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City of Hopkins Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan - Forward



A community where walking and biking are safe, comfortable, convenient and fun everyday activities.



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Foreword

The City of Hopkins is conveniently located within the Twin Cities metropolitan area, and is connected to the region by a network of world-class pedestrian and bicycle trails, by streets and highways, and, by 2018, through the Metropolitan Council's Southwest Light Rail Transit (SW LRT) line. People visit the city to go to historic Mainstreet, work in one of its many employment centers, or ride through on one of its trails. The City itself - not wider than two and a half miles at its widest point - is of a size that would allow a person on a bike (traveling at an easy pace of ten miles per hour) to traverse the entire city in approximately fifteen minutes.

Cities around the country are working to address concerns about quality of life, mobility, economic development, sustainability and prosperity by improving livability and access to non-motorized transportation as part of their citizen's daily lives. Developing walking and biking infrastructure and programs that respond to the needs of their residents is a foundational step for realizing these improvements.

With the soon-to-be-realized Southwest LRT line - and three stations planned within the city - Hopkins has an ideal opportunity to build on its assets, expand transportation choices, and create convenient city connections that allow residents to comfortably incorporate active living and economical, sustainable transportation into their daily routines. A network of interconnected bikeways and walkways, tightly integrated with access to and from the new SW LRT stations, will help Hopkins meet its goals of becoming a more vibrant, connected and prosperous city.



Walking and bicycling are good for individuals and families, and for local businesses and cities. This Plan will help Hopkins make the improvements that are needed to realize those benefits.