

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
July 12, 2022
After the REDA Meeting that takes place at 7pm
Robbinsdale City Hall
4100 Lakeview Avenue North

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Tim Sandvik, City Manager

DATE: July 12, 2022

RE: Consider implementation of 25 Mile Per Hour (MPH) speed limit on appropriate streets

Background:

In May, Council discussed the possibility of lowering speed limits in residential areas to 25-mph. During that conversation, Council requested that staff solicit resident feedback online, and advertise the opportunity to share concerns at the June 7, 2022, Council meeting. Online feedback was a part of the Council item (feedback attached, here) and direct feedback from the June 7 meeting included support and concern. Additional online comments that were submitted, and draft minutes (6/7/22 Council meeting) are also attached to this item.

As a reminder, under Minnesota State Statutes, Chapter 169, municipalities have the authority to govern the setting, or adjusting, of speed limits within a local jurisdiction. Specifically, cities may consider alleys, residential roadways, urban districts, rural residential districts, and others.

To further consider this item, staff will introduce the following considerations from a Public Safety and Engineering/Public Works perspective:

- Higher traffic volume streets maintain current posted speed limits, including (but not limited to):
 - Noble, 36th Ave
 - Oakdale Ave
 - France (Hwy 100 to Lake Drive, AND 36th to Oakdale, OR France in its entirety)
 - West Broadway (France to County Rd 9, AND Noble to County Road 81, OR entirely from France to Lakeland Ave N)
- Discussion with neighboring cities regarding shared streets will need to occur
- A 30-mph limit can be difficult in certain areas due to obstructions (trees, parked vehicles, signs, etc....) and these challenges remain with a 25-mph limit
- While a change could lead to an increase in stops, citations would not necessarily increase but could provide for educational opportunities.

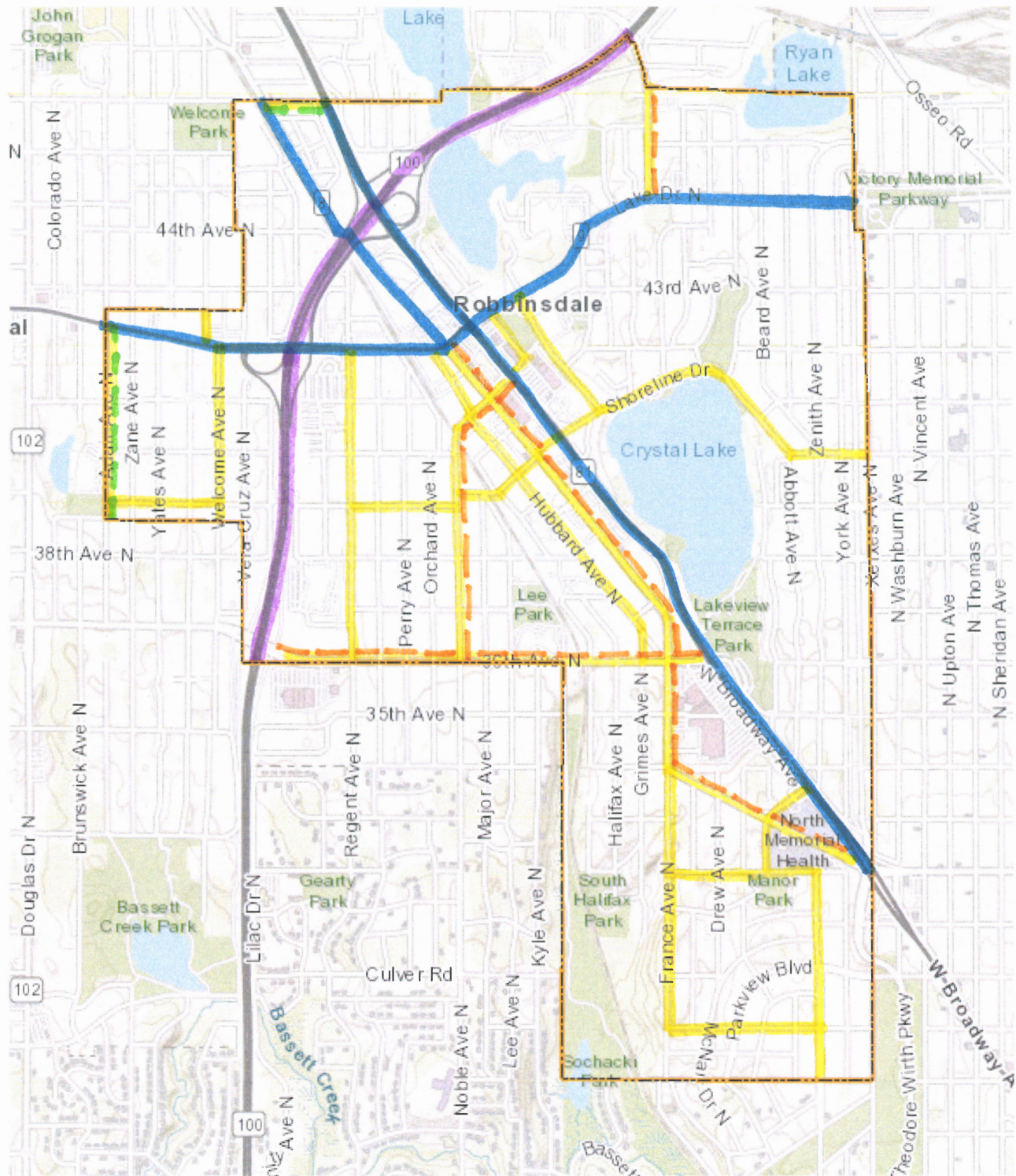
As increased safety is a priority for everyone, staff will introduce the following considerations that are measures beyond residential speed limit changes:

- Dynamic (mobile) speed signs
- Striping (both lane narrowing and highlighting pedestrian facilities)
- (continued) Educational Campaigns
- Signage (like gateway treatments)
- Materials/appearance

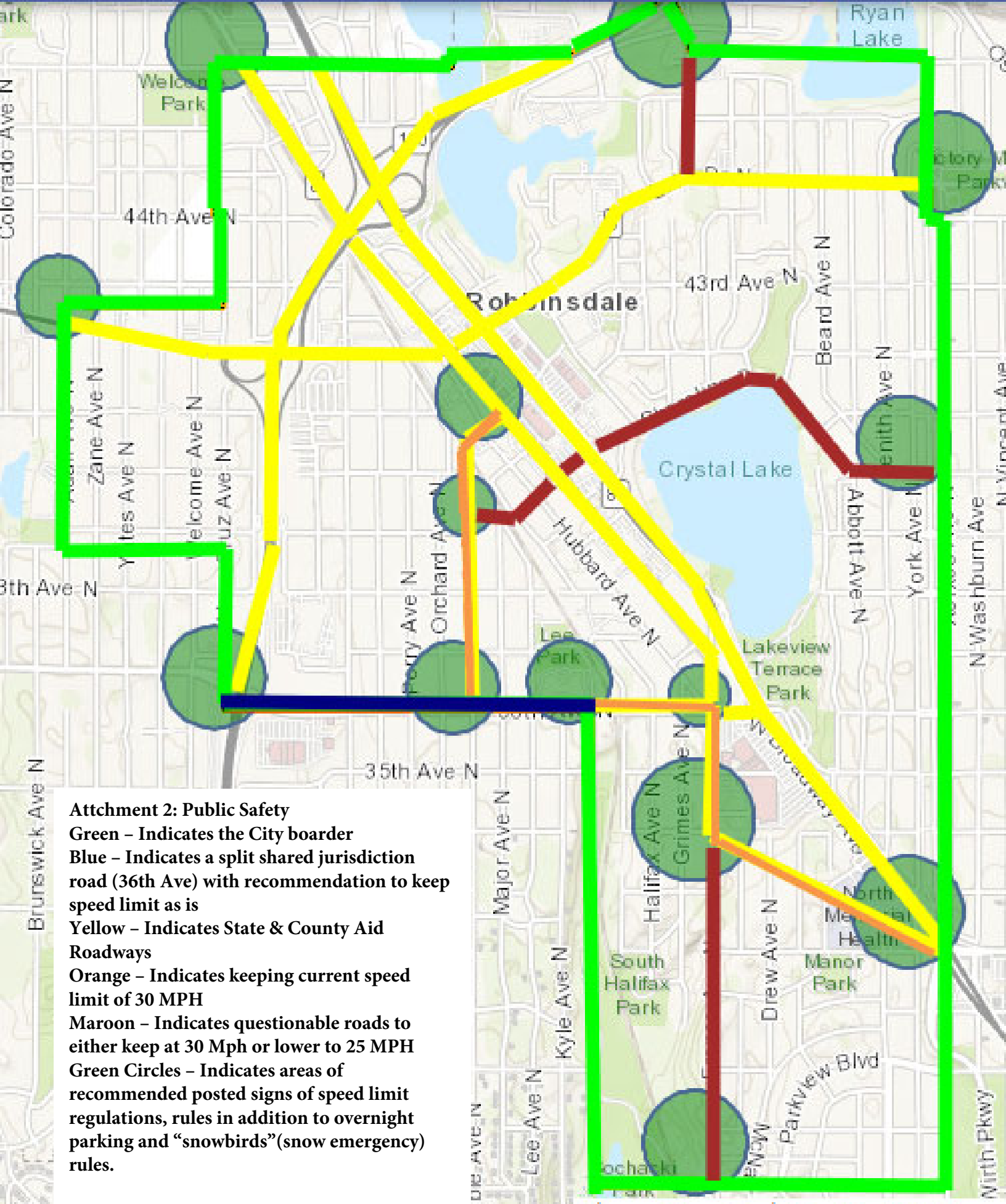
The safety of all road users is of utmost importance and using all the available tools in the right places to achieve the safest road environment possible is a worthwhile goal to strive for. Reducing speeds in residential areas is one of the tools that can be adopted toward achieving this goal, however complete road safety is complex, as it includes the element of driver behavior which is often the most difficult component to predict and control. It should be noted that blanket speed reduction by itself, without enforcement and engineering changes as a complement, will likely not achieve the results desired.

