

Encouraging Micromobility in Hopkins

Enhancing access to micromobility

Hopkins residents, workers, and visitors are increasingly embracing walking, biking, and other active modes of transportation to access downtown Hopkins, trails, parks, schools, and other community destinations.

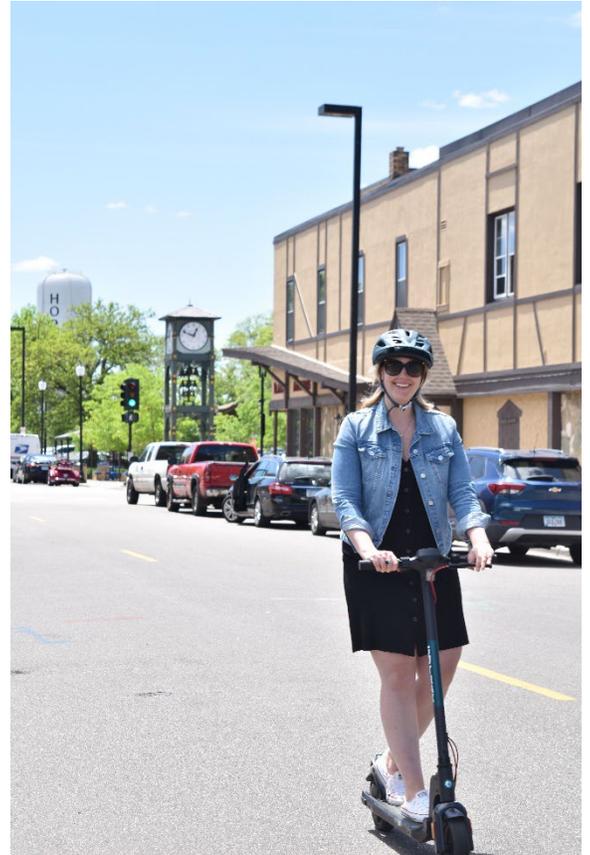
Micromobility options – such as bicycles, electric-assist bicycles, electric scooters, and other small, lightweight, wheeled conveyances – increasingly provide an affordable, accessible, easy, and sustainable way to travel. However, people may currently find it difficult to locate a place to park their bikes, fix a flat tire, or freshen up once they get to their destination.

The availability of secure and accessible **end-of-trip facilities** is a key factor in making these modes more practical for daily use. End-of-trip facilities are spaces that provide supportive amenities for active transportation use, such as secure racks or storage rooms, charging locations, lockers, and changing facilities. They are often located in commercial buildings, offices, public transit hubs, and other public areas.

Project goals

To address this challenge, the City of Hopkins, supported by Hennepin County Active Living, developed an End-of-Trip Facilities (EOTF) Plan. This initiative aims to improve infrastructure, promote sustainability, and ensure a seamless travel experience for all micromobility users by:

- Expanding and enhancing micromobility parking facilities
- Increasing security and accessibility for a variety of bikes and scooters
- Integrating EOTF within major transit and commercial hubs
- Encouraging active transportation through better infrastructure
- Strengthening partnerships between businesses, city officials, and the community to support these initiatives



Engaging stakeholders

The project team used surveys and pop-up events at the Hopkins Farmers Market and community events to collect thoughts from community stakeholders.

Key input included:

- Provide additional bike parking, particularly on Mainstreet and near Light Rail Transit stations
- Offer secure and weather-protected facilities, including high-capacity access-controlled parking near transit hubs
- Improve wayfinding and signage to guide micromobility users
- Make infrastructure improvements such as app-based access to secured parking, e-bike charging stations and retroreflective markings for better navigation
- Consider EOTF with proposed new development and redevelopment



Recommendations

In addition to existing conditions analysis and public engagement findings, the study report provides recommendations to:

- Develop **active commuter hubs** that offer secure, long-term bike storage, showers, and lockers
- Establish **mobility rooms** in city buildings and residential developments for residents and employees
- Introduce **mobility nodes** near transit stations and high-traffic areas, providing covered, high-capacity bike parking
- Expand **visitor spaces**, ensuring short-term bike parking is available near commercial and civic destinations
- Improve **wayfinding and branding** to enhance accessibility and visibility of EOTF facilities
- Update **city policies**, such as requiring micromobility parking in new developments and at larger events
- Partner with **local businesses** and transit agencies to support end-of-trip facilities

Recommendations will assist City of Hopkins staff with implementation and include EOTF facility examples and cost opinions, and policy and program recommendations.



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