

Transportation Committee Staff Report

Committee date:

Project Name	<i>Implementation of bicycle facilities with 2015 Ramsey County mill and overlay projects</i>
Geographic Scope	<i>Lexington Pkwy (between Randolph and W 7th St), Cleveland Ave (between Summit and Highland), Front Ave (between Lexington and Dale)</i>
Ward(s)	<i>1,3,4,5</i>
District Council(s)	<i>Como (10), Macalester-Groveland (14), Highland Park (15)</i>
Project Description	<i>Implementation of bicycle facilities as a component of scheduled Ramsey County mill and overlay projects on Lexington Pkwy, Cleveland Ave, and Front Ave. To facilitate improved connectivity, extending bicycle facilities beyond the limits of the County's mill and overlay on Lexington Pkwy and Cleveland Ave is proposed.</i>
Project Contact	<i>Luke Hanson</i>
Contact email/phone	<i>651-266-6146</i>
Lead Agency/Department	<i>Department of Public Works</i>
Purpose of Project/Plan	<i>To implement the recommendations of the Saint Paul Bicycle Plan as a component of scheduled 2015 Ramsey County mill and overlay projects. These projects will provide dedicated bicycle facilities on Lexington Pkwy, Cleveland Ave, and Front Ave, improving the bicycling environment as it relates to safety, accessibility, and connectivity. Narrowing vehicular travel lanes will encourage slower speeds, fostering safer and more accessible roadways for all users. Incorporating bike facilities into Ramsey County's mill and overlay projects will leverage low-cost, high-benefit improvements, and maximize cost effectiveness through efficiencies.</i>
Planning References	<i>Saint Paul Bicycle Plan, Comprehensive Plan</i>
Project stage	<i>Design</i>
General Timeline	<i>Implement in June, 2015</i>
District Council position (if applicable)	<i>Unknown</i>
Level of Committee Involvement	<i>Involve</i>
Previous Committee action	<i>None</i>
Level of Public Involvement	<i>Involve</i>
Public Hearing	<i>Yes, date TBD</i>
Public Hearing Location	<i>City Council</i>
Primary Funding Source(s)	<i>Ramsey County, 8 – 80 Vitality Fund</i>
Cost	<i>TBD</i>

Staff recommendation	<i>Recommend approval of incorporating bicycle facilities into scheduled</i>
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	<i>Ramsey County mill and overlay projects on Lexington Pkwy, Cleveland Ave, and Front Ave.</i>
Action item requested of the Committee	<i>Make a recommendation to the City Council to incorporate bicycle facilities into scheduled Ramsey County mill and overlay projects on Lexington Pkwy, Cleveland Ave, and Front Ave.</i>
Committee recommendation	<p><i>The Committee recommends approval of incorporating bicycle facilities into scheduled Ramsey County mill and overlay projects on Lexington Pkwy, Cleveland Ave, and Front Ave with the following recommendations added:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• staff recommendations should include parking mitigation measures.</i> <i>• staff should consider performing additional parking counts on intersecting side streets.</i> <i>• staff recommendations should prioritize vulnerable users (pedestrians and bicyclists).</i> <i>• staff should explore seeking variances to travel and parking lane widths (with the intent to provide additional space for higher quality bicycle facilities and calm traffic).</i>
Committee vote	<i>To be filled in at the meeting</i>