Staff will introduce the item for Council discussion.

Attachment: Engineering Considerations



- State Highway
- County Road
- Municipal State Aid Street
- - Proposed to remain at 30mph
- - Would require further co-ordination with Crystal to reduce speed³



RESOLUTION 2021-44

**RESOLUTION
ADOPTING REDUCED SPEED LIMIT OF 25MPH ON
CITY OWNED RESIDENTIAL ROADWAYS**

WHEREAS, beginning in 2019 authority was given to Cities to adopt a reduced speed limit to 25mph on residential roadways under City jurisdiction per Minnesota Statute 169.14; and

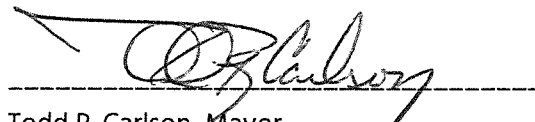
WHEREAS, the City of Excelsior is actively addressing safety for its residents and visitors, and lowering the speed limits will provide for safer streets for vehicles and pedestrians and will reduce the likelihood of crashes or injuries; and

WHEREAS, following adoption, speed limit signing will be install indicating the 25mph speed limit applies to all Citywide streets unless otherwise posted and the lower speed limits go into effect immediately following the installation of the signs; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Excelsior City Council does hereby adopt a reduced speed limit of 25mph for all City owned residential roadways and the Speed Limit Policy as attached to this resolution.

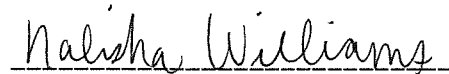
Adopted by the City Council of the City of Excelsior, Minnesota, this 21st day of June 2021.

Approved:



Todd R. Carlson, Mayor

Attest:



Nalisha Williams, City Clerk



Kristi Luger, City Manager

Comments Received Before Deadline

Compilation Of Speed Limit Reduction Comments													
				Supports					Concerns				
	Resident Name	Address		Safer Roads	Safer Pedestrians/Cyclists	Better Enforcement	Traffic Calming Measures		Inverse Consequences	Prefer Other Traffic Calming Measures	Pricey	Need More Data	Lack of Enforcement
1	Molly Beahen	2908 Drew Ave N		X	X								
2	Jenn Bouchey	4106 Vera Cruz Ave N							X	X	X		
3	Jason & Patty Breiland	4541 York Ave N		X	X								
4	Kent Brun	4271 Drew Ave N				X	X						
5	Chris Connaker	4211 York Ave N										X	
6	Travis Derrick	3411 Halifax Ave N				X	X						
7	Hayley Doyle	3900 Zenith Ave N		X									
8	Joel Dueck	4455 Scott Ave N					X						
9	Emily Fry	3350 Zenith Ave N		X									
10	Kim George-Frey	3850 Toledo Ave N				X	X						
11	Thomas & Rebecca Helseth	Zenith (no address provided)		X									
12	Josh & Lacey Hunt	3410 Parkview Blvd		X									
13	Linda Kenny	3927 York Ave N				X							
14	Marilouise Koerber	3329 York Ave N				X							
15	Julianne Leerssen	4501 Beard Ave N			X	X	X						
16	Nicky Leingang	2939 Ewing Ave N		X	X								
17	Mike Martin	4101 Parker Green											X
18	Brian Mattson	3317 Halifax Ave N							X		X	X	X
19	Terese Mattson	3317 Halifax Ave N											X
20	Patrick & Susan Morrow	4011 Hubbard Ave N		X									
21	Monica Murphy	3921 Quail Ave N		X	X								
22	Mike Novak	4318 Vera Cruz Ave N		X		X							
23	Karen Omlung	3602 Abbott Ave N		X									
24	Adam Overland	4343 Lake Drive Ave N								X		X	
25	Robyn Owens	4010 Zenith Ave N		X			X						
26	Daren Pflieger	3305 Halifax Ave N		X		X							
27	Melanie Sedqi	Ward 4 (no address provided)		X	X	X							
28	Angela Stanton	3243 Grimes Ave N							X				X
29	Vanessa & Greg Walters	3321 Halifax Ave N.		X	X								
30	Terri Armstrong Welch	3704 Beard Ave N											X
31	Terry Wessling	3752 Orchard Ave N		X		X							
32	John Zieba	3420 Meridan Drive				X							

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Speed limit reductions
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:18:34 AM

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Good evening,

I support the speed limit being reduced to 25 mph. If possible, there should be some enforcement, (in an equitable way) beginning with warnings. Even without enforcement, many will reduce their speed, just with the change in signage. This will make our community safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, skaters, and drivers.

I would also like to see Robbinsdale collaborate with neighboring cities, starting with Minneapolis, to push for lowered speed limits on County Roads. I live on Lake Drive and am concerned for the safety of those using the bike lanes, small children, as well as teenagers and others crossing the street. It feels like a race track coming out of Minneapolis. Reducing the speed limit on Lake Drive, for example, to 30, and perhaps 35 on 81, especially with light rail coming, seems prudent.

Thank you,

Julianne Leerssen
4501 Beard Ave N

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Comment for Possible Speed Limit Reductions
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022 8:13:07 AM

From: Molly Beahen
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 3:35 PM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: Comment for Possible Speed Limit Reductions

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Hey Dustin!

My comment for the 6/7 meeting as I'll be unable to attend:

Mayor Blonigan and City Council Members:

I wanted to share my support for reducing speed limits on the roads in Robbinsdale. Not only do I believe that safer, slower streets are better for everyone (especially children), I also think slower speeds will make it more accessible for those using transportation other than vehicles. This will be especially important as the LRT becomes a more viable option for commuters, especially since many residential neighborhoods do not have sidewalks.

I appreciate your time and efforts on this matter.

Sincerely,
Molly Beahen
2908 Drew Ave N
Ward 4

Thanks!
Molly

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Molly Beahen
(she/her)

From:
To:
Subject: FW: 25 MPH Comments Wednesday,
Date: June 1, 2022 1:09:15 PM

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Good afternoon,

With all due respect to whoever thought updating the speed limit to 25 was a good idea; I am very much against it.

- While in theory, this will keep most people going slower, those people are probably not who this update is intended for anyway. This is not going to slow down those that already do 40 on the neighborhood streets. Those people are going to go too fast regardless of the posted speed limit.
- How much money from the taxes I pay is going to go to this endeavor – surly there are a lot of signs that now require the cost to replace as well as the labor for installing those replacement signs. I would prefer my taxes go to road repairs and other more necessary services.
- If anything, I'd be in favor of more stop signs at the no-fault intersections. I mean, people will still breeze through those as well but I feel that more people pay attention to a stop sign than a speed limit sign.

Thanks!

Jenn Bouchey

4106 Vera Cruz Ave N

From:
To:
Subject: FW: City Speed Limits
Date: Friday, May 27, 2022 8:49:00 AM

From: Patty Breiland
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 7:15 AM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: City Speed Limits

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We support the reduction of speed limits in Robbinsdale. We would also support the installation of speed bumps or other measures that would encourage motorists to slow down as reducing the speed limits will not do much to hinder motorists who are already disobeying the posted speeds.

