



Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting

April 14, 2026 at 7 p.m.

Fridley Civic Campus 7071 University Avenue NE

Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting of March 10, 2026

New Business

2. Reschedule May 12, 2026 Meeting
3. Active Transportation Plan Update

Old Business

4. Energy Action Plan Updates
5. Grant Updates
6. Outreach and Event Updates

Other Items

7. Informal Status Updates

Adjournment

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AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: April 14, 2026
Meeting Type: Environmental Quality and Energy Commission
Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Title: Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting of March 10, 2026

Background

Approve the Minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting of March 10, 2026.

Recommendation

Staff recommend that the commission approve the minutes from the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting of March 10, 2026.

Attachments and Other Resources

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1. Environmental Quality Energy Commission 2026 03 10

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly, and stable home for families and businesses.



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

March 10, 2026

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Klemz called the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Aaron Klemz
Dustin Norman
Emma Carter
Avonna Starck
Justin Foell

Absent: Sam Stoxen
Mark Hansen

Others Present: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Norman to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Carter. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of February 10 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Norman to approve the February 10, 2026 meeting minutes with the corrected time and spelling of Commissioner Carter's name. Seconded by Commissioner Carter. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

2. Active Transportation Plan Review

Ms. Workin reviewed the current Active Transportation Plan. Commissioners discussed proposed changes in anticipation of a planned update.

3. Memorandum of Understanding with Xcel Energy for Phase Three of the Partners in Energy Program.

Ms. Workin shared an overview of the City's involvement in the Partners in Energy program and discussed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding for Xcel Energy to provide additional planning support in anticipation of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan as well as additional implementation support.

Motion by Commissioner Carter to recommend the signing of the MOU. Seconded by Commissioner Norman. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

4. Streets for All

Ms. Workin provided an update on the Streets for All project.

5. Energy Action Plan Updates

Ms. Workin said that the Homeowner Open House was successful.

6. Grant Updates

Ms. Workin said that the 44th Avenue bridge was now open.

7. Outreach and Event Updates

Ms. Workin said that the Seed Swap was successful.

Other Items

8. Informal Status Reports

Chair Klemz shared a letter to state representatives regarding the Met Council L32 lift station project that residents can sign.

Ms. Workin shared that there was a Superfund Citizens Advisory Group meeting on April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Ms. Workin shared that the Locke Park GAC project will be starting this spring.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Carter to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Norman. The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Workin
Environmental Planner

AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: April 14, 2026
Meeting Type: Environmental Quality and Energy Commission
Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Title: Reschedule May 12, 2026 Meeting

Background

Staff recommend that the EQEC reschedule the May 12 meeting to May 19 to accommodate a joint EQEC-City Council meeting to discuss the Streets for All Plan.

Recommendation

Staff recommend that the EQEC reschedule the May 12 meeting to May 19.

Attachments and Other Resources

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AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: April 14, 2026
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Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Title: Active Transportation Plan Update

Background

The City's Active Transportation Plan (ATP) guides the City's installation and maintenance of infrastructure need to achieve mobility equity and support opportunities for active transportation. The first edition of the plan was adopted in 2013 and then subsequently revised in 2020. The City is intending to update the plan in 2026 in conjunction with the recommendations gathered through the Fridley Safe Streets for All Plan process. During the meeting, the Commission will:

- Review community feedback received during the public engagement process
- Update the SWOT analysis for the ATP ([found on page 6 of the current ATP](#))
- Review the proposed map for Streets Designated for Trails and Sidewalks/sidewalk gap map (attached), currently found on Page 46 of the ATP
- Discuss the proposed criteria for identifying focus areas for the next plan cycle. For reference, the previous focus areas were (Page 7 of current ATP):
 - 1) Roads shown in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan as existing or planned "major collector and "other arterial roads," and "minor expander streets" (see **Appendix A, Figure 4**).
 - 2) Sidewalks adjacent to high density residential or employment areas, including along Fireside Drive, 83rd Avenue, and Main Street (see **Appendix A, Figure 5, 6, and 7**).
 - 3) Sidewalks and trails identified in Safe Routes to Schools plans or other destinations of interest
 - 4) Sidewalks within the Transit-Overlay District
- Discuss the proposed scoring criteria to determine priority focus areas for the next plan cycle. For reference, the previous scoring criteria was:

