

Appendix B: Bicycle Pedestrian Plan



City of Robbinsdale Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan



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Executive Summary

Walking and biking are basic and sustainable forms of transportation and, when adequately accommodated, provide healthful and enjoyable mobility options for a wide range of individuals. Walkable and bikeable places provide convenient, functional and comfortable conditions for walking and biking and provide many benefits to individuals and communities.

This Plan provides a set of clear recommendations for improving conditions for walking and biking across Robbinsdale that can be incorporated into the work of city departments and implemented moving forward.

I. Vision

“The City of Robbinsdale is a place where walking and biking are safe, comfortable, convenient and inviting everyday activities - a place where people choose to walk or bike to nearby destinations and can easily access the new Bottineau Light Rail Transit line.”

II. Approach

This Plan is based on an Active Living approach that seeks to create conditions that invite more Robbinsdale residents to more often choose to walk or bike to their destinations, to use transit, and to easily include physical activity as part of their daily routines.

III. Plan Components

The Plan includes several components to support implementation of this vision. Recommendations are based on study of the city and its existing network, as well as comments and ideas from residents and city staff.

The Plan:

- Presents a recommended pedestrian and bicycle network that addresses network gaps and enhances overall connectivity;
- Identifies specific corridors and corridor improvements;

Purpose of this Plan

The purpose of this Plan is to improve conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists in Robbinsdale by improving the city’s pedestrian and bicycle transportation infrastructure, reducing hazards, and inviting more residents, employees, and visitors to incorporate walking and bicycling into their daily travel habits.

Why walking and biking matter

Walking is the most basic mode of travel, and is accessible to people through the widest range of ages, income levels, and physical abilities. Bicycling is an inexpensive, convenient and enjoyable way of accessing community destinations and assets.

Walking and biking are healthful and economical travel options that improve community health, increase access to local destinations, foster community connection, and help sustain healthy and prosperous local economies.

Places where walking and biking are comfortable and inviting are places where people want to live, work, and visit. Creating “Complete Streets” that are safer, more comfortable and accessible for pedestrians and bicyclists, also makes for safer, more comfortable and predictable streets for drivers of motor vehicles.

- Recommends specific on-road and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities;
- Offers a range of additional policy and programming guidance to further cultivate and support walking and biking in Robbinsdale; and
- Includes an Implementation Action Plan (IAP) to help prioritize improvements.

IV. Guiding Principles

The following goals and principles guide the recommendations included in this Plan:

Improving Comfort and Safety

Proactively address existing hazardous conditions, assigning dedicated space for use by pedestrians and cyclists, and alerting motorists of pedestrian and bicyclist presence will improve safety and comfort for all users of Robbinsdale’s streets, sidewalks, and sidepaths.

Connecting to Local and Regional Destinations

Provide safe and convenient connections to recreational, commercial, employment, education, and transportation destinations within Robbinsdale and neighboring communities.

Leverage Future Light Rail Transit Investment

Capitalize on the upcoming Bottineau/Blue Line LRT Transit investment to leverage existing and planned Robbinsdale walk/bike assets to extend the range of destinations available to Robbinsdale residents, workers and visitors who travel by walking, biking and transit.

Comfortable and Convenient Routes for All

A successful pedestrian and bicycle transportation network responds to user needs for safety, comfort

and convenience, and invites users of all ages, physical abilities, and skill levels.

Walking and Biking as a Base for Community Health and Active Living

Provide facilities and programs that invite more people to choose to walk and bike more often as part of their daily routines to improve community health and facilitate active living.

