

ROSEVILLE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: April 25, 2016
Item No.: 14.f

Department Approval



City Manager Approval



Item Description: Ramsey County Library Roseville Branch Hamline Ave Access
Discussion

BACKGROUND

In 2011 Ramsey County Library opened a new expanded library in Roseville at the intersection of Hamline Avenue and County Road B. The new library extended the parking lot to the north side of the library building and added a new full access to the library on the far north end of the extended parking lot.

The new access onto Hamline Avenue is approximately 130 feet south of the stop bar for the signalized intersection at Hamline Avenue and Commerce Street West. This places the access in the taper of the northbound left turn lane for the signalized intersection.

The location of this full access creates operational conflicts for southbound vehicles turning left into the north library access. Many of the southbound left turning vehicles will move into the northbound left turn lane as they are turning which then presents a conflict for northbound left turning vehicles. The southbound left turning vehicles that do not use the northbound left turn lane block the southbound through movement which then queues into the signalized intersection.

Ramsey County Public Works uses access spacing guidelines for minor arterial roadways which have been adopted by the Metropolitan Council and most of the Counties and Cities in the State of Minnesota. These spacing guidelines recommend one quarter mile spacing (1,320 feet) between full movement access points on a minor arterial and about 600 feet for partial movement access (i.e. right in/right out). While City staff recommends reviewing each individual development on its own merits for necessary access points and balancing internal circulation with desired access spacing, this particular access clearly creates several conflict points and several operational issues for Hamline Avenue and the signalized intersection just north of this access point.

Staff has had conversations in the past with Ramsey County Public Works and Ramsey County Library about this access point. Ramsey County Public Works supports a modification of the access (either restriction to a right in/right out or relocating the full access) but Ramsey County Library has been firm that this access is crucial for their internal circulation needs particularly in regards to the location of the book drop location on the north side of the building.

City staff has also reviewed crash data for this area since 2011 and there does not appear to be any documented crashes that can be directly linked to operational issues at this access point. However, staff members and some Councilmembers have witnessed several “close calls” and certainly congestion that has resulted from vehicles entering and exiting this access.

Councilmember Laliberte recently expressed heightened concern over this access given the upcoming closure of Lexington Avenue for the Trunk Highway 36 Bridge Replacement Project now underway and the increase in traffic on Hamline Avenue that will result due to this closure.

Staff has prepared a Resolution requesting Ramsey County Library take temporary and long term action on this access point. The temporary action would use traffic control devices such as barrels and other barriers to prevent vehicles from turning left into or out of the north access. Long term action would involve either relocating the access point or using a concrete splitter island at the access to prevent the left turns.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The modification of the access would be the responsibility of Ramsey County Library, therefore there is no financial impact to the City of Roseville. However, through negotiations with the Library, a request may be received from the library for some cost share on the City's part. The City does not have any dedicated funds for items of this nature so the use of reserve funds or Street Maintenance Funds would be necessary if a cost share was agreed to.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council participate in a discussion on the north access of the Ramsey County Library Roseville Branch and direct staff for further action. A resolution is included for the Council to consider and adopt if so desired.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

If the Council agrees that action is needed and would like to formally request action on the part of Ramsey County Library, the City Council should adopt a Resolution requesting Ramsey County Library modify the north access at the Roseville Branch.

Prepared by: Marc Culver, Public Works Director
Attachments: A: Resolution
B: Library Site Figure

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE**

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, Minnesota, was duly held on the 25th day of April, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present: ; and and the following were absent: .

Member introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION No.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARY MODIFY THE
NORTH ACCESS AT THE ROSEVILLE BRANCH**

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County Library Roseville Branch was rebuilt and reopened in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the parking lot and vehicular access to the library was substantially changed at that time including the construction of a new full access onto Hamline Avenue on the north end of the library property; and

WHEREAS, the north Hamline Ave access is located approximately 115 feet south of the stop bar for the signalized intersection of Hamline Ave and Commerce Street West; and

WHEREAS, southbound vehicles turning left into the Ramsey County library using said north access often times wait partially or fully in the northbound left turn lane for the aforementioned signalized intersection causing operational and safety issues; and

WHEREAS, queues in the northbound left turn lane for the aforementioned signalized intersection back up into and/or beyond said north access restricting inbound and outbound left turns which creates operational and safety issues; and

WHEREAS, the closure of Lexington Avenue for the replacement of the Trunk Highway 36 bridge at Lexington will increase traffic volumes and congestion on Hamline Avenue in this area which will amplify the operational and safety issues at this access.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Roseville, Minnesota:

1. The City Council formally requests that Ramsey County Library modify the existing north access onto Hamline Avenue at the Roseville Branch so that only right turns are allowed into or out of said access or move the full access so that it uses the east leg of the signalized intersection at Hamline Avenue and Commerce Street West.

2. Temporary traffic control shall be installed as soon as possible to restrict left turns into and out of this access to address the increased traffic on Hamline Avenue due to the Lexington Ave Bridge Project.
3. This new and temporary access shall be reviewed and approved by the Ramsey County Public Works department.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member , and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: ; and and the following voted against the same: .

WHEREUPON said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified City Manager of the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have carefully compared the attached and foregoing extract of minutes of a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 25th day of April, 2016, with the original thereof on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such Manager this 25th day of April, 2016.

Patrick Trudgeon, City Manager

(SEAL)



Ramsey County Library Access



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April 20, 2016

Date Sources and Contacts:
* Ramsey County GIS Base Map (4/4/16)
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