

**ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL WORK SESSION**  
**November 1, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**Robbinsdale City Hall**  
**4100 Lakeview Avenue North**

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Webb at 6:00 p.m.
2. Councilmembers present: Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan  
Absent: None
3. Staff present: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director; Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator; Kayla Kirtz, Assistant to City Manager – Communications

**Discussion: Hubbard/Grimes/France/36<sup>th</sup>/38<sup>th</sup> road reconstruction and (Hubbard) bike path (Attachment 1)**

4. Sandvik introduced the attachment.
5. Staff and Council discussed the road reconstruction plan. Initial discussion included:
  - Acknowledgement of the comprehensive bike/pedestrian plan
  - Potential financial support from the Blue Line LRT Extension office
  - Feedback from residents received by Council
  - Location of bike path in relation to potential LRT park and ride station
  - Planning for a bike path to be constructed on Hubbard eventually
  - Concerns for traffic control along Highway 81 corridor
6. McCoy stated that the bike/pedestrian plan is independent of the potential LRT. The proposed bike plan can contribute to a greater network of biking infrastructure. McCoy noted the concerns of vehicle speeds on Hubbard Avenue and the success of the bike path on Noble Avenue. McCoy noted that off-street trails are more suitable for all types of users.
7. Staff and Council discussed the option of redesigning the road to allow for construction of a bike path in the future.
8. Sandvik noted that the bike path is in alignment with the City's comprehensive bike/pedestrian plan and that the bike/ped plan was supported by residents and Council at the time of passage.
9. Webb acknowledged that conversations of the plan should involve the greater Robbinsdale community.
10. McCoy discussed details of the plan, including the timeline for construction of future segments of the trail and which existing bike lanes/trails the Hubbard path would connect to.

11. Blonigan asked about potential extension of the bike path past 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
12. Resident asked about details of the comprehensive bike/pedestrian plan.
13. Resident asked about a bike path on the street to the north of 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
14. McCoy stated his opinion on the plan as the City Engineer. Sandvik noted that comprehensive staff perspectives are in support of the plan.
15. Webb voiced her support of the bike path while acknowledging concerns brought up by residents.
16. Selman noted the resistance to a bike plan on Noble Avenue and that complaints have been nonexistent since the bike path was constructed.
17. Resident explained the list of resident signatures opposing the plan.
18. Sandvik explained the two resolutions up for vote at the following Council meeting.
19. McCoy and resident discussed specifics of curb placement with redesign.
20. Selman noted his position on the plan.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

21. Mayor Pro Tem Webb adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

  
Kayla Kirtz, Recorder

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Sheila Webb, Mayor Pro Tem