Jason and Patty Breiland
4541 York Ave N., Robbinsdale 55422

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Robbinsdale Speed Limit Reductions
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:00:18 AM

From: Kent Brun
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 7:36 PM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: Fwd: Robbinsdale Speed Limit Reductions

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From Kent Brun, 4271 Drew Ave N. Robbinsdale, MN. 55422. 651-343-5597

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kent Brun
Date: May 20, 2022 at 7:34:37 PM CDT
To: dleslie@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us
Subject: Robbinsdale Speed Limit Reductions

I fully support speed limit reductions AND ENFORCEMENT of speed limits in Robbinsdale.

Moreover, I support enforcing stop sign enforcement. Far, far too many drivers roll through stop signs. I estimate over 80% of drivers do not stop at Drew Ave and 43rd to turn left or right on 43rd. I live on the corner of 43rd and Drew, across from Sanborn Park, so I am acutely aware of this issue. As an alternative, change stop signs to yield signs if it makes sense.

From Kent Brun

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Speed Limit Comment
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 3:48:48 PM

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I am against any proposals to change the speed limits in Robbinsdale until we have real information showing there is a problem, the gravity of the problem, and what a speed limit change would do to address the problem.

According to the email sent out, "The legislation allow cities to adopt speed limits on roadways under their jurisdiction based on the city's safety, engineering study, and traffic analysis."

Currently, we have none of those details. Suggesting a speed limit change based on a feeling that people are going to fast, isn't how we should be governed.

The email also says, "The goal is to effectively propose modifications in an effort to make the Robbinsdale community safer. Without a doubt this topic is a top concern for Robbinsdale residents as the Police Department regularly receive complaints from people reporting aggressive or inattentive driving which put other motorists, pedestrians and children at risk for injury."

Again, without any information how can we propose anything? How will a reduction in the speed limit do anything for inattentive drivers? They won't even know the new speed limit, as they by definition aren't paying attention.

Also, aggressive driving is far different from going the 30 mph speed limit. Reducing this to 25 does nothing for aggressive driving.

Based on the email sent out, a reduction of 5 mph is going to do nothing to address the issues noted. It's preposterous.

Chris Connaker

4211 York Ave N

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Speed Limit Change Comments
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:03:01 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Travis Derrick
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 4:05 PM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: Speed Limit Change Comments

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I approve of the city doing something about speeders down our neighborhood streets, but I feel that just changing the posted speed limit is going to change nothing. The people who obey the speed limit will still obey that limit, and the people who are drag racing down our streets will still ignore the limit.

I have had a neighbor move out of town because of this exact issue. They didn't feel safe having their kids playing outside because of the worry that the car traveling 50+ down our street would lose control and drive into their yard. Something does need to be done, but something that will have real results. Not something that will only have consequences if witnessed by law enforcement.

To slow everything down, Lay down large speed humps midway between intersections. They will allow people traveling in the 25-30 mph range to travel smoothly and force the speeders to slow down or damage their vehicle. I understand this will likely be a pricey endeavor but I think it will be worth the price if done throughout the city. With this speed humps down in the neighborhood streets, the police can focus on the larger streets like Bottineau, 36th Ave, and 42nd Ave.

Thank you

Travis Derrick
3411 Halifax Ave N
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

From:
To:
Subject: FW: 25 mph - support it Thursday,
Date: June 2, 2022 8:18:45 AM

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Hello!

I support a plan to change the speed limit to 25 MPH. I am glad this is being considered. Thanks!

Hayley Doyle
3900 Zenith Ave N Robbinsdale MN 55422

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Speed limit reductions
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 8:59:52 AM

From: Joel Dueck
Sent: Saturday, May 21, 2022 10:07 AM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: Speed limit reductions

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Hi, I'm Joel Dueck and live in the house I built at 4455 Scott Ave N. Just wanted to send my comments on this issue, in case I'm unable to attend the June 7 meeting.

In a sense I ought to be in favor of the speed reduction, since I have two small children and my back yard directly faces West Broadway, and I'm concerned about how dangerous my neighborhood is for pedestrians. But I don't think it will accomplish anything. The speed limit on West Broadway by my house is already 30mph, and there is occasionally a police car parked out there to catch speeders, but people still regularly drive by at 40 or 50mph. Several times a year I'll even see someone *passing* another car behind my house that is *already* exceeding the limit.

Studies show that posted limits have little to no effect on average driving speeds; people will drive at a speed they perceive to be safe based on the design of the road itself. The stretch of West Broadway by my house is an obvious example. The posted limit is 30mph, but the road itself is a wide, straight shot designed like a traditional 55mph highway. The sign says go slow, but the road itself says go fast. People listen to what the road itself is telling them, nothing else.

Lowering the speed limit probably won't hurt, so go for it. But it also won't make the streets safer. If we want to lower driving speeds, we need to make design changes to the roads that are proven to lower speeds.

Thanks!

Joel Dueck
cell

"The primary conclusion of this research is that the majority of motorist on the nonlimited access rural and urban highways examined in this study did not decrease or increase their speed as a result of either lowering or raising the posted speed limit by 4, 10, or 15 mi/h (8, 16, or 24 km/h). In other words, this nationwide study confirms the results of numerous other observational studies which found that the majority of motorist do not alter their speed to

conform to speed limits they perceive as unreasonable for prevailing conditions.”

— [“Effects of Raising and Lowering Speed Limits”](#), 1992 study commissioned by the FHA

“A study of speed limits on different freeway types in Michigan failed to show that speed was a substantial contributor to more frequent or more serious crashes. It showed that compliance with speed limits was not necessarily an accurate measure of safety. Although more crashes occur in urban areas, as can be expected from congestion and the need to react to other vehicles, **drivers seem to choose speeds similar to the design speeds for different types of roads**. The research suggests that lowering speed limits arbitrarily does not affect traffic safety. Speed limits and speed zones would be more effective if they were based on geometrics, traffic characteristics, and safety benefits rather than popular conceptions.”

— Thornton, Matthew, and Richard W. Lyles. [“Freeway Speed Zones: Safety and Compliance Issues.”](#) *Transportation Research Record* 1560, no. 1 (January 1996): 65–72.

From:
To:
Subject: FW: 25MPH speed limit
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:00:33 AM

From: Emily Fry
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 5:34 PM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: 25MPH speed limit

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I am in favor of reducing speed limits on most local streets to 25 mph.

Emily Fry
3350 Zenith Ave N, Robbinsdale, MN 55422

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Speed limit considerations
Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:18:59 AM

As I am not able to attend the city council meeting, I would like to voice my opinion on the 25 MPH speed limit proposal. The speed limit change would be fine if we enforce it and other traffic laws. Without consistent enforcement, you will have the law abiding citizens continue to adhere to it and the people who face no consequences will continue to abuse it and be a danger to everyone else on the roads.

Additionally, the city needs to publicly address what is being done about suspension of yard waste pickup “until further notice”. It’s great that it was communicated, but without some sort of proposed solution (credit on our bill; alternate service provider; the ability to utilize the Hennepin county site free of charge to Robbinsdale residents; something else?!) your residents question the ability of the city to manage appropriately.

Sincerely,
Kim George-Frey
3850 Toledo Ave N
Robbinsdale, MN

Sent from my iPhone

From:
To:
Subject: FW: 25 mph speed limit on residential streets
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022 8:15:36 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas Helseth
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 9:27 AM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: 25 mph speed limit on residential streets

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I am very supportive of initiating a 25 mph speed limit on ALL Robbinsdale residential streets! I live on Zenith and have observed an abundance of increased vehicle speeds the last several years. This includes school buses!

Thomas & Rebecca Helseth

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Robbinsdale City Council Seeks Feedback on Possible Speed Limit Reductions
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:02:38 AM

From: Lacey Hunt
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 2:53 PM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: Re: Robbinsdale City Council Seeks Feedback on Possible Speed Limit Reductions

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Our Vote is Yes to 25 mph in all Robbinsdale!

Folks drive way too fast, especially down our street, and we feel there are not enough mph signs in the city currently, folks drive how they want. Making a city wide speed limit would be amazing and help keep people and animals safe.

I would like to add, would it be possible signs that folks could purchase for their yard that shows the 25 mph new speed limit? We would love to put one in our yard and I am sure our neighbors would too.

Thank you!

