

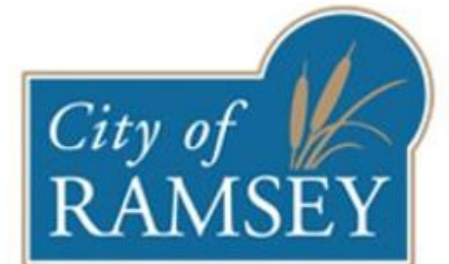
# CITY OF RAMSEY

2021 State of the City Address

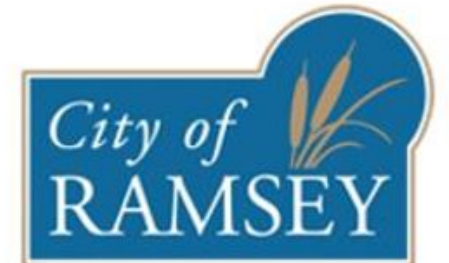
# VISION & MISSION

**Vision:** “Ramsey will be a secure, citizen-driven, collaborative community that respects the balance and connectivity between its unique urban, rural and natural environments.”

**Mission:** “To work together to responsibly grow our community and to provide quality, cost-effective and efficient government services.”

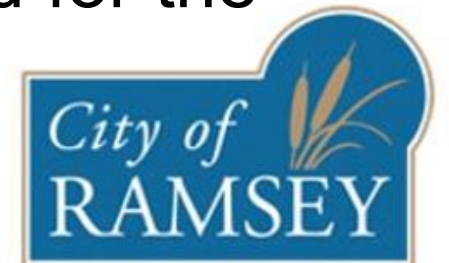


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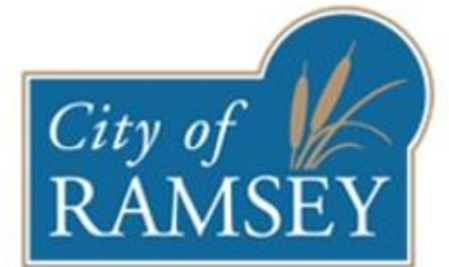


# FINANCIAL STABILITY

- **Pavement Management:** Implemented a stable/dedicated funding source that will generate \$2 Million annually for repair and reconstruction of roads
- **Investment in Infrastructure:** The new Public Works Facility is funded through the issuance of \$9 Million in general obligation bonds and \$8.4 Million funded internally
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Tax Capacity Rate has dropped for the last four years.

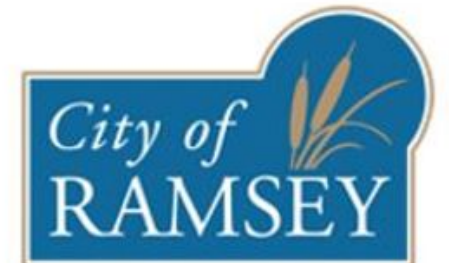


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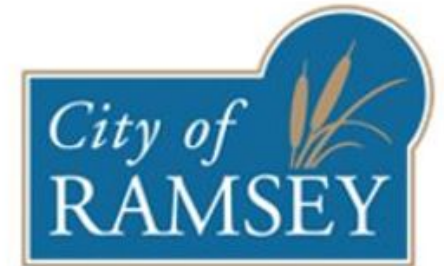


# BALANCING RURAL CHARACTER & URBAN GROWTH

- **Housing Growth:** 200 new households in 2020
- **Industrial Expansion:** 300,000 square feet of new industrial space adding to the 552 Businesses that call Ramsey home, employing nearly 7,000 people
- **Business Relief Program:** Implemented a phased approach to help struggling businesses during the pandemic
- **Preserve City's rural character:**
  - Tree City
  - Preserve and protect historic places like Old Town Hall on Highway 47



# AN ACTIVE AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY



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## 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.