Route	Form	Existing facilities (0 = facility exists on focus side of the road; 1 = comparable facility on other side of road; 2 = safe shoulder; 3 = no facilities)	Trail connections (0 = no trail connections formed - 3 = multiple connections formed)	Demand (0 = no demand; 1 = low demand; 2 = medium demand; 3 = high demand based on number of destinations, transit, employment, density)	Total
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The full ATP report can be found: https://www.fridleymn.gov/files/assets/city/v/1/community-development/documents/active-transportation-plan-final-no-watermark_202103221150069478.pdf

Recommendation

For discussion only.

Attachments and Other Resources

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1. Outreach Summary
 2. Streets Designated for Trails and Sidewalks/Gap Map

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Location	Comment	# Comments	Likes
85th Ave	Reduce speed		
83rd Ave	Need sidewalk		2 Likes
81st Ave and University Ave	Need roundabout or four way stop		2 likes
Kimball St	Unfamiliar drivers don't use yield		1 like
Fairmont St	Cars go too fast down hill		3 likes
Riverview Terrace	Need trail	5 comments	14 likes
79th and Buffalo St	People go too fast around the curve		1 like
Osborne Way and ERR	Difficult intersection for bike/ped		4 likes
Osborne (ERR to University)	Intersections with N/S roads difficult	3 comments	16 likes
Osborne (ERR to University)	Add ped bridge over University		2 likes
ERR and 71st	Speeding/running red lights		7 likes; 2
ERR and 71st	Turn red light to flashing yellow arrows outside rush hour		
MRRT on ERR	Poor trail conditon		3 likes
ERR	Sidewalk gap on west side	2 comments	4 likes
Locke Lake Park	Steep trail		1 like
ERR over Rice Creek	Sidewalk on bridge feels unsafe/add guard rails	2 comments	7 likes; 1 dislike
ERR (Rice Creek Way to Mississippi St) east side	Trail gap	2 comments	13 likes
ERR (Rice Creek Way to Mississippi St) west side	Add waterfront trail		1 like 1 dislike
Mississippi St and Hickory	Need left turn lane onto Hickory from EB Mississippi	2 comments	4 likes
Mississippi St (W of University)	Sidewalks narrow/sidewalk drainage/sidewalks not swept;	6 comments	14 likes; 1 dislike
Mississippi St and 2nd St	People don't stop at stop sign		
Sylvan Hills Park	Speeding		
Trinity Dr NE and Comet Ln	Sidewalk ends abrupty and is difficult to exit		
Starlitle Blvd	Excessive speeding		
University Ave One Way conversion (west side)	People drive the wrong way/difficult for large trucks	3 comments	3 likes
Stevenson Elementary	Speeding/need school zone signs/red lights run	2 comments	5 likes

