

**City of Ramsey  
Agenda  
Public Works Committee  
Tuesday, September 15, 2026**

**5:30 pm**

**Lake Itasca Room, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Citizen Input**
- 3. Approve Agenda**
- 4. Approve Minutes**
  1. Approve the following meeting minutes.
    1. Public Works Committee meeting dated July 21, 2026.
- 5. Committee Business**
- 6. Committee/Staff Input**
  1. Receive Updates on Improvement Projects, Studies and Items of Interest
  2. Review Future Topics Calendar
- 7. Adjournment**

**Public Works Committee**

**Meeting Date:** 09/15/2026

**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Address infrastructure needs.

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**Title:**

Approve the following meeting minutes.

1. Public Works Committee meeting dated July 21, 2026.

**Purpose/Background:**

The purpose of this case is for the Public Works Committee to review and approve the attached meeting minutes referenced above.

**Recommendation:**

Approve Public Works Committee Meeting minutes dated July 21, 2026.

**Outcome/Action:**

Motion to approve the Public Works Committee Meeting minutes dated July 21, 2026.

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**Attachments**

PWC Meeting Minutes

**Form Review**

**Inbox**

Bruce Westby

Brian Hagen

Form Started By: Marsha Weidner

Final Approval Date: 09/10/2026

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**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
CITY OF RAMSEY  
ANOKA COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present:     Chairperson Chris Riley  
                             Councilmember Michael Olson  
                             Councilmember Dan Specht

Also Present:         Public Works Director Bruce Westby  
                             Utilities Supervisor John Nelson

**1.        CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Riley called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:32 p.m.

**2.        CITIZEN INPUT**

There was none.

**3.        APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Riley, Councilmembers Olson and Specht. Voting No: None.

**4.        APPROVE MINUTES**

**4.01:   Approve May 19, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes dated May 19, 2026

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Riley, Councilmembers Olson and Specht. Voting No: None.

**5.        COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **5.01: Receive Updates on Water Treatment Plant SCADA System and Water Tower #1 Painting Schedule**

Utilities Supervisor Nelson presented updates on the redundancy/safety features built into the new Water Treatment Plant to ensure treated water will remain safe to drink at all times, and discussed when the water tower at Dysprosium Street and Nowthen Boulevard is scheduled to be painted.

Kraig LaFreniere with Total Control Systems, the City's contracted Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system integrator, provided additional information on the SCADA system and Water Treatment Plant.

Chairperson Riley commented that the rollout of the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and integrated SCADA system went well and this appears to be a standard operating system.

Mr. LaFreniere confirmed that these are standard systems and equipment.

Chairperson Riley asked if there is a backup to the processor.

Mr. LaFreniere provided additional information, noting that there will be a backup processor on site, along with other items/equipment that will be stocked.

Councilmember Olson asked and received confirmation that the system could be run manually, if needed.

Utilities Supervisor Nelson commented on the great outcome of the new WTP and the improved quality of the water supplied to municipal water users. He provided additional information on tours staff have given of the new WTP and presentations that have been provided at technical conferences explaining how well the WTP has been operating.

### **5.02: Recommend City Council Approval of Fire Hydrant Water Meter Rental Program and Ordinance #26-13 Amending 2026 Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges**

Public Works Director Westby reviewed the staff report and recommendation to recommend City Council approval of Fire Hydrant Water Meter Rental Program and Ordinance #26-13 amending the 2026 Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

Utilities Supervisor Nelson provided additional context on the different uses by contractors, the process for rentals, and past water theft issues. He noted most cities have this type of rental program.

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to recommend City Council approval of Fire Hydrant Water Meter Rental Program and Ordinance #26-13 Amending 2026 Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Riley, Councilmembers Olson and Specht. Voting No: None.

