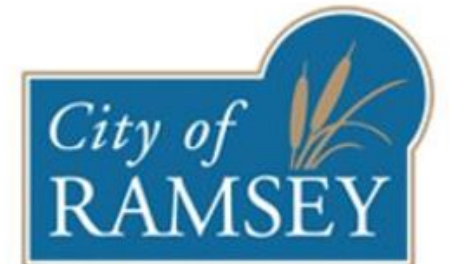


MEET THE COUNCIL



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- **Staffing:** Recent additions include a part-time Park and Recreation Specialist, two full-time police officers, full-time street maintenance worker, full-time Firefighter/Fire Inspector and a full-time Engineering Administrative Assistant
- **Process Improvement:** Continued investment in technology, equipment, and process improvements have allowed staff to do more with less. E.g., Community Development review times have been cut in half, staff seeks the “Path to Yes”
- **Improved Facilities:** Anticipated construction of a new public works garage starting in 2020. Study of water treatment plant is ongoing



2020 – THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT!