Stevenson Elementary	Pave footpath area and extend to driveway	2 comments	9 likes
MRRT by North Star Station	People camping here/junk vehicles need to be towed	2 comments	2 likes
61st Ave Tunnel	Keep tunnel open	8 comments	32 likes; 5 dislikes
61st Ave Tunnel	Put crossing above ground	2 comments	2 likes
Main St Bike Lane	Cars drive in the bike lane		
57th Avenue	Potholes		
57th Avenue	Difficulty turning in and out of intersection	3 comments	20 likes
57th Avenue	Crosswalk needed into Fridley Market	2 comments	6 likes
MRRT (entirety)	Keep along waterfront		
694 (University to ERR)	Continue on/off ramp go through to bridge		
MRRT under 694	Underpass feels unsafe/poor condition	2 comments	3 likes
Main St Trail (south of 694)	Difficulty entering and existing		
Main St (south of 694)	Speeding		
Horizon Dr	Speeding		1 like
Altura Rd	Speeding	2 comments	
Osborne Road at Woodcrest	The speed limit sign is not on when the high school gets out		3
University Avenue/Service Rd and 73rd	Interesection is dangerous/difficult	3 comments	11 likes; 1 dislkie
73rd Avenue Trail	Poor condition; should be reconfigured		4 8 likes; 1 dislike
73rd Avenue Crosswalk	Move/ increase visibility/decrease crossing distance		4 6 likes
Baker St	Remove parking	2 comments	6 likes; 1 dislike
Jackson St (73rd to Osborne)	Add trail		
Emergency Vehicle Entrance at University Avenue	Make clearer this is for emergency vehicles only	2 comments for; 1 comment against	2 likes; 2 dislikes
University Avenue and 69th	Unsafe crossing/consider ped bridge or tunnel	3 comments	11 likes; 7 dislikes
University Avenue Eintire	Give EB/WB lanes yellow flashing left	2 comments	6likes; 3
Eastbound University Avenue Trail	Bumpy/Erosion	2 comments	1 like

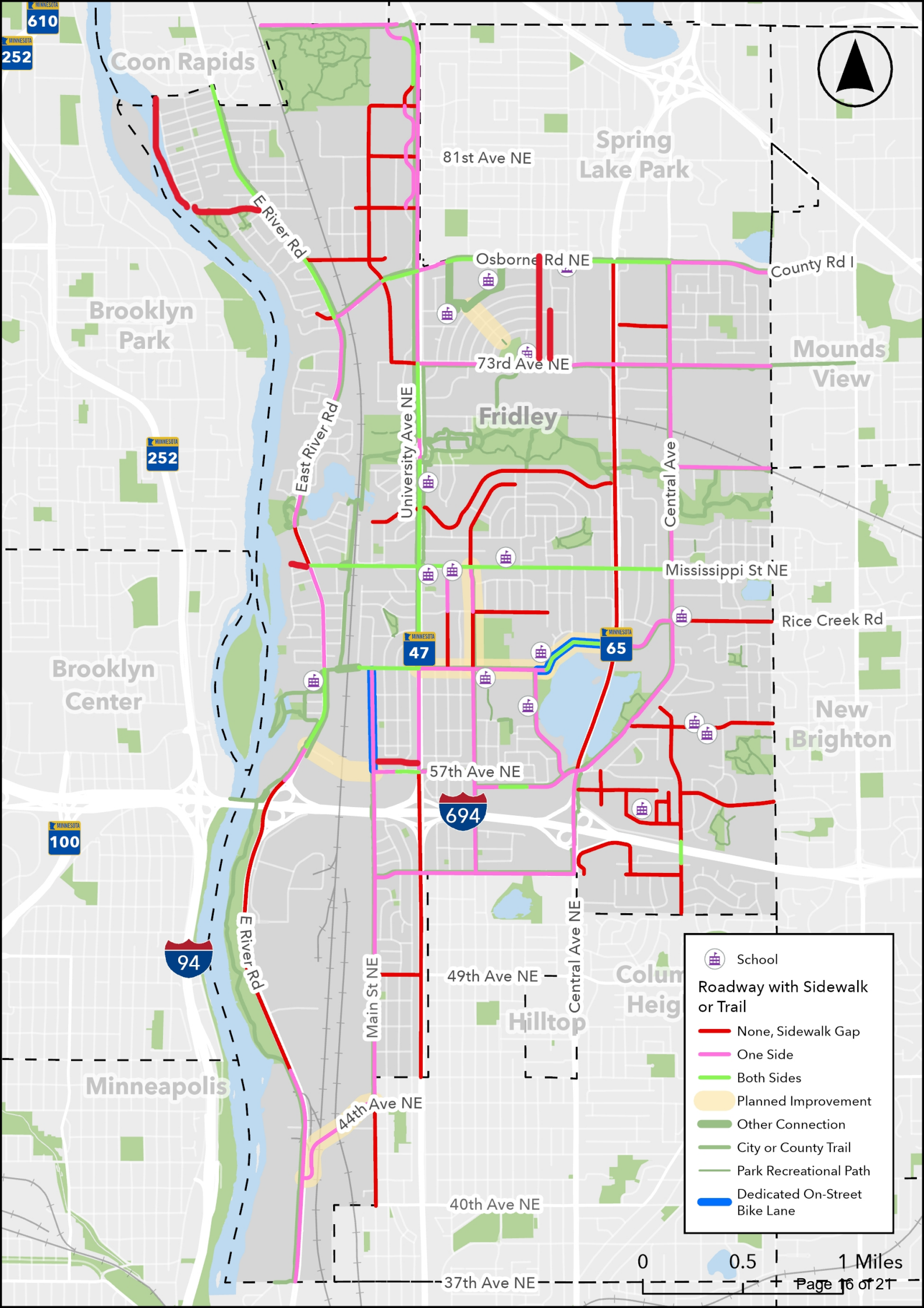
Eastbound University Avenue Trail at Rice Creek Terrace	Fence gap is too narrow	2 comments	4 likes; 1 dislike
Locke Park trails	Overgrown		1 like
Monroe St (67th Ave to Rice Creek Terrace)	Add sidewalk to RCW Trail		
68th Avenue (Monroe to Brookview)	Speeding	2 comments	6 likes
7th Street by Terrace Park	Add sidewalk	3 comment for; 2 comment against or suggesting alternate location	2 likes; 2 dislikes
Rice Creek Terrace NE	speeding		1 like
67th Ave NE	speeding		1 like
Monroe St across from Hayes Elementary	Issues with parent pick up	2 comment	8 likes
University Avenue and Mississippi St	Adjust light timing		2 2 likes; 1 dislike
University Avenue and Mississippi St	Difficulty bike/ped crossing/add overpass	2 comments	8 likes; 2 dislike
University Avenue	Speeding	2 coments	9 likes
Univerisyt Avenue and 5th St	Crosswalk needed into Fridley Market	1 comment for; 1 comment against	2 likes; 1 dislike
Mississippi St and 7th St	Extend sidewalks; unsafe walking in traffic lane; sidewalks icy in winter	3 comments for; 1 comment against	2 likes
Mississippi St and 7th St	Better lighting/signage needed	5 comments for; 2 comments against;	21 likes; 5 dislikes
63rd Avenue (7th St to Jackson St)	Add sidewalk/too many parked cars	2 comments	3 likes
64th Ave and Van Buren	Drivers do not stop at stop sign		