### **5.03: Recommend City Council Approval of Plans and Agreements with Connexus Energy for COR Street Lighting Improvements, Improvement Project #25-12**

Public Works Director Westby reviewed the staff report and recommendation to recommend City Council approval of Connexus Energy's plans and agreements for the COR Street Lighting Improvements, Improvement Project #25-12.

Chairperson Riley asked about the source of the streetlight fund.

Public Works Director Westby explained how funds are collected for that fund and how they can be used. He noted that he would provide more specific information in the Council case from the Finance Director.

Chairperson Riley asked if there would be sufficient funding left in the account for future needs.

Public Works Director Westby confirmed that there would be adequate funds for the future, noting that this lighting was always anticipated, which is why the balance in the account is what it is. He stated that now that Connexus has completed these plans, they will continue to work on the other proposed 2026 street lighting project plans for the City. He noted that there is a long lead time on the lights and poles, of about three to six months. He explained that the plan would be to install all underground wiring ahead of time and attach the poles and bases as they come in. He noted that Connexus said they have a few poles in stock, which would be placed at higher priority intersections to start.

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to recommend City Council approval of Connexus Energy's plans and agreements for the COR Street Lighting Improvements, Improvement Project #25-12.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Riley, Councilmembers Olson and Specht. Voting No: None.

## **6. COMMITTEE / STAFF INPUT**

### **6.01: Receive Updates on Improvement Projects, Studies, and Items of Interest**

Public Works Director Westby provided an update on current and proposed City, County, and MnDOT improvement projects and studies, and on other items of interest to the Committee.

Councilmember Specht asked about full fencing of the pond near the splashpad and acknowledged that will be a discussion before the full Council.

Chairperson Riley provided input about the TH 47 trail gap, noting that he would still like to see that connection completed, with or without the assistance of MnDOT.

Public Works Director Westby commented that he is not aware of any public engagement efforts for MnDOT's proposed 2027 Highway 10 improvements at the west edge of Ramsey and into Elk River. He summarized the comments that Ramsey had submitted to MnDOT's project team and noted that those items have not been incorporated into the design plans yet.

Councilmember Specht commented that Ramsey could hold a public meeting, acknowledging that they would not be able to answer questions. He suggested that something be mailed to property owners in that area, advising them of the proposed improvements/changes.

Public Works Director Westby agreed and was hoping that MnDOT would be reaching out to property owners. He anticipated that there would be around 100 addresses if the City were to send a mailer.

Councilmember Specht recognized it is a bit awkward for the City to send the notice, but felt that it is necessary for residents to be informed. He noted that language could be included that states that this is not a City project and could provide a MnDOT contact number for residents to use for comments and/or questions.

Chairperson Riley asked if the Highway 10 pedestrian crossing elements at Jarvis Street had been removed from the project.

Public Works Director Westby stated that city staff did submit strong comments that the City does not support pedestrian crossings on Highway 10 and requested that those elements be removed, but they have not been removed as yet, and in fact an additional crossing has been added at Alpine Drive. He stated that city staff would not be comfortable operating snow removal equipment in MnDOT's Highway 10 right-of-way at Alpine Drive to keep the pedestrian crossing path clear of snow in the winter.

Chairperson Riley asked how the City can escalate these concerns.

Public Works Director Westby commented that he could attempt to contact someone higher up the chain at MnDOT.

Chairperson Riley agreed that they need to find a way to push this message harder. He also agreed that the City should mail a letter to city property owners in the area of the project with a MnDOT contact. He asked if there would be value in combining comments with Elk River.

Public Works Director Westby commented that he has not spoken to Elk River staff recently but could do that.

Chairperson Riley agreed that staff should reach out to Elk River, as the cities would have a louder voice together. He asked for an update on fiber installation in the community.

Public Works Director Westby stated that Gateway Fiber submitted three permit applications. He stated that city staff sent them the city's list of construction and right-of-way permitting requirements that had been reviewed by and received consensus approval from City Council, and

that staff reviewed the first two permit applications but have not yet received a response from Gateway. He explained that the scope of their projects in Andover and Anoka seem to have been expanded, and perhaps Ramsey will be later on their schedule. He stated that he has been contacted by three additional fiber companies looking to do business in Ramsey and has meetings set up with those companies to discuss their proposed fiber buildout projects and schedules.

