

**City of Ramsey
Agenda
Public Works Committee
Tuesday, September 16, 2025**

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 15, 2025.
- 5. Committee Business**
 1. Receive Updates on Improvement Projects, Studies and Items of Interest
 2. Review Future Topics Calendar
- 6. Committee/Staff Input**
- 7. Adjournment**

Public Works Committee**Meeting Date:** 09/16/2025**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Not Applicable

Title:

Approve the following meeting minutes.

1. Public Works Committee meeting dated July 15, 2025.

Purpose/Background:

To review and approve the attached July 15, 2025, meeting minutes.

The meeting scheduled for August 19, 2025, was canceled.

Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:

Staff anticipates this case will take less than 5 minutes.

Recommendation:

To review and approve meeting minutes dated July 15, 2025.

Outcome/Action:

Motion to approve meeting minutes dated July 15, 2025.

Attachments

PWC July Minutes

Form Review**Inbox**

Bruce Westby

Brian Hagen

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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 15, 2025, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

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

Also Present: City Engineer/Public Works Director Bruce Westby
 Assistant City Engineer Joe Feriancek
 Parks and Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood
 City Administrator Brian Hagen

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Olson called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve June 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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

Regular Meeting Minutes dated June 17, 2025

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

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6. COMMITTEE / STAFF INPUT

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

Parks and Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided an update on the planning for the waterplay area at The Waterfront, including restrooms, architectural features, other activities, parking, landscaping, and other elements. He also provided information on capacity and the other uses that could be considered for the space. He noted a grant received for landscaping enhancements and provided information on the overall project timeline and schedule.

Commissioner Riley asked for an update on Central Park and the new playground.

Parks and Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that the new playground has been a success that is appreciated by residents and visitors. He referenced the music components, noting that one tube was bent upon installation and has since been removed for replacement. He stated that he continues to follow up to determine when that piece would be received and installed.

Chairperson Olson asked if there are plans for outdoor speakers in the waterplay area.

Parks and Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that they could consider that, as he is looking into that feature for The Draw as well. He noted that the outdoor speakers could always be added after the fact as well. He also provided an update on the TH 47 trail connection and related conversations with MnDOT.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby provided an update on current and proposed City, County, and MnDOT improvement projects and studies, and other items of interest to the Committee. He provided more specific information on the water treatment plant project, noting that he will be bringing a case forward to the Council worksession next week related to project costs, construction delays, and what the contractor and engineering consultant feel they have done to keep the project on track. He stated that the contractor would be provided an opportunity to provide information on the requested time extension.

Councilmember Specht commented that the City paid extra ahead of time to get the project done sooner.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby commented that, unfortunately, the contractor did not factor winter conditions into the timeline for their initial time extension request. He stated that if the change order is not approved, AE2S will still request additional funds for the extended construction timeline.

Councilmember Specht asked what would happen if that is not approved.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby commented that he did not believe that AE2S would walk away from the project, but they would most likely reduce their time on site. He explained that would not be desirable as this is the time in the project when you want the project engineers on site, inspecting the progress as the contractors attempt to hurry to complete the remaining work and final details.

Councilmember Riley agreed that it is important to have someone watching to ensure everything is done correctly.

Councilmember Specht recognized that the funding is not coming from the general fund and will not impact the budget for the next year, as the water fund is being used.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby commented that once the site is ready to safely host a tour, the Council will receive a tour of the facility.

Councilmember Riley commented that the contractor is missing the timeline by a lot. He stated that if the winter put them behind, they should have had time during the other months to catch up. He reiterated that the City paid more to get the project completed sooner, and the contractor did not deliver.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby confirmed that staff have heard that message, and they will be following up with the contractor. He continued to provide an update on other items of interest to the Committee. He confirmed the consensus of the Committee for him to provide updated information on the waterplay project within the packet, and the Committee can ask questions, rather than asking Parks and Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood to attend each meeting and provide an update.

6.02: Review Future Topics Calendar

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby reviewed the future topics calendar, and it was confirmed that the gravel road elimination program could be removed as that is being worked through the Capital Improvement Plan.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Specht, 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,

Bruce Westby
City Engineer/Public Works Director

Drafted by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Public Works Committee**Meeting Date:** 09/16/2025**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**#26-01 MSA Bunker Lake Boulevard Reconstruction**

- Bolton & Menk, Inc. preparing final plans and specifications
- 2026 construction proposed

#26-02 2026 MSA Pavement Overlay Improvements

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- 2026 construction proposed

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

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- 2026 construction proposed

#26-04 Countryside Estates Reconstructions

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- 2026 construction proposed

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

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- 2026 construction proposed

#26-06 Riverside West Reconstructions

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- 2026 construction proposed

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

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- 2026 construction proposed

#26-08 2026 Neighborhood Pavement Overlay Improvements

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- 2026 construction proposed

#25-02 MSA Sunwood Drive Reconstruction – CSAH 5 to Erkium Street

- Construction complete
- Punch list items are being addressed

#25-03 MSA Alpine Drive Reconstruction – CSAH 57 to TH 47

- Construction in progress
- Fall completion anticipated

#25-04 Dickenson's Mississippi Estate Street Reconstruction

- Construction in progress
- Fall completion anticipated

#25-05 High Point Street Reconstruction

- Construction substantially complete

#25-06 Sortebergs Street Reconstruction

- Construction substantially complete

#25-07 2025 Neighborhood Pavement Overlay Improvements

- Construction substantially complete

#25-08 Sunwood Drive Crosswalk Repairs

- Preparing plans and specifications in-house
- **2026 construction**

#25-10 2025 Pavement Rejuvenation

- Construction almost complete...PW parking lot to be completed September 12th

#25-12 COR Street Lighting Improvements

- **Connexus hopes to submit an estimate before the September PWC meeting**
- Street lights along Ramsey Parkway and at intersections