Josh and Lacey Hunt
3410 Parkview Blvd
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Comment on proposal to change speed limit
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 8:24:03 AM

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Linda Kenny
3927 York Avenue North

Question #1: How does this impact speed in alleys. It would seem that people should drive slowly (15 mph) but that is not always the case.

Question #2: Will this include 36th avenue? We have often been passed on this street with the driver using the marked turn lane as a passing lane.

Question #3: Do our police officers even have time to enforce the speed limits?

Question #4: Will we post the speed limit? Is that a hefty cost for the city if we do?

Comments: I would support a change of speed limit within the city proper. We drive up Zenith Avenue N daily and there are lots of kids playing. Parents have marked the areas with safety cones. We live on York and frequently see speeding cars on our street and the Parkway. Minneapolis lowered its speed limit and the Parkway has been at 25 mph forever and no one seems to pay attention. Yesterday we had motorcycles roaring

from the parkway into Robbinsdale on 40th. Will it even make a difference in these times?

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Lowering Speed Limit
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 8:25:22 AM

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I am not against lowering the speed limit although I feel it will do no good to stop speeders. Until speed limits are enforced, people will continue to speed on city streets and highways.

When the speed limit on Highway 100 was raised to 60 mph, all of the announcements said "60 means 60." Does anyone drive 60 on 100?

The speed limit on Memorial Parkway is 20mph. Does anyone drive 20 mph on the Parkway?

I know law enforcement has a lot of responsibility and citing speeders is only a part of their duties.

But again, people will speed until they know they might be cited.

Marilouise Koerber
3329 York Avenue North

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Support for lowering speed limits
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:51:09 AM

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Good morning,

I hope you are doing well. I am a relatively new Robbinsdale resident at 2939 Ewing Ave N. My neighborhood does not have sidewalks, so all of us walk in the street when taking out our dogs or getting fresh air. Overall, drivers seem respectful of walkers and already drive 20mph or less. Occasionally, that is not the case. I support the City Council taking action to reduce the speed limit in neighborhoods like mine to 20mph. This speed limit especially makes sense when streets are used almost exclusively by residents or visitors, and not as a thoroughfare.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,
Nicky Leingang
2939 Ewing Ave N, Robbinsdale, MN 55422

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Regarding Citywide Speed Limit Change from 30 to 25 MPH
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 8:25:00 AM

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I feel strongly that efforts should be focused on enforcement of existing traffic laws (speed limits, traffic signals, etc.) instead. As a resident of a property at the corner of Regent Avenue and 42nd Avenue, I see commonplace violations of the existing speed limits. If these speed limits are not being obeyed or enforced, what is the point of lowering the speed limits citywide? It will only result in the added cost of purchasing 25 MPH speed limit signs, not lower the speeds of our dangerous drivers. That money could be devoted to added enforcement.

In my opinion, drivers obeying the current speed limits are not the problem - people not obeying the speed limits are the problem. Lowering speed limits will not have any impact on these drivers; only increased enforcement will.

Mike Martin
4104 Parker Green
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Robbinsdale City Council Seeks Feedback on Possible Speed Limit Reductions
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:00:53 AM

From:
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 4:12 PM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: Fw: Robbinsdale City Council Seeks Feedback on Possible Speed Limit Reductions

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I have to call this what it is: magical thinking on the part of the city council. The police cannot effectively enforce the current 30 MPH limit that exists in most of the city. They are also woefully unable to enforce driver compliance with stop signs in my neighborhood. As I recall, when a stop sign was proposed for the intersection of 33rd and Halifax, the rather pithy response was that the city didn't want to erect a sign that they though wouldn't be followed because that would undermine the general compliance with other signage. So we got an ineffective yield sign instead.

Speaking of signage, I would assume that if this dreadfully bad idea were to be implemented, there would be the need to post a large number of new speed limit signs throughout the city as the current statutory limit is still 30 MPH on non-signed residential streets in Minnesota. What is the cost associated with this change? With constant budget pressures, this seems like a very poor allocation of scarce resources.

Finally there have been numerous studies done that time and again prove that changing speed limits has little impact on driver behavior or safety. MnDOT did a study on this not too long ago and while that is mostly aimed at highways, I think the behavioral conclusions can be more broadly applied. Or simply drive in Minneapolis as see how their change has had little to no effect.

<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/stateaid/trafficsafety/county/CRSP-SpeedLimits.pdf>

In short, Robbinsdale cannot currently effectively enforce the limits we have currently so reducing them seems to be a fools errand that will cost a lot of money to implement and then be totally ignored except perhaps as another questionable pretense to stop drivers of color.

Brian Mattson
3317 Halifax

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Robbinsdale City Council Seeks Feedback on Possible Speed Limit Reductions
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:01:56 AM

From: Terese Mattson
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 3:42 PM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: Fw: Robbinsdale City Council Seeks Feedback on Possible Speed Limit Reductions

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Hi!

My name is Terese Mattson and I live at 3317 Halifax Ave N, Robbinsdale and I'd like to submit some feedback on the email below.

I agree with the concerns of aggressive/inattentive driving in Robbinsdale in general. I would also add, I sense current speed limits don't seem to be enforced as it is (at least not in our neighborhood) so not sure if lowering speed limits would make much difference with more regular enforcement? I also am concerned in our neighborhood of cars seemingly ignoring stop signs. I've seen or been in too many close calls due to this.

I'll try to attend on the 7th as well. Thank you!

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Reducing speed limits on local streets.
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:43:50 PM

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We are in favor of reducing the speed limits on local streets to 25 MPH. In fact, we would like to see them reduced to 20 MPH, but we know that is, probably, too much to ask for.

Patrick and Susan Morrow
4011 Hubbard Av N
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Speed limit
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 8:30:20 AM

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I'm very much in favor of lowering to 25mpr through Robbinsdale/ we need to be extra mindful of our walkers - bikers - mobility of all
Monica Murphy
3921 Quail Avenue N

Sent from my rockin iPhone!

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Feedback - 25MPH Wednesday,
Date: June 1, 2022 3:49:12 PM

Fully support.

Would be great if officers pulled people over.

Vera Cruz - from 44th to 42nd, southbound - please patrol / set up a speed watch. People drive 45-50 down this street on a regular basis.

Mike Novak
4318 Vera Cruz Ave N
Robbinsdale MN 55422

From:
To:
Subject: FW: I support reducing the citywide speed limit
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 8:59:32 AM

From: Karen Omlung
Sent: Saturday, May 21, 2022 1:54 PM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: I support reducing the citywide speed limit

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I will not be able to attend the meeting, however, wanted to voice my support for reducing the speed limit in Robbinsdale.

Thank you,
Karen omlung
3602 Abbott Ave N

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Speed limit sign issue
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:03:24 AM

From: Sarconoclast
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 2:10 PM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: Speed limit sign issue

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Dear city clerk,

I mentioned this as a Facebook comment, but want to note that although I'm not opposed to safer streets and speed limit modifications, our own MnDOT addressed this in a 2008 study and made recommendations suggesting a 30 mph in urban and residential areas. The move to 25mph in Minneapolis, and this move, in my opinion, would do little to solve the problem. Feel free to point me to updated or contrary information, but considering this, I'd suggest roundabouts, speed bumps, digital radar notifications, and other more effective measures.

See study here; see Exec summary page ii and iii:

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extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcgicdefindmkaj/<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/speed/pdf/speedlimitaskforcereport.pdf>

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Adam Overland
Robbinsdale resident
4343 Lake Drive Ave N

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Speed reductions
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:00:26 AM

From: Robyn Owens
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 7:25 PM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: Speed reductions

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We fully support speed reductions especially on 40th from Lake Drive to the Parkway. I'd even welcome a speed bump on that 100 yards to slow racing cars down.

Robyn Owens
4010 Zenith Ave N

From:
To:
Subject: FW: SUPPORT TO REDUCING SPEED LIMITS IN ROBBINSDALE
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:01:15 AM

From: Pfliiger, Daren J HHHH
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 4:09 PM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: SUPPORT TO REDUCING SPEED LIMITS IN ROBBINSDALE

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I won't be able to attend this meeting but I am in total favor of reducing/limiting speed limits in Robbinsdale. This also would need to be enforced. We already have speed limits but we have cars flying by our house all day and night going far above the current limits. We also have a yield sign at the corner of 33rd and Halifax Ave N which is never obeyed by many drivers. I have seen many "near" accidents and one of these days someone just might be seriously hurt or killed the way some fly thru it.

Please feel free to contact me if more is needed.