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TRANSPORTATION



**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.

### Investment Results:

42%  
Crash  
Reduction

Reliable  
movement of  
regional railroad  
and highway  
freight and  
commuter traffic

1 +  
Benefit-cost  
Ratio

94%  
Average  
Delay  
Reduction

Accommodates  
74,000  
Vehicles  
Per Day

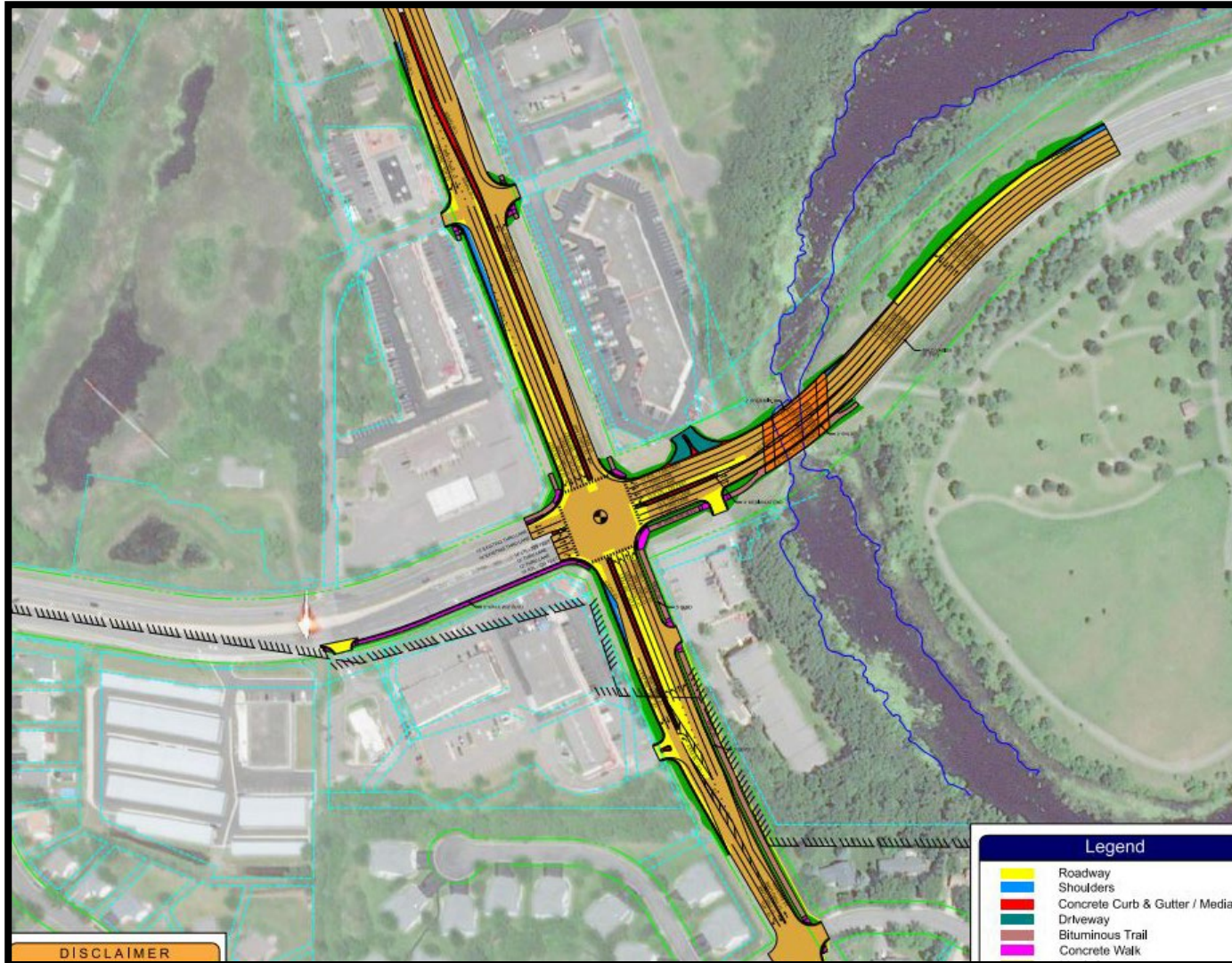
### US Highway 10/169 Importance

- » 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

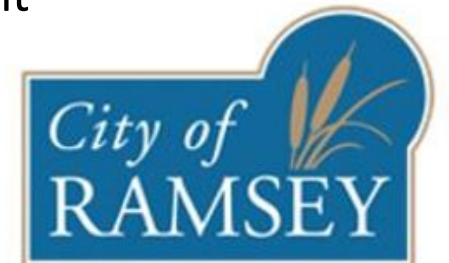
### Project Need

- » 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.