Van Buren St (Mississippi to Carol)	Speeding		1 like
Able St (Mississippi St to Moore Lake Dr)	Speeding/used as cut through		1 like
Baker Avenue (Mississippi St to Moore Lake Dr)	Speeding/used as cut through		4 likes
University Ave and 61st Ave	Wider right turn lanes to accommodate semis		2 likes
University Ave and 61st Ave	Difficult intersection for bike/ped; add pedestrian bridge		5 likes
University Ave and 61st Ave	Cielo fence post impedes visiblity		
University Ave and 61st Ave	NB turn lanes need to be longer		
7th Street and 61st Ave	Change intersection configuration	2 comments	7 likes; 5
61st Ave	Add speed data to school zone sign		3 likes; 1 dislike
61st Ave	lots of congestion around school		3 likes
61st Ave bike lane	Not safe	2 comments	
61st Ave to middle school parking lot	dangerous spot for right turns		3 likes
61st Ave and Able	People miss this stop sign, considr stop sign only for able		3 likes
4th St and 60th	Too many entrances from apartments		1 dislike
60th (4th to 7th)	Sppeding	2 comments	2 likes
6th St (61st southward)	Speeding		2 likes
60th St and 6th St	Unsafe intersection	2 coments	1 like
7th St and 60th Ave	Cars do not yiled to peds in intersection	2 comments	
Universty Ave	Too many lights		
7th St and 59th Ave	Remove stop sign for NB/SB traffic		2 likes; 2
Trails (all)	Concern for dogs paws on asphalt		
7th St and 57th Ave	Add all way stop		2 likes
Unviersity Ave and 694	Signal timing		
7th St and 694	Change intersection configuration	2 comments for; 1 against	5 likes; 2 dislikes
694 SB Unviersity exit	Unsafe exit ramp	2 comments	8 likes
University Ave and 53rd Ave	Signal timing		1 like