Daren Pfliiger
3305 Halifax Ave N
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Email

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Speed Limit Reductions
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:02:08 AM

From: Melanie Sedqi
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 3:30 PM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>; Pat Backen <pbacken@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: Speed Limit Reductions

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Mayor and City Council Members:

I definitely support reducing speed limits on the roads in Robbinsdale. As the looming climate crisis approaches, we need to make sure our roads are safe for bicycles, pedestrians, and other non-car transit options. It is unfortunate that many of our blocks do not have sidewalks but this is all the more reason to reduce the speeds limits on our streets.

I would also like to see investment in bike lanes and in speed-limiting infrastructure as the Blue Line light rail becomes a reality. We can maintain our small town feel with walkable and safe streets that complement the new light rail. We need to always stay focused on increasing transit access and safety as these are climate and equity issues.

Respectfully,

Melanie Sedqi
she/her/hers
Ward 4

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Speed Limit Change Monday,
Date: May 23, 2022 9:00:07 AM

From: Angela Stanton
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 10:10 PM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: Speed Limit Change

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Good evening,

I would like to advocate against changing the speed limit in Robbinsdale. I don't feel that lowering the speed limit will address the issues of inattentive and reckless driving and speeding. The drivers who choose to drive well above the current speed limit will continue to do so and could be stopped and ticketed at any time for their choices currently.

Reducing the speed limit will only serve to slow down the rule following, attentive drivers in our neighborhoods who can safely drive 30 mph.

Thank you,
Angela Stanton
3243 Grimes Ave N.
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Speed Limit Reduction Feedback
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022 8:16:08 AM

From: Vanessa Walters
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 9:11 AM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Cc: Gregory Walters
Subject: Speed Limit Reduction Feedback

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Hello,

Our names are Greg and Vanessa Walters and we live at 3321 Halifax Ave N.

This past August we welcomed our first baby into our family. Prior to that, we had always thought 30 MPH on our neighborhood streets seemed too fast. Now as new parents, we are even more supportive of reducing the speed limit to 25 MPH. We are both originally from Wisconsin where all city streets there are 25 MPH and we have always felt that is more than adequate. We were surprised when we moved to Minnesota and the cars zoomed down our city streets so fast!

Greg and I walk with our daughter 2-3 times per day and have a yield sign at one of the cross streets nearest to our home. I have inquired with the city manager and the yield sign cannot be changed to a stop sign because of the steep grade as motorists approach the intersection. However, reducing speeds to 25 MPH would make us feel safer on our walks. As pedestrians, we are often not seen with our stroller because cars come upon us so quickly and often fail to yield. In addition, a speed limit reduction would make our neighborhood feel safer for kids playing outside. Therefore, we strongly support a speed limit reduction to 25 MPH in hopes to reduce aggressive driving that puts our daughter and other pedestrians/children at risk.

Thank you for taking our daughter and other children's safety into consideration,

Vanessa & Greg Walters

From:
To:
Subject: FW: 25 mph proposal
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 9:34:09 AM

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I strongly oppose such a limit without restrictions and without consideration of the potential impact on people of color. Living just a few blocks off of Victory Memorial Parkway I have seen multiple stops for exceeding the speed limit on the Parkway and not once has the driver been Caucasian. Is this another way to aggressively pursue and engage in the justice system BIPOC residents of Robbinsdale and North Minneapolis? I see why residents are concerned about speed limits on purely residential streets. I get that. But who's going to enforce that? Is someone suggesting that RPD patrol and ticket, instead of dealing with the rise in what I consider "real" crimes like drive-by shootings, car jackings, etc.

Terri Armstrong Welch
3704 Beard Ave N

Sent from my iPad

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Speed limit reduction on local streets
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 1:09:53 PM

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Even though I know that enforcement is difficult, I still think it is a good idea. I have suggested before that increased enforcement on the main streets in our city (Bottineau Blvd, 42nd, 36th and Noble) may set the tone for every where else.

Thank you for your efforts to increase our safety.

Terry Wessling
3752 Orchard Avenue North
Robbinsdale, MN 55422-2149

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Reduced Speed Limits
Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:00:01 AM

From: John Zieba
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 11:21 PM
To: Dustin Leslie <dleslie@CI.ROBBINSDALE.MN.US>
Subject: Reduced Speed Limits

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I'm all for a reduction to 25 mph on neighborhood streets but find it laughable that you think it can be enforced. I live next to a 4 way stop where nobody stops and am routinely passed by people on CR 81 going 65 mph. And congrats on the new job - I look forward to meeting you.

John Zieba
3420 Meridian Drive

Comments Received During Public Meeting

41. Mayor Blonigan opened the floor to the public to receive comments.
42. Frances Kooker – 4212 Shoreline Drive: Resident stated she was in support. Resident further stated she lived near Sanborn Park and would like lower speed limits within a block of all parks to keep children safer.
43. Christine Groetken – 3720 Hubbard Ave N: Resident stated she had no problem with the change but was worried about enforcement.
44. Kent Brun – 4271 Drew Ave N: Resident stated he was in favor and that he sees so many families walking around with their young kids in the community. Resident also spoke of his support for the Robbinsdale Police Department and that only about 10% of drivers stop at the stop sign near his house so enforcement may be an issue.
45. Patrick Hanlon – 5820 42nd Ave N: Resident stated he thought this was a good idea. Resident spoke about his time as a pizza delivery driver and being hyper aware of his surroundings. Resident finally stated that notifications to all residents about any changes would be helpful.
46. Joel Dueck – 4455 Scott Ave N: Resident asked if West Broadway would be affected as his property abuts the street. Mayor Blonigan stated West Broadway was a County Road and would not be affected. Resident asked Council and staff to consider re-designing streets to make them safer rather than just relying on police for enforcement.
47. Member Webb spoke about a resident email she received in which they asked for road re-designs that would make roads safer.
48. Mayor Blonigan closed the public comment period.
49. Mayor Blonigan summarized public comments received and spoke about road improvements that have already been made.
50. Member Backen stated the state measure to begin this process has been in place for a few years and Council wanted to see how it would go before beginning the research phase. Member Backen clarified that it would be further discussed at the next work session but no action would be made.
51. Member Selman stated he appreciated the messages from residents and that it looks like most are in favor of the change. Member Selman stated the concerns he saw the most were enforcement and road design. Member Selman stated perception could change through enforcement and gave examples of West Broadway and Highway 100 in Edina as examples of places people do not speed because those are places that are usually enforced. Member Selman also stated that cost would not be as high as some people thought and would be strategic about where they put new signs. Finally, Member Selman said the city should look into placing speed bumps in certain places.

52. Member Webb stated she was supportive of the proposed decrease and should be citywide rather than just certain spots. Member Webb stated that while most residents she spoke to were supportive, the residents who voiced concerns wanted to make sure the city was serious about enforcement.
53. Mayor Blonigan thanked everyone for their input and spoke about wanting Minnesota to eventually allow Photocop in cities.
54. Member Backen stated he was in favor of this but was concerned it may not result in big changes.

NEW BUSINESS A: WARD 1 VACANCY AND SPECIAL ELECTION.

55. Sandvik gave the report.
56. Member Selman stated the 9-month vacancy was ridiculous and that the Charter Commission should look into it in the future.
57. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7985 A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE WARD 1 CITY COUNCIL SEAT.**
58. Mayor Blonigan summarized the resolution and told residents next steps in the process.
59. **A roll call was taken. Ayes: Backen, Webb, Selman, Mayor Blonigan. Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS A: DISBURSEMENT REQUESTS

60. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to approve disbursement requests for period ending 6/7/2022. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

61. Sandvik stated it was his third week on the job as City Manager and thanked staff and Council for the welcome.
62. Sandvik gave an overview of upcoming recreation programs and stated the Manor Park splash pad was now open for residents.
63. Sandvik stated the city will be communicating with residents via postcard about yard waste updates.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

64. Member Backen welcomed Sandvik to the city.

Comments Received After Deadline

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Reducing the speed limits
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 10:39:51 AM

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Need to correct, found a typo

Edited:

My family live on a busier street. I'm not really in agreement to lower the speed limit. Those who are already going OVER 30 mph aren't going to care if the limit is 25 or 30. We can't have our kids out playing on the street due to people driving faster than they should.

If we lower the speed limit to 25 it's like a school zone all through the city are we lowering the school limit too?

I own a manual transmission and keep my car in lower gear, usually first gear, while driving. It can sound louder as the RPMs rev when I do this, but it controls the speed. I can't tell you how many times I got yelled at to slow down and I'm only going 15 mph.

