

## Chapter 1: Community Vision, Goals & Strategies

### **Introduction**

The initial goals were formulated from ideas and input from Citizens that participated in the Comp Plan Community Kick-off Meeting and Goals and Policies Workshop and adopted as a part of the 2007 City Comprehensive Plan. In 2019 and 2020, the Community Vision and Goals were reviewed and updated with Planning Commission and Community input. Those Community Vision objectives and Goals are incorporated in this Chapter

The City also adopted a City Mission Statement in 2020. This provides an overall vision for the community and services to its citizens.

### **City Mission Statement:**

#### **Mission:**

To provide a safe healthy vibrant community and manage our resources to enhance the quality of life. We are dedicated to cost-effective governance, professional management and excellent public services.

#### **Vision:**

To support and engage the community through leadership, professionalism and integrity to ensure Isanti continues to be a community for generations.

#### **Core Values:**

Leadership: To encourage innovation, creativity, and initiative.

Service: To be fair, friendly, helpful and customer-service oriented.

Ethics and Integrity: To be truthful, accountable, responsible, professional, and with good moral standards.

Collaboration: To recognize that our people are our most valuable resource.

Community: To respect and promote our community and share opportunities to succeed.

Stewardship: To consider the long-term consequences of actions, protect our assets, and invest in the future.

### **Community Vision:**

#### A Place with a Unique Character and Small-town Atmosphere

The City shall strive to maintain the small-town atmosphere that makes Isanti a welcoming place to be. Isanti's small-town character will help forge an identity for the City and will help create a unique destination for visitors.

#### A Place that Recognizes the Importance of Natural Resources

The community recognizes the need to preserve the Rum River and other natural resources in the City. These resources add value to the community and should be enhanced and protected to ensure that they can be enjoyed for generations to come.

#### A Place that Values its Residents, Community Facilities and Community Involvement – Opportunities

The City will continue to enhance and provide community facilities that meet the needs of current and future residents. The City will be a place with community gathering spaces and recreational opportunities that provide places for community engagement, participation and a healthy lifestyle for all of Isanti's residents.

#### A Place with a Growing and Thriving Downtown

The Downtown should strive to function as a focal point for business and retail opportunities to serve a variety of needs in the community. The Downtown should be seen as a place for people to gather and congregate. Downtown should be a place that is pleasant for residents and visitors, and should provide the basic necessities and everyday needs to its residents.

#### A Place with a Variety of Housing Types

The community recognizes the need to provide its residents with a range of housing options. It is important that residents have the opportunity to stay in the community throughout the lifecycle.

#### A Place with Well Planned Developments

The City must be thorough in its planning process to ensure that development occurs in the best possible places. The planning process must be diligent in order to meet the needs of residential, commercial and industrial development.

#### A Place with High Quality Services

The City will strive to provide its residents with a high level of services. The City also needs to balance the distribution of City services with the desire to keep taxes reasonable. Contiguous and orderly growth will help improve efficiency and maintain costs of service to the City.

#### A Place with Employment Opportunity

The community wants to see Isanti as a place that is not only a great place to live, but also a great place to work. The community would like to see more prospects for employment in Isanti so that residents will not have to work elsewhere and spend large quantities of time commuting.

#### A Place Where an Effective Transportation System is Available

The City will strive for the most effective, safe and coordinated transportation system possible. The Community expects that the transportation system will move people around the City efficiently and avoid congestion. Connections between neighborhoods and commercial areas need to be made with sidewalks and trails to provide alternative methods to move around the City.

## **General Community Goals**

Community Goal #1 – Promote community spirit, unity and diversity.

Strategies:

- Recognize the assets of citizens of all ages, incomes, faiths and cultural heritages.
- Continue to find ways to educate the public on cultural, economic, faith, age-based and other diversity issues.
- Encourage increased interaction and communication between citizens of all ages, faiths, cultural heritages and incomes.
- Support and coordinate City events that promote pride and a “sense of community”
- With new residents transitioning into the City, find a way to engage them on an annual basis.
- Find ways through events or neighborhood associations to strengthen relationships between residential property owners to build community and enhance public safety.