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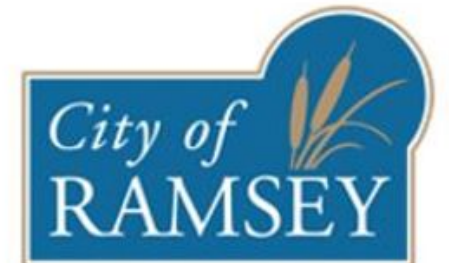


- Ramsey Gateway – Highway 10/169
- Bunker Lake/Highway 47
- River Crossing to Dayton
- Ramsey's Pavement Management Plan

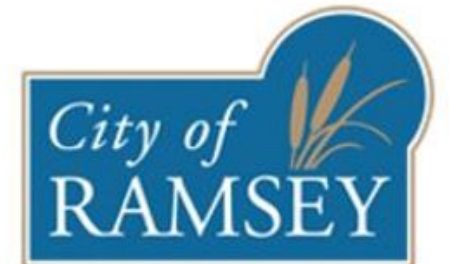


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- **The Ramsey Gateway Project:** Hwy 10 improvements at Sunfish Lake and Ramsey Blvd.; \$80 Million of \$138 Million secured
- **River Crossing:** Feasibility Study complete
- **Parks & Recreation Programming:**
  - Access to natural resources, especially lakes and rivers, through canoe and kayak rentals
  - Gardening, pollinator protection and recreational programming like birdwatching, snowshoeing, art, concerts in the park and so much more!

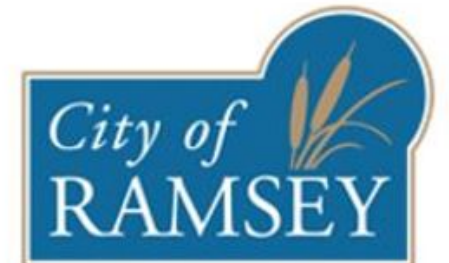


# SMART, CITIZEN-FOCUSED GOVERNMENT

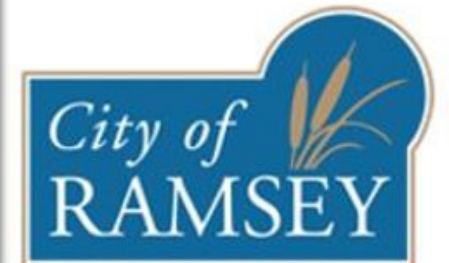


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- **Communications:** In 2020, we made strides in technology in order to streamline internal and public meetings
- **Public Safety:**
  - Birthday parades for kids' birthdays
  - Assisted in Civil Unrest in Minneapolis
  - Duty crew model adopted
  - Improved response times

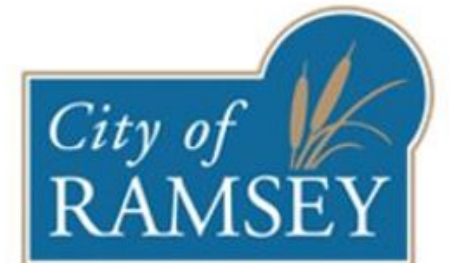


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- **Improved Facilities:** Construction of a new public works garage began in 2020. Water Treatment Plant planning is ongoing
- **Staffing:** Recent additions include a CSO in the Police Department, a Planning Technician in Community Development, a Building Maintenance Worker in Public Works and a Building Inspections Administration Assistant in Community Development
- **Welcome:** Ryan Heineman, winner of the Ward 1 Special Election



# THANK YOU