When I drive 30 mph by crystal lake people ride my back end, sometimes passing me. So I really feel this is a waste of time and energy to lower the speed.

I have a lot of opinions on this.

Angela Carpio
3922 Abbott ave N, Robbinsdale MN

On Fri, Jun 3, 2022, 5:36 PM Angela Carpio wrote:

I am just now seeing this Facebook post. I am not sure if it's going to be counted or not.

My family live on a busier street. I'm not really in agreement to lower the speed limit. Those who are already going 30 aren't going to care if it's 25 or 30. We can't have our kids out playing on the street due to people driving faster than they should.

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I have a lot of opinions on this.

Angela Carpio
3922 Abbott ave N, Robbinsdale MN

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Support of Speed Limit Reduction
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 2:33:00 PM

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Council Member Webb,

I am now unable to attend the meeting tonight to share these comments. Please have these shared for the record.

My family resides at 4438 Shoreline Drive and we are in support of the citywide reduction in the speed limit.

Robbinsdale is a city that prides itself on its residents, downtown area and parks. We have created commissions to make sure the interests of these groups are the focus of policy. This is the right time for the council to truly put a substantial policy in place to support these groups by reducing the speed limit. We happen to live on one of the busier streets in town that is bordered by parks. On a daily basis, we see one of our neighbors have to quickly step back onto the curb to avoid a car speeding down the street. Some may think these are kids not paying attention, but the reality is our seniors or folks with mobility issues that have the closest calls. As one can imagine it is not easy for these neighbors to quickly avoid a speeding car once they enter a crosswalk. This is not unique to our street or this part of Robbinsdale.

Prior to moving to Robbinsdale we experienced the City of Minneapolis' reduction to 20 MPH. While there are policies in place in Minneapolis that we should not repeat in Robbinsdale, this is one that was met with unanimous support by our neighbors and the nearby school. If we truly value our residents as much as our elected officials say, then let's put our residents and their safety first. If we fail to do this, then I would expect each council member during their next campaign to emphasize their support of people driving as quickly as possible through Robbinsdale.

I applaud the city staff and council for considering this measure to reduce the speed limit. I further encourage the council and staff to reduce the speed limit to 20 miles per hour.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Mark Laverty

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Speed limit reduction Tuesday,
Date: June 7, 2022 10:38:28 AM

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I am strongly in support of reducing the general speed limit in Robbinsdale, but I will not be able to come to the City Council meeting where this will be discussed.

As the signs in Minneapolis say, 20 is plenty, particularly on our residential streets. Most Robbinsdale streets that are not residential have lots of pedestrian traffic because of the businesses, churches and schools, which gives just as much reason for a slower speed limit. We can maintain our small town feel with walkable and safe streets. This may require speed-limiting infrastructure like the ideas under consideration with LRT routes. And it should include bike lanes, as bike use around the metro is increasing for commuting and pleasure. Increasing transit access and safety are climate and equity issues, so they need to be prioritized.

Related Point 1

On a related note, **we are more than overdue for the police to begin to enforcing the speed limit.** Some time ago, I understood members of our police department to say that there was a reluctance to enforce speed limits with a heavy hand because they didn't want that to be the primary way that citizens end up engaging with our police department. But speeding and disregard for basic traffic laws is so out of control in our community and neighboring communities that it is critical that speed limits be enforced.

Just as New York City was able to turn around the level of crime there decades ago by enforcing simple rules like jaywalking and littering, I think Robbinsdale could regain control of our streets and make it safer for pedestrians and residents in vehicles if we started enforcing our traffic rules. Please make sure it is done in an equitable way, so that there is no hint of any certain group or neighborhood being targeted.

Related Point 2

We know that our street, Lake Drive, cannot be lowered to 20mph because of the county road status, but we feel strongly that with

- 20mph on the east end from Victory Memorial Parkway and Minneapolis streets,
- 30mph warnings and a school in the curved section, and
- the speed reduction for Highway 81 and downtown,

the speed limit should be at most 30mph on the entire stretch of Lake Drive.

Living on Lake Drive, we see speeders pass other vehicles in the center turn lane at high speed

multiple times a week. (And this is in the stretch between France and west of Indiana Aves, where there are three curves, limited visibility and a school with a playground.) We frequently have to go around the block rather than slow and turn into our driveway because someone is driving so aggressively behind us. Working from home in the front of our house, we are very aware of traffic speeds, and speeding is far to common.

Thank you,
Teri McNamara, Ward 1
4008 Lake Drive Ave N
Robbinsdale, MN 55422
home
mobile

From:
To:
Subject: FW: Speed Limit
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 1:17:37 PM

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As a resident for over 42 years at this address, I fully support the reduction in the speed limit.
The Minneapolis campaign of "20 is Plenty" would have been a good transition from one community to the next, since we share borders.
This is especially needed on our narrow and active side streets. There is no need to go faster.
How this will be enforced is another question, but I fully support the concept.

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**Colleen Patterson**  
**4516 Grimes Avenue North, Robbinsdale, MN 55422**

, landline  
, cell phone

**From:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment: 25 Mile Per Hour (MPH) Speed Limit  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 7, 2022 10:37:53 AM

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Councilperson Sheila Webb and Robbinsdale City Clerk,

I am writing in support of the proposed 25 mile per hour speed limit proposal. Due to the number of streets without sidewalks in Robbinsdale and the potential that a reduction of speed has to decrease traffic accident injuries, I see this is a good measure for Robbinsdale to take. Many of our streets require cars, bikes and pedestrians to co-exist safely. As a study by the Institute for Highway Safety noted, **“A pedestrian struck at 25 miles per hour has 25 percent chance of being seriously injured—but that climbs to a 50 percent chance at 33 miles per hour.”**

Our proximity to Minneapolis, where the speed limits have already been lowered, makes this measure even more logical. This proximity may even make the case that our speed limits on side streets should match those of our neighbors which is 20mph.

While I support this initiative I see it as a first step towards safer streets as it is an easy and inexpensive way to increase safety, but I also encourage the city to adopt "road diet" efforts with every new project-- even those road projects that just require new surfacing. We cannot rely on policing alone to guarantee adherence to the speed limits. Adjusting road designs will also support slower and safer speeds **(such as adding bump outs, adding sidewalks, adding boulevards/landscaping strips, adding bike lanes, etc)** as we take on repairs we will be compounding the positive safety impacts of reducing auto speeds.

In summary I support the 25mph speed limit as a cost effective public safety measure and encourage future work to redesign streets to better meet the speed limits.

Thank you for your time and service to our City.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Sandlund  
3320 46th Ave N

6/01/2022

Mayor, Councilmen, Residents

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Many of the recent facebook posts have stated how out of control speeding is in Robbinsdale. That's putting it mildly, its ridiculous. Our streets are without a doubt very unsafe. Some have stated 36<sup>th</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup>, and 81. Well Oakdale Ave. is right up there as one of the worst. These 4 streets are the main arteries from Minneapolis the western suburbs.

Oakdale is supposed to be a 30 mph two lane residential street with bike paths, wider sidewalks for people going to the hospital, school bus stops, and ambulance runs. it is far from being safe.

In the fall of 2020, solar radar signs were installed by petition of the residents on Oakdale. Did they work? At first yes as people were surprised to see them but later, they were ignored as it was determined by Mr. Speeder, they were only indicators instead of a monitoring/ticketing devise. Since then, intermittent observations and records by residents showed speeds in the upper 30+'s, 40's, 50's, and even a few in the 60's. I thought this was a 30 mph posted street.

Residents even took the liberty of installing two 30 MPH Safe kids signs,....they were ignored of course, one was even stolen. Respectable drivers going near the speed limit normally get tailgated then passed at an alarming speed, crossing solid yellow lines hence putting people's lives in danger.