#### **6.02: Review Future Topics Calendar**

Public Works Director Westby noted the highlighted items that are proposed to be removed from the calendar.

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Specht, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to adjourn the Public Works Committee meeting.

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bruce Westby  
Public Works Director

Drafted by Amanda Staple  
*TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.*

**Public Works Committee****Meeting Date:** 09/15/2026**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Not Applicable**Title:**

Receive Updates on Improvement Projects, Studies and Items of Interest

**Purpose/Background:**

The purpose of this case is to update the Public Works Committee on current and proposed City, County and MnDOT improvement projects and studies, and on other items of interest to the Committee.

**City Improvement Projects****#27-01 MSA 142nd Ave. & Juniper Ridge Drive Reconstructions**

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- Haugo Geotechnical Services completed Geotechnical Proposal
- 2027 construction proposed

**#27-02 2027 MSA Pavement Overlay Improvements**

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- 2027 construction proposed

**#27-03 Deerwood Street Reconstructions**

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- Haugo Geotechnical Services completed Geotechnical Proposal
- 2027 construction proposed

**#27-04 Hall-Anderson Acres & Oakwood Hills Street Reconstructions**

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- Haugo Geotechnical Services completed Geotechnical Proposal
- Topo survey complete
- 2027 construction proposed

**#27-05 Sorteberg's 6th & Windsorwood Street Reconstructions**

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- Haugo Geotechnical Services completed Geotechnical Proposal
- Topo survey complete
- 2027 construction proposed

**#27-06 Windemere Woods 1st & 2nd Street Reconstructions**

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- Haugo Geotechnical Services completed Geotechnical Proposal
- Topo survey complete
- Park parking lot reconstruction likely
- 2027 construction proposed

**#27-07 2027 Neighborhood Pavement Overlay Improvements**

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- 2027 construction proposed

**#27-08 Itasca Heights Street Construction (GREP Area F)**

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- Exploring stormwater improvements

- 2027 construction proposed

#### **#27-09 2027 Crack Seal Improvements**

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- 2027 construction proposed

#### **#27-10 2027 Pavement Rejuvenation Improvements**

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- 2027 construction proposed

#### **#26-01 MSA Bunker Lake Boulevard Reconstruction**

- Construction complete and open to traffic
- Final completion Spring 2027

#### **#26-02 2026 MSA Pavement Overlay Improvements**

- Preconstruction meeting with North Valley held 9/10
- 2026 construction proposed

#### **#26-03 Carol-Rose Acres & Sports Haven Street Reconstructions**

- Construction substantially complete
- Final completion Spring 2027

#### **#26-04 Countryside Estates & Wildwood Acres Street Reconstructions**

- Construction substantially complete
- Final completion Spring 2027

#### **#26-05 Flintwood Hills 2nd & 3rd Street Reconstructions**

- Construction substantially complete
- Final completion Spring 2027

#### **#26-06 Riverside West Street Reconstructions**

- Construction in progress
- Substantial completion proposed by October 2nd
- Final completion Spring 2027

#### **#26-07 Section 01 Unplatted (S. CR 27) Street Reconstructions**

- Construction substantially complete
- Final completion Spring 2027

#### **#26-08 2026 Neighborhood Pavement Overlay Improvements**

- Construction substantially complete
- Final completion Spring 2027

#### **#26-53 2026 Pavement Skim Patching Contracted Services**

- Construction complete
- Final payment on 9/22 CC agenda

#### **#25-08 Sunwood Drive Crosswalk Repairs**

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- 2027 construction proposed