University Ave and 53rd Ave	Change intersection configuration	2 comments	11 likes
53rd Ave Trail	Likes new trail		
7th St trail	Sweep sidewalk		
53rd Ave Trail	Speeding		1 like
Strip mall along at Central Ave and 53rd Ave (NW quad)	Difficult to access, add access road		6 likes
53rd Ave and 694	Unsafe intersection		2 likes
53rd Ave and Highway 65	Unsafe intersection		
Osborne and Highway 65	Long stoplight	2 comments	1 like
Osborne Rd and Central Ave	Add roundabout	2 comment for; 1 comment against	3 likes; 2 dislike
Osborne Rd east of Central Ave	Speeding	Multiple comments; duplicate comments along corridor length; transition from 40 mph to 30 mph speed unsafe	12 likes
Osborne Rd east of Central Ave	Unsafe crossing		
Osborne Rd and Bacon Dr	Add stop sign		4 likes
Osborne Rd and Arthur St	Blind corner, unsafe	5 comments	1 like
Osborne Rd east of Central Ave	Like new trail	2 comments	
Baker St	Remove parking	2 comments	6 likes; 1 dislike
Jackson St (73rd to Osborne)	Add trail		
Highway 65 (corridor)	Unsafe bike/ped crossings	2 comments	1 like
Highway 65 (corridor)	Speeding	2 comments	5 likes
Central Ave and 73rd Ave	confusing intersection/add roundabout	2 comments	9 likes; 1 dislike
73rd Ave east of Central	speeding	2 coments	3 likes
73rd Ave and Pleasant View dr	Add stop sign at crosswalk	2 comments	

Rice Creek West Regional Trail at Central Avenue	Unsafe/Too Step/Configuration issues	3 comments	16 likes
Channel Rd	Speeding/Add sidewalk		
Highway 65 Service Rd and 68th Avenue	Large volume of traffic		1 like
Central Avenue and 66th Avenue	Pedestrian access unsafe, have to use private driveway as access ramp		4 likes
Central Avenue and Creek Park Lane	Pedestrian access unsafe, have to use private driveway as access ramp		4 likes
Mississippi St east of Highway 65	Sidewalks are icy		
Mississippi St Roundabouts	Should be bermed		3 likes/3
Mississippi St (east of Central Avenue)	Speeding	4 comments	10 likes
Harris Park	Needs crosswalk		
Harris Park			
Highway 65 Service Rd (63rd Ave N)	Appears to be trail, but is a dead end, no good outlet for pedestrians		7 likes
Dellwood Dr	Speeding	2 comments	
Pierce St (63rd Ave to Mississippi)	Speeding		
Moore Lake Dr (east of Highway 65)	Road diet needed	1 comment for, 1 comment against	2 likes; 2 dislikes
Lifetime Fitness	Blindspot		1 like
Moore Lake Dr (east of Highway 65)	People using right turn lane for lefts	2 comments	2 likes
Moore Lake Dr (east of Highway 65)	Add sidewalk on northside		
Rice Creek Road NE	Speeding	2 comments	3 likes
Rice Creek Road NE	Add sidewalks	2 comments	4 likes
Highway 65/University Ave	Designate one for commercial/one for through access		4 likes; 5