Walking and Biking as a Useful Transportation Option in Robbinsdale

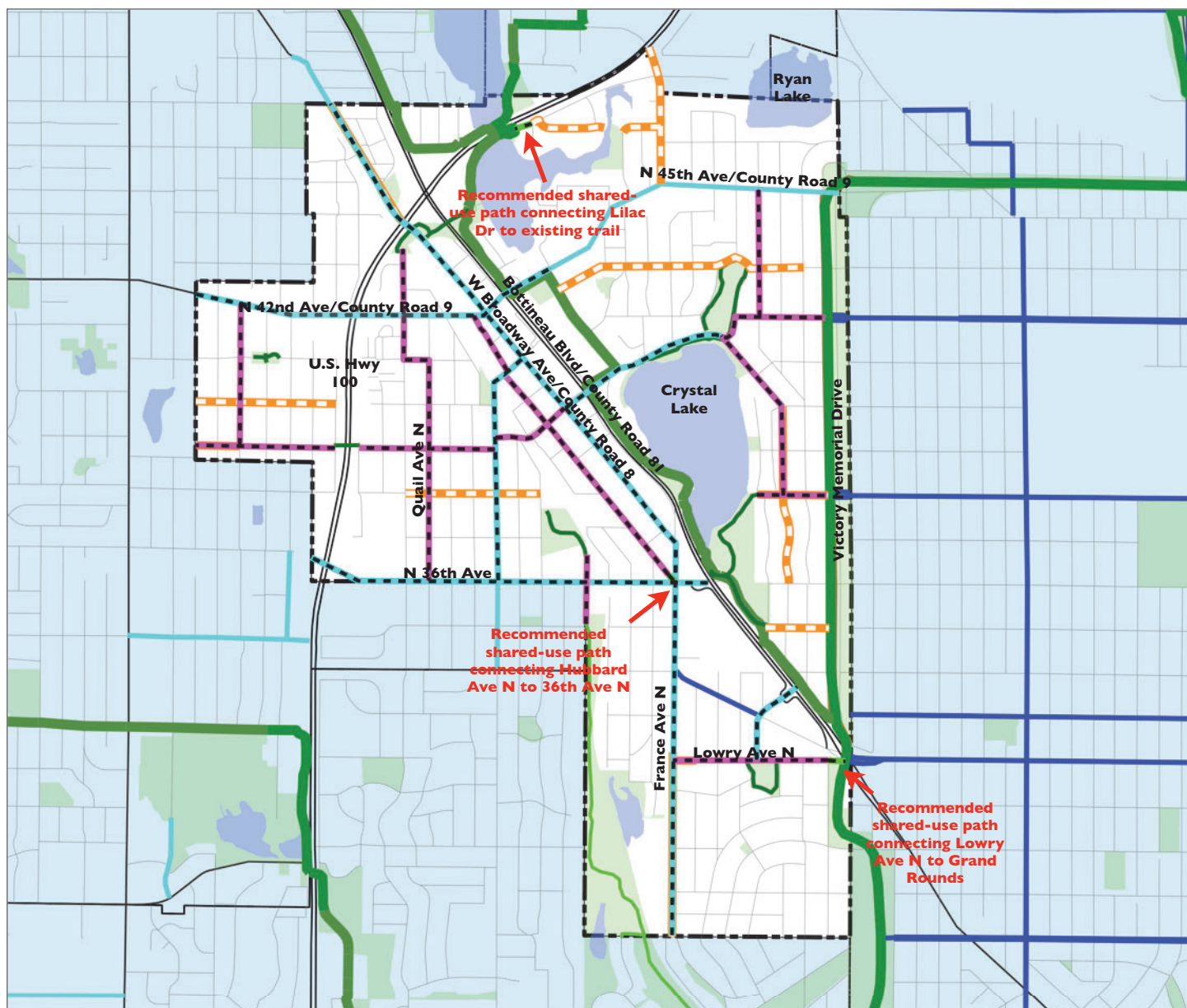
A high quality pedestrian and bicycle transportation network will make it easier and more convenient for more people to choose to walk or bike for their transportation and mobility needs in Robbinsdale.

V. Recommended Network

A **Recommended Network** (shown on the next page) was developed based on public comments, guidance from city staff, and network analysis and modeling, site observations, and current best practices.

This Recommended Network leverages existing facilities and includes new routes and links to address system gaps and improve overall network connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists.

V. Recommended Network (continued)



Recommended Treatments

- Neighborhood Slow Street
- On-Road Bicycle Lane
- Off-Road Shared-Use Path
- Recommended Priority Sidewalk Locations

Existing Off-Road Facilities

- Paved Trails/Shared-Use Paths
- Unpaved Shared-Use Trails
- Existing (or Planned) Regional Shared-Use Trails

Existing On-Road Facilities

- On-Road Bicycle Lane
- Paved Shoulder Bicycle Facility

Data Source: City of Robbinsdale, MetroGIS