#### **#25-12 COR Street Lighting Improvements**

- *Construction proposed for Spring 2027*

#### **#24-51 TH 47 Trail Gap Connection – 142nd Avenue to Xkimo Street**

- Bolton & Menk prepared construction plans for 10' pedestrian trail connection
- Staff is working with MnDOT to construct with 2028 TH 47 mill and overlay project
- MnDOT is working to provide anticipated City costs to staff
- *MnDOT assigned a new project manager*

### **City of Anoka Improvement Projects & Studies**

#### **Ferry Street (Trunk Highway 47) Grade Separation of BNSF Rail Crossing**

- City-led project
- \$45M in bonds authorized October 2020
- Tied to Highway 47 Corridor Improvements Project

#### **Highway 47 Corridor Improvements Project – Pleasant St (CSAH 30) to Bunker Lk Blvd**

- Improvements proposed to address intersection operations and safety, providing safe pedestrian and bicyclist routes, providing safe driveway access, and accommodating future growth
- Proposing 3-lane design with continuous two-way center turn lane (CTWCTL)
- Received regional solicitation funds
- Permanent signal system will remain at McKinley Street
- Under design with construction proposed for 2029 - 2031
- Website; <https://www.anokaminnesota.com/836/Trunk-Hwy-47-Corridor-BNSF-Railroad-Grad>

### **City of Elk River Improvement Projects & Studies**

#### **Highway 10 Corridor Improvements - Highway 169 to city boundary with Ramsey**

- Corridor planning project
- Received \$1.6M from MnDOT Corridors of Commerce Readiness Advancement program for preliminary design and environmental analysis

### **Anoka County Improvement Projects**

- 2027 Sunfish Lake Blvd. pavement overlay/reclamation proposed north of Bunker Lake Blvd.
- 2027 Bunker Lake Blvd. / Ramsey Blvd. intersection improvements including pavement overlay of Bunker Lake Blvd. from Ramsey Blvd. to Limonite St., and a pavement reclamation from Ramsey Blvd. to Rhinestone St.

### **MnDOT Improvement Projects**

#### **TH 47 Mill and Overlay Improvements (NEW)**

- Milling and overlaying bituminous pavement
- Replacing signal systems
- 2028 construction proposed

#### **#SP 0202-126 TH 10 Traffic Management System Improvements**

- Construct TH 10 traffic management system improvements from Thurston Ave in City of Anoka to TH 101 in Elk River, and TH 101 from CSAH 38 (70th St) to N of CSAH 39 in Otsego
- No impacts to existing utilities anticipated
- 2026 construction proposed

#### **#SP 0202-119 Highway 10 Mill & Overlay and RCI Improvements**

- Proposed improvements include;
  - Mill & overlay pavement from approx. ½-mile west of Cleveland/Jarvis Avenue in Elk River to ½-mile west of Ramsey Boulevard in Ramsey, including Dayton Rest Area
  - Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI) improvements (J-Turns w/out signal systems) at Edison and Jarvis Streets in Elk River, and Alpine and Beatty Drives in Ramsey
  - Remove median crossovers
  - Extend pedestrian trail south of US 10/169 from 500-feet East of Adams Street to Edison Street
  - Construct pedestrian crossover/refuge in median of US 10/169 at Jarvis St & Alpine Dr
  - Remove, repair and replace drainage culverts
  - Construct, repair and replace misc. guardrail/end treatments
- 95-percent plans complete
- *August 14, 2026, city staff mailed project notification letters (attached)*
- *Public open house tentatively scheduled for late September/early October, 2026*
- 2027 construction proposed

### **Studies & Items of Interest**

#### **Wetland 114P Outlet Control Structure (REMOVE?)**

- Staff continue to monitor water levels. No updates.

#### **Commercial/Industrial/Residential Developments**

- Staff can respond to questions as needed.

### **Miscellaneous Staff Updates**

- None at this time.

### **PWC Future Topics Calendar Discussion Items**

- *Add Center Street & Bunker Lake Boulevard Roundabout Improvements project as monthly update?*
- See calendar in following case.