Highway 65 bridge	Add trail over lake		5 likes
Moore Lake	Add hiking trail around lake		3 likes
Gardena Avenue	Extend trail		2 likes; 1 dislike
Gardena Avenue and Matterhorn Dr	Challenging intersection	2 comments	30 likes; 1 dislike
Gardena Avenue and Stinson Blvd	Add roundabout or fourway stop		5 likes
Hackmann Ave NE	Cutthrough/Speeding	2 comments	4 likes
Matterhorn Dr	Speeding	3 comments	6 likes
N Innsbruck Dr and East Danube Rd	People run intersection	1 comment	
N Innsbruck Dr	Speeding		
N Innsbruck Dr	Add sidewalk	3 comments	1 like



 School

Roadway with Sidewalk or Trail

-  None, Sidewalk Gap
-  One Side
-  Both Sides
-  Planned Improvement
-  Other Connection
-  City or County Trail
-  Park Recreational Path
-  Dedicated On-Street Bike Lane

0 0.5 1 Miles

AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: April 14, 2026
Meeting Type: Environmental Quality and Energy Commission
Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Title: Energy Action Plan Updates

Background

At the November 9, 2021 meeting, the EQEC recommended adoption of Phase 2 of the Energy Action Plan. The following activities were completed since the previous EQEC Meeting:

- MOU with Xcel Energy to participate in Partners in Energy approved

The following activities are projected to occur:

- Solar array on Water Treatment Plant #3 to be installed
- Solar array on Commons Park to be installed
- Solar charging benches to be installed at Commons Park

Recommendation

For discussion only.

Attachments and Other Resources

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AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: April 14, 2026
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Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Title: Grant Updates

Background

Grants in the Pre-Application Stage

- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant pt 5

Grants Under Review

- EV Charger at Commons Park
- Mississippi River Regional Trail Resurfacing (Anoka County Parks)

Active Grants

- Recycling grant (ongoing)
- MnDOT Active Transportation grant for University Avenue Trails
- 2024 DNR ReLeaf Grant
- Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Grant to create a Safety Action Plan
- DNR Shade Tree Grant
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant pt 4
- Solar for Public Buildings Grant for Moore Lake
- Regional Solicitation Grant- Safe Routes to School
- BWSR Pollinator Pathways Grant with ACD
- MPCA- Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Grants for Moore Lake Stormwater Retrofit Analysis Update in partnership with RCWD
- MPCA Climate Resilience Implementation Grant for Commons Park
- Met Council Water Efficiency Grant (Equity Focus) for water efficient toilet replacement at Park Plaza
- Solar for Public Buildings Grant for Commons Park
- Solar for Public Buildings Grant for Public Works
- 2026 Street Project Rain Gardens
- Solar on Public Buildings Grant for Water Treatment Plant 3
- DNR Community Planting Grant
- 2025 DNR ReLEAF Grant
- Mississippi Library Branch Seed Library (Anoka County Libraries)

- Well Sealing Grant

Grants Closed (1/1/2026+)

- Local Climate Action Grant for an EV Charger at Moore Lake Park
- Met Council Regional Solicitation Grant for 44th Avenue Bridge w/ Anoka County

Recommendation

For discussion only.

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Meeting Date: April 14, 2026
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Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Title: Outreach and Event Updates

Background

Outreach at community events is an important strategy to build environmental awareness and increase engagement. Events that have been completed since the last meeting as well as upcoming outreach events are listed below.

Completed events (3/10/26-4/14/26)

- None

Confirmed events and topics

- Environmental Fun Fair (5/2)
- Clothing Swap (7/28)
- Touch a Truck (8/18)
- Comp Plan Workshops- Climate and Natural Resources (9/8)
- Comp Plan Workshops- Climate and Natural Resources (9/19)

Recommendation

For discussion only.

Attachments and Other Resources

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Meeting Date: April 14, 2026
Meeting Type: Environmental Quality and Energy Commission
Submitted By: Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner
Title: Informal Status Updates

Background

Staff and Commissioners will share informal status reports on programs happening in the City.

Recommendation

For discussion only.

Attachments and Other Resources

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