#25-58 Waterfront Water Play Area Improvements

- **Damon Farber preparing plans and specifications**
- **Utilized geotechnical soil borings from COR Mass Grading for structural design work**
- **On schedule for July 1, 2026, grand opening**
- **Will present case at October PWC meeting to discuss use of CMAR/CMAA**
- **Staff will present additional updates during the meeting**

#24-03 2024 NE Ramsey Street Reconstruction

- Construction complete
- Closing project out this Fall

#24-05 Xkimo St MSA (TH47 to 142nd Avenue) Reconstruction

- Construction complete
- **Contractor milled and overlaid Xkimo Street to address poor rideability**

#24-07 2024 Neighborhood Overlay Improvements

- Construction complete
- Closing project out this Fall

#24-11 Alpine Drive MSA Street Reconstruction (Puma St to CSAH 83)

- Construction complete
- Closing project out this Fall

#24-13 Fox Ridge Estates 1st and 2nd Additions Street Reconstruction

- Construction complete
- Waiting for latest round of seed to germinate

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

- Bolton & Menk prepared plans and specs for 10' trail construction
- **Work continues with MnDOT to determine cost contributions and project schedule**

#23-19 COR Infrastructure Improvements

- Construction complete
- *Working to ensure adequate seed germination before issuing final payment*

#23-20 COR Mass Grading

- Construction complete
- *Working to ensure adequate seed germination before issuing final payment*

#21-09 Centralized Water Treatment Plant

- Construction in progress
- City Council tour in December
- Final Completion December 31, 2025
- *Mailing general information letters (FAQ's) with 3rd quarter utility bills*

#20-11 Ramsey Gateway Highway 10 Improvements

- Sunfish Lake Blvd grade separations (RR and TH10) substantially complete
- *Ramsey Blvd grade separations (RR and TH10) substantially complete September 16th*
- Final completion anticipated June 2026
- Project webpage <https://www.anokacountymn.gov/3918/Hwy-10Ramsey-Blvd-Interchange>

City of Anoka Improvement Projects

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

- City-led project
- \$45M in bonds authorized October 2020
- 2028 construction anticipated

Highway 47 Corridor Improvements – Garfield St to Bunker Lk Blvd

- Combining with above City-led project
- 3-lane design
- Received regional solicitation funds for 2027 construction
- Permanent signal system at McKinley Street
- Construction proposed for 2027 - 2029

Anoka County Improvement Projects

- No updates.

MnDOT Improvement Projects

Highway 10 Mill & Overlay and RCI Improvements

- Mill & Overlay US 10/169 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
- Construct Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI) improvements for the intersections of Edison Street and Jarvis Street in Elk River, and Alpine Drive and Beatty Drive in Ramsey
 - Construct J-Turns
 - Remove median crossings
- Extend pedestrian trail south of US 10/169 from 500-feet East of Adams Street to Edison Street
- Construct pedestrian refuge in median of US 10/169 at Jarvis Street
- Repair/replace culverts
- Construct/repair/replace misc. guardrail treatments
- 2027 construction proposed

Studies & Items of Interest

Wetland 114P Outlet Control Structure

- Staff continue to monitor water levels and will provide updates as applicable.

Commercial/Industrial/Residential Developments

- Staff can respond to questions as needed.

Miscellaneous Staff Updates

- No Parking signs will be installed on one side of streets in Village of Sunfish Lake development
 - Resolution #03-04-095 & April 18, 2003, City staff review letter required no-parking on one side of all streets since streets were constructed 28-feet wide BOC - BOC
 - No Parking signs do not exist
- Traffic Control Request Policy
 - Preparing draft policy

PWC Future Topics Calendar Discussion Items

See calendar in following case.

Notification:

Notification is not required for this case.

Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:

Staff estimates up to 30 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.

Attachments

No file(s) attached.

Form Review

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Public Works Committee**Meeting Date:** 09/16/2025**Primary Strategic Plan Initiative:** Not Applicable

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.

Notification:

Notification is not required for this case.

Time Frame/Observations/Alternatives:

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

Funding Source:

Dependent on discussion.

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.

Attachments

PWC Calendar Sep2025

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Public Works Committee Future Topics Calendar *

Date	Topics for Discussion – Committee Action
Future/TBD	Sunwood Drive Roundabout Landscaping <i>(Riverblood)</i>
Ongoing	Veterans Drive Dog Park Fence <i>(Riverblood)</i>
Ongoing	COR Street Lighting Improvements <i>(Westby)</i>
Date	Topics for Discussion – Regulatory
Date	Topics for Discussion – Policy
Future/TBD	Landscaped Median Maintenance Policy <i>(Riverblood)</i>
Date	Topics for Discussion – Planning and Budget
Future/TBD	Asset Management Program Update <i>(Westby)</i>
Ongoing	Targeted Trail Gap Connection Planning <i>(Riverblood)</i>
Ongoing	Use of Recycled Shingles for Pavement Patching <i>(Westby)</i>
Date	Topics for Discussion – Staff Updates
Ongoing	Project Review Process Improvements <i>(Westby)</i>
Ongoing	Flashing Yellow Arrow Improvement Opportunities <i>(Westby)</i>
Ongoing	TH 47 Improvements, Bunker Lk Blvd to Hwy 10 <i>(Westby)</i>
Ongoing	TH 47 Trail Connection - 142 nd to So. of Xkimo <i>(Riverblood)</i>
Ongoing	Waterfront Splash Pad <i>(Riverblood/Westby)</i>

* Dates subject to change based on availability of information, required attendees, staff workload, and competing interests and objectives.