

A Resolution Regarding the Richfield Penn Avenue 2028 Reconstruction Project

Date: July 20, 2026

Motion: Moved by: Henrik Kowalkowski Seconded by: Luke Van Santen

WHEREAS; Hennepin County will be reconstructing Penn Avenue (CSAH 32) from 75th Street to Highway 62 in 2028; and,

WHEREAS; The project is evaluating three layout options including dual one-way cycle tracks + sidewalk, a two-way cycle track + sidewalk, and dual shared use paths; and,

WHEREAS; Physically separated trails and bicycle facilities provide greater safety and comfort for people riding bikes, walking and rolling; and,

WHEREAS; A one-way cycle track option supports transportation modal equity for all users; and,

WHEREAS; A one-way cycle track option provides the most logical active transportation choices with separated and safe bike facilities and sidewalk which will encourage use and reduce VMT; and,

WHEREAS; A one-way cycle track option is very similar to the 66th Street cross section, and 66th Street has been operating successfully with this cross section being known to all city residents and travelers; and,

WHEREAS; A one-way cycle track option is very similar to the Nicollet Avenue cross section to start construction this year in Richfield; and,

WHEREAS; The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee (ATC) has reviewed the project and discussed its merits with County staff;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

The Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee supports the layout option with the one-way cycle tracks + sidewalk. The dual shared use paths option is not appropriate for this corridor and should not be considered further.

Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee:

Tammy McLemore – District 1	Aye	Ryan Mckee – District 4	Aye
Nicole Armstrong – District 1	Absent	Henrik Kowalkowski – District 5	Aye
Seth Stattmiller – District 2	Aye	Lou Dzierzak – District 5	Aye
Billy Binder – District 2	Aye	Luke Van Santen – District 6	Aye
Dave Carlson – District 3	Aye	Scott Zerby – District 6	Aye
Ethan Kleinbaum – District 3	Aye	Greg Anderson – District 7	Aye
Sam Gallagher – District 4	Aye	Clara Sandberg – District 7	Aye