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#### **Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:**

Staff estimates up to 10 minutes will be needed for updates and discussion.

#### **Recommendation:**

Staff can offer recommendations on specific items upon request.

#### **Outcome/Action:**

No formal action required. For Committee review and discussion purposes only.

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### **Attachments**

City Notification Ltr 081426

### **Form Review**

#### **Inbox**

Brian Hagen

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#### **Reviewed By**

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August 14, 2026

**Re: Notification of Pending State Project No. 0202-119  
2027 Highway 10 Pavement Mill and Overlay and Intersection/Median Modifications**

General Project Information

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is preparing plans for construction of State Project No. 0202-119 in 2027. This project proposes to mill and overlay all bituminous pavement on US Highway 10 from east of Armstrong Boulevard in the City of Ramsey to west of Edison Street in the City of Elk River, and to construct restricted crossing intersection (RCI) modifications (aka J-turns), ADA compliant extensions and upgrades to the pedestrian trail south of Highway 10, and miscellaneous drainage improvements.

Information on this and other MnDOT construction projects, plans and studies is available on MnDOT's website @ <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/roadwork/index.html#gsc.tab=0>. MnDOT plans to conduct a public open house in late September or early October when plans are complete.

Tentative Project Schedule

Public Open House: Late September or early October, 2026

Project Letting Date: February 24, 2027

Construction Schedule: 2027

Project Contact Information

Please contact MnDOT's North Area Engineer Michael Kronzer at (612) 790-2764 or [michael.kronzer@state.mn.us](mailto:michael.kronzer@state.mn.us) with any questions related to this project.

This is not a City project so please do not contact myself or other City staff with questions related to this project.

Sincerely,

Bruce Westby, PE  
Public Works Director

**Public Works Committee****Meeting Date:** 09/15/2026**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Not Applicable

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**Title:**

Review Future Topics Calendar

**Purpose/Background:**

Attached is a calendar of future topics for review and discussion by the Public Works Committee. The calendar includes topics drawn from Committee requests received during meetings and/or unresolved topics previously discussed by the Committee. Calendar dates are subject to change based on the availability of information and required attendees, staff workload, and competing interests and objectives.

**Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:**

Less than 5 minutes is anticipated to be necessary to review the future topics calendar and address questions.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommend reviewing the attached calendar and to either approve the calendar by consensus or to direct Staff to revise the calendar as follows; \_\_\_\_\_.

**Outcome/Action:**

No formal action required. For Committee review and discussion purposes only.

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**Attachments**

PWC Calendar Sep2026

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## **Public Works Committee Future Topics Calendar \***

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Topics for Discussion – Committee Action</b>                             |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Q4 2026     | Sunwood Drive roundabout landscaping ( <i>Riverblood</i> )                  |
| Q4 2026     | Veterans Drive Dog Park Fence ( <i>Riverblood</i> )                         |
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| <b>Date</b> | <b>Topics for Discussion – Regulatory</b>                                   |
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| <b>Date</b> | <b>Topics for Discussion – Policy</b>                                       |
| Q4 2026     | Landscaped median maintenance policy ( <i>Riverblood</i> )                  |
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| <b>Date</b> | <b>Topics for Discussion – Planning and Budget</b>                          |
| Q4 2026     | Asset management program update ( <i>Westby</i> )                           |
| Ongoing     | Trail gap connection opportunities ( <i>Riverblood</i> )                    |
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| <b>Date</b> | <b>Topics for Discussion – Staff Updates</b>                                |
| Ongoing     | Flashing Yellow Arrow opportunities ( <i>Westby-continue lobbying for</i> ) |
| Monthly     | TH 47 Anoka improvements, Bunker Lk Blvd to Hwy 10 ( <i>Westby</i> )        |
| Monthly     | TH 47 trail connection 142 <sup>nd</sup> to Xkimo St ( <i>Riverblood</i> )  |
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