**So do signs of any kind work.....NO**

**We** know our dedicated police department is undersized hence we have a minimal number of patrol officers on duty at times, thus making their priority calls those that are safety related-911. HOWEVER

**THE ONLY WAY THIS IS GOING TO GET RESOLVED IS THROUGH TOUGH ENFORCEMENT. THAT MEANS CITATIONS, NOT VERBAL'S OR WARNING'S. WITHOUT DOING THIS, WE ONLY GIVE MR. SPEEDER THE GREEN LIGHT TO KEEP**

**DOING IT. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON WHY ANYONE NEEDS TO PUT OTHER PEOPLES LIVES IN DANGER. OUR CITY HAS BEEN VERY LUCKY SO FAR.**

**AS AN ALTERNATIVE, GET OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO APPROVE A PHOTOCOP CAMERA SYSTEM AS IS USED IN MANY OTHER STATES. THIS KEEPS OUR OFFICERS SAFE AND AVAILABLE FOR OTHER SAFETY DUTIES.**

**SPEEDING IS NOT THE ONLY UNSAFE ISSUE, THERE ARE COUNTLESS IDIOTS BLOWING STOP SIGNS AND SIGNAL.**

**LET'S THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX AND FIND A SOLUTION TO KEEP ROBBINSDALE A SAFE AND SAFER CITY.**

**REMEMBER CITY LEADERS , THE LIVES OF OUR PEOPLE SHOULD BE MORE IMPORTANT THEN A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY.**

**Gene Trattles**

3320 Ewing Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55422



City of Robbinsdale

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Tim Sandvik, City Manager

DATE: July 12, 2022

RE: Commission Roles

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**Background:**

In conversation with Councilmembers, staff, and some Commissioners, there seems to be some confusion as to the roles of Commissions. As a reminder, the City hosts five advisory bodies that are formal commissions, including: Planning, Charter, Senior, Parks and Recreation, and Human Rights. Of course the Planning and Charter Commission roles are largely defined by statute (or similar jurisdiction authority). The Senior Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and Human Rights Commission serve in an advisory role, but content varies over time based on the desires of Commissioners and the charge of the City Council.

Much like elected officials, Commissioners are looking to serve the community, but have a narrowed focus – both, as defined by City Code (attached) and within the scope of what the sitting Council is wanting to be advised on.

For this discussion, we will focus on the Parks and Human Rights Commissions. Currently, Ryan Parks serves as the staff liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Charnelle Dengnoue serves as the staff liaison to the Human Rights Commission. Both Mr. Parks and Ms. Dengnoue have expressed their sitting Commissions are interested in “doing more”, and staff wants to be sure this is accomplished in a way that is efficient and beneficial to the Commissions, and ultimately the City Council.

Mr. Sandvik will introduce the item, and respond to questions, comments, and concerns. Further, Mr. Sandvik will walk through the memos provided by Mr. Parks and Ms. Dengnoue (attached) and look for direction on next steps.

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Tim Sandvik, City Manager

CONCURRENCE:

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Ryan Parks, Recreation Services Manager  
DATE: July 12, 2022  
RE: Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission

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The Robbinsdale Parks, Recreation & Forestry (PRF) Commission consists of 7 members –1 member from each ward recommended by ward Council Member and 3 At-Large recommended by the Mayor. All appointments are by approval of the full City Council. Members serve a two year term.

The duties of the PRF Commission are to advise City Council on matters of the improvement of parks within the city, and upon recreational programs and facilities within city.

Over the last year the PRF Commission has reviewed recreation programs and park project proposals. The commission has been great in terms of offering input on new programming ideas and park project opportunities. It is clear that they want to be involved early in our park project planning and they believe community engagement should be at the forefront so that the Robbinsdale community is informed and engaged.

Long-term vision for the PRF Commission would be to assist the Parks, Recreation and Forestry departments and City Council in efforts to involve and inform the Robbinsdale community about parks and recreation matters through public meetings, community events, and social media.

To gather more information from our community about their needs and wants from Parks, Recreation, and Forestry, we would like the PRF Commission members to meet once a year at a park in their designated ward to do community engagement work to further the mission of equity for the City of Robbinsdale.

### Upcoming Community Input Sessions

Manor Park building – Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:00 pm  
Sanborn Park building – Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:00 pm  
Sanborn Park building – Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:00 pm

### Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission Meeting Dates

Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7 pm, Lakeview Terrace Park Pavilion  
Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm (location TBD)  
Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm (location TBD)  
Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 pm (location TBD)

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Charnelle Dengnoue  
DATE: July 12, 2022  
RE: Human Rights Commission

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### **Human Right Commission**

The Robbinsdale Human Rights Commission (RHRC), as established (1968) by City Ordinance, serves as an advisory to the Mayor and City Council on matters concerning human rights within the community and to recommend any action deemed necessary to deal with such matters. In addition, the RHRC serves to educate the community about human rights in order to prevent discriminatory activities, assuring fair and equal treatment, as well as progressively improving the quality of life for the residents of Robbinsdale.

Typical activities and events included the annual parks clean up, annual Whiz Bang Days parade in July and the Chamber of Commerce Meet and Greet in September. Updates and information are appropriately made to the City's website that continues to be educational in reference to the RHRC.

Fair housing/crime-free housing continued to be a topic the commission is working on, as well as the topic on Racism as a Public Crisis. The ERA Event Forum continues to be a topic of interest. The commission continually reviews its goals with outreach and marketing being primary goals along with assisting the city in generating new ideas for community engagement/communication. The commission meets monthly and sub-committees meet as needed to plan, prepare, and discuss interested issues.

The RHRC is committed to continuing its mission, in compliance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, to prohibit prejudice and discrimination in employment, education, housing, public services, and accommodations against any individual or group based on age, race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, public assistance, sexual orientation, familial status or disability.

In December 2021, Commissioners met to discuss events/activities they participated in and brainstormed ideas/activities they are interested in doing for year 2022 to answer the question: **What are the top three things the HRC wants to accomplish in 2022?** The discussion resulted in three main goals and initial next steps to achieve those goals. These goals and initial next steps were:

- **Public outreach**
  - Create calendar of key meetings (commission meetings) and community events
  - Make a list of potential partners/collaborators
  - Assign responsibilities

- **Collaboration and research**
  - Contact for each commission's liaison
  - Reach out to city leaders about HRC plan, regular schedule of communication
- **Equity for all**
  - January 18<sup>th</sup> public hearing – plan to attend
  - Participate in light rail update on 12/13/2021
  - Kick the Racism-Is- a Public Health Crisis work into high gear

Moving forward, the commission would like to know how they could engage with the community through City planned events/activities. They also would like to know if there are community engagement activities they could plan and implement as a commission.

## Section 320 - Commissions

### 320.01. Certain commissions.

#### Subdivision 1. Established.

There are created and continued the Planning Commission and the Park and Recreation Commission, referred to in this subsection as "advisory commissions". The advisory commissions have the powers and duties assigned them by this subsection and law. (Amended, Ord. No. 05-10)

#### Subd. 2. Membership: qualifications.

The planning commission is composed of one member appointed from each ward of the city, and one member from the city at large. The Park and Recreation Commission which is composed of (i) one member from each ward, (ii) three members from the city at large with no more than two members from any one ward of the city on the commission, (iii) one non-voting ex officio member from the Robbinsdale youth baseball association, and (iv) one non-voting ex officio member from the Robbinsdale youth football association. Members must be citizens of the United States and residents of the city. Before approval by the city council of an appointment, the person being considered must submit a written description of qualifications and experience for the position concerned on a form prepared by the city clerk and approved by the city council. Appointments to the commissions require approval by four-fifths vote of the city council. Members serve without compensation. (Amended, Ord. No. 05-10)

#### Subd. 3. Term of office.

Members of the advisory commissions serve for a term of two years expiring on December 31 of even numbered years.

#### Subd. 4. Commission officers.

Each advisory commission must name one of its members to serve as chairperson.

#### Subd. 5. Meetings and procedures.

Unless designated otherwise, each advisory commission must attempt to hold at least one regular meeting each month. The chair of each advisory commission may cancel a regular meeting if, after consultation with the staff liaison, it is determined that there is insufficient business to require that the meeting be held. Each commission must adopt rules for the transaction of business and must keep a public record of its resolutions, transactions and findings. On or before January 1 of each year each commission must submit to the city council a report of its work during the previous year. The report must include the number of meetings held during the year and the number of meetings attended by each member of the commission. Each commission must submit a written report to the city council of its proceedings and recommendations. (Amended, Ord. No. 06-01)

#### Subd. 6. Conflict of interest.

A member of a commission may not vote on a matter in which the member is directly or indirectly interested.

#### Subd. 7. Removal of members.

A commission member may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the city council after written charges have been filed and a hearing granted after at least five days written notice thereof to the member against whom such charges are filed.

#### Subd. 8. Vacancies.

Vacancies are filled by appointment by the city council for the unexpired term. Members serve until a successor is appointed or qualified.

#### Subd. 9. Powers and duties.

In addition to other duties imposed by law and this code, the advisory commissions have the following duties and powers:

##### (a) Planning commission.

The planning commission must study, investigate and make recommendations concerning the use of land, the location and the use of buildings, and the arrangement of buildings on lots in the city. The commission must consider and make recommendations concerning such other matters referred to it from time to time by the city council and may suggest to the council matters which the commission believes should be studied and considered. The planning commission is the planning agency of the city as provided by law.

##### (b) Park and recreation commission.

The park and recreation commission must study, investigate and make recommendations as to the acquisition, development, construction, maintenance and operation of the city parks and playgrounds. The commission must consider and make recommendations concerning such other matters as may be referred to it from time to time by the city council. The director of parks and recreation serves as an advisor to the commission in matters concerning parks and recreation and assists in coordinating long range planning. The commission may make such recommendations relating to the public recreation program as they deem necessary in fulfilling the recreational needs of the community. (Amended, Ord. No. 05-10)

### **320.03. Human rights commission.**

#### Subdivision 1. Policy.

It is the public policy of the city of Robbinsdale to strive to secure for all residents of the city freedom from illegal discrimination in employment, housing and real property, public accommodations, public services and education consistent with the Minnesota Human Rights Act. The human rights commission has been established to assist the city council in carrying out this policy. (Amended, Ord. No. 99-03)

#### Subd. 2. Meetings and membership.

There is established and continued a commission to be known as the human rights commission consisting of 11 members. The commission is appointed by the mayor and with the advice and consent of the city council. The commission must designate one of the members as chairperson. The members are appointed and hold office concurrent with the term of the mayor. The members of the commission serve at the pleasure of the council. A member's term may be terminated upon a majority vote of the council. The commission must attempt to hold bi-monthly meetings. The chair of the advisory commission may cancel a regular meeting if, after consultation with the staff liaison, it is determined that there is insufficient business to require that the meeting be held. Members of the commission serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for personal expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. (Amended, Ord. No. 99-03; Ord. No. 06-01)

#### Subd. 3. Duties.

The duties of the Human Rights Commission are: (a) to advise the Council on matters and problems relating to discrimination and human rights issues and behavior in the city; (b) to recommend to the Council education, municipal and community programs designed to effectuate the policies set forth in this subsection; (c) to implement such programs referred to in (b) as may be directed for Commission action by the Council; (d) to recommend to the City Council the formulation and implementation of

programs designed to effectuate the policies stated in this subsection; (e) to study and make recommendations to the City Council for referral to the Commissioner of Human Rights; (f) to perform other functions, approved by the City Council and authorized for local commissions under the Minnesota Human Rights Act. (Amended, Ord. No. 99-03)

#### Subd. 4. Cooperation.

The services of city departments and agencies will be made available by their respective heads to the Commission at its request, and information in the hands of any department or agency will be furnished to the Commission when requested. Upon receipt of recommendations in writing for the Commission, each department or agency under the direction of the city manager must submit a written reply indicating the disposition of an action taken with regard to such recommendations.

#### Subd. 5. Consultation.

The Commission must advise and consult with the mayor and City Council on all matters involving legally prohibited prejudice or discrimination and recommend such legislative action as it may deem appropriate to effectuate the policy of this subsection.

#### Subd. 6. Cooperation with civic groups and governmental agencies.

The Commission must invite and enlist the cooperation of racial, religious and ethnic groups, community organizations, labor and business organizations, fraternal and benevolent societies, veteran's organizations, professional and technical organizations, and other groups in the city in carrying on its work. The Commission may aid in the formation of local community groups in neighborhoods as it may deem necessary or desirable to carry out specific programs designed to lessen tensions or improve understanding in the city. The Commission must cooperate with state and federal agencies whenever it deems such action appropriate in effecting the policy of this subsection.

#### Subd. 7. Investigations, research, and publications.

The Commission may research and investigate allegations and complaints. In accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, the Commission may conduct public hearings to gather and disseminate information regarding illegal discrimination in employment, housing and real property, public accommodations, public services and education. (Amended, Ord. No. 99-03)

### **320.05. Senior commission.**

#### Subdivision 1. Title.

There is established and continued a citizens' advisory commission known as the Senior Commission. (Amended, Ord. No. 08-01)

#### Subd. 2. Purpose.

The purpose of the Commission is to advise the City Council as to the status and needs of seniors, age 55 and over, in the city and ways in which the needs of seniors may be met. (Amended, Ord. No. 08-01)

#### Subd. 3. Duties.

It is the responsibility of the Commission to:

(a) recommend the initiation of programs, grants and other governmental activities and services to maintain or improve the quality of life for seniors in the city; (Amended, Ord. No. 08-01)

(b) evaluate and assess the impact of current or proposed programs, grants and other governmental activities and services on seniors in the city; and (Amended, Ord. No. 08-01)

(c) serve as a liaison to existing seniors service agencies to assist in assessing resources, disseminating information on services available and assisting seniors in availing themselves to those resources and services. (Amended, Ord. No. 08-01)

Subd. 4. Appointments and composition. The Senior Commission consists of even members. One member is elected by the Commission to serve as chairperson. Members must be at least 55 years of age and be residents of the city. Members are appointed as follows: (Amended, Ord. No. 08-01)

(a) seven members appointed at large. (Amended, Ord. No 09-07; Ord. No. 14-17; Ord. No. 18-06)

Subd. 5. Term.

(a) Members of the Senior Commission serve for a term of two years. The terms are staggered as follows: (Amended, Ord. No. 08-01)

(i) four representatives appointed at large have terms expiring on December 31, of even numbered years; (Amended, Ord. No. 08-01; Ord. No. 14-17; Ord. No. 18-06)

(ii) three representatives appointed at large have terms expiring on December 31, of odd numbered years. (Amended, Ord. No. 08-01, Ord. No. 14-17)

Subd. 6. Meetings and procedures. The Seniors Commission must attempt to hold at least one regular meeting each month, except during the summer months. The chairperson of the Commission, after consultation with the staff liaison may cancel a regular meeting if it is determined that there is insufficient business to require that the meeting be held. The Commission must adopt rules for the transaction of business and must keep a public record of its resolutions, transactions, or findings. The Commission must submit to the City Council each year a report of its work during the previous year. The report must include a summary of the Commission's proceedings and recommendations. (Amended, Ord. No. 08-01)



City of Robbinsdale

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Tim Sandvik, City Manager  
DATE: July 12, 2022  
RE: Administrative Updates

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**Background:**

Staff will provide brief, administrative updates on the following topics (if additional information is provided, it will be included in a copy of the minutes):

- Organized Collection – current updates on yard waste, refuse, and recycling, as well as a brief discussion on short-term and long-term plans.
- GreenStep Cities Update
- A brief update on current budget conversations between the leadership team and discuss the potential for a special Work Session
- Sprinkler System at 4915 N 42nd Ave

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Tim Sandvik, City Manager

CONCURRENCE:

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# The Reeve Lakeside - Investor Update

## Update #24

### Progress Report for Week Ending July 1, 2022

Drywall, taping, painting, flooring and millwork installations are progressing inside the building. Exterior siding continues to make good progress and all utilities are complete with work on the retaining walls now underway.

Framing: 100%  
Waterproofing: 100%  
Backfill: 98%  
MEP Rough-Ins: 90%  
Roofing: 85%  
Retaining walls: 85%  
Insulation: 50%  
Drywall and Taping: 45%  
Painting: 35%  
Flooring: 30%  
Siding: 15%  
Cabinetry/Millwork: 10%  
MEP Finishes: 5%



Siding progress



Main lobby framing and insulation



Unit kitchen sink



Site view

## What's to come?

### **2 Week Outlook**

- Continue retaining walls
- Continue interior finishes
- Continue MEP rough-ins in Zone 3
- Parking lot curb/gutter and asphalt



June 29, 2022

To: Broadway Court Residents

From: Camille Ritter, Portfolio Director  
Todd Brunier, Community Manager

Re: Smoke Free Exterior, Effective January 1, 2023

Dear Residents,

Thank you for residing at Broadway Court. This memo is being sent to all households at Broadway Court to share with you that effective January 1, 2023 the exterior grounds of the property shall become smoke free.

The organization, Live Smoke Free, along with Hennepin County Public Health have provided a resident meeting in 2022 at Broadway Court where it was shared that studies show that providing a smoke free environment supports the property air quality and cleanliness of the property. Management promotes and encourages safety and healthy practices.

This memo serves as a notification to residents, the retail, and the community that the grounds and exterior property of Broadway Court become smoke free as of January 1, 2023.

Broadway Court provides two outdoor sitting areas in spring and summer that are smoke free: one is at the entry, and another is in the patio.

The bench that is at the trash container area at the underpass shall be removed as of January 1, 2023.

Thank you,  
Camille Ritter  
Portfolio Director