Community Goal #2 – Maintain and enhance a friendly and caring small-town atmosphere

Strategies:

- Continue to provide community gathering opportunities to encourage resident interaction and support.
- Work with schools, houses of worship, and service organizations to keep residents involved and participating in community events.
- Maintain and enhance existing community gathering spaces to ensure residents have adequate places to congregate and meet.

Community Goal #3 – Encourage citizen participation and education in all aspects of City government, planning and community life.

Strategies:

- Actively encourage and utilize resident participation in the local decision-making processes.

- Educate and communicate this Plan's overall goals, policies and recommendations to the public, particularly regarding the growth management and sustainable development concepts to be embodied in the Plan.
- Continue to seek out creative ways to communicate local government activities and information to the public through means such as newsletters, city web sites/social media, neighborhood associations and other community groups.
- Coordinate and participate in programs that teach local government leadership skills to residents, area business owners, and non-profit managers.
- Encourage volunteerism, participation in community activities and acceptance of community leadership positions by citizens of all ages, faiths, cultural heritages, and incomes.
- Seek partnerships with community coalitions and interest groups to share resources and energies in order to address community problems and opportunities.

### **Intergovernmental Coordination Goals**

Intergovernmental Coordination Goal #1 – Promote on-going shared planning among all Isanti County jurisdictions.

Strategies:

- Work with adjacent townships, municipalities and the County to ensure that planning goals, objectives and policies are understood and accepted.
- Communicate and educate local officials regarding needed planning and zoning ordinances and policies.
- Promote information sharing between the City and surrounding townships, municipalities and county, and encourage their participation in City issues of shared concern.
- Communicate and educate local officials regarding City development projects that affect adjacent townships, municipalities and the County.
- Maintain communications and collaborate where appropriate with state and regional agencies involved in planning issues that affect the City.

Intergovernmental Coordination Goal #2 – Actively explore opportunities for all jurisdictions, agencies and public organizations in the County to share services and resources to reduce or eliminate duplication and improve efficiency.

Strategies:

- Explore development of joint governmental ventures regarding the delivery of services in the areas of administrative services, emergency services, public safety, public utilities, solid waste, and technology.
- Work with adjacent local governments to identify areas where collaboration and consolidation could reduce overall cost and increase effectiveness of local government.
- Continue participation in the Isanti County Initiative for Collaboration, Leadership and Efficiency (ICICLE).

### **Community Appearance and Livability Goals**

Community Appearance and Livability Goal #1 Maintain and enhance the appearance, integrity, heritage, identity and local character of the City's built environment.

Strategies:

- Create and strengthen the appearance of key transportation corridors (Hwy 65, Heritage Blvd, Whiskey Rd, CSAH 23), through streetscape improvements, design standards, zoning, trails, street lighting, sidewalks, signage and other tools.
- Develop and enforce development design, performance and site planning incentives, resources and standards to ensure quality development.
- Plan for amenities on secondary City access routes (3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW, Cajima, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, CSAH 55, Palomino Rd SE, Railroad Avenue, South Passage, Townsedge Road). Create and identify locations for community gateways that will encourage legibility and identity within the City.
- Work with local historical organizations to create and maintain an inventory of historic community resources.
- Prepare and/or adopt appropriate guidelines or regulations for the use or reuse of historically significant properties.
- Support the efforts of local historical organizations to promote the preservation of historically significant places and records where practical and economically viable.

- Explore methods and funding options to uphold the general appearance of older buildings and neighborhoods through their maintenance and upkeep.
- Continue programs to encourage compliance with city codes for upkeep of commercial and industrial buildings/sites and residential neighborhoods/housing stock.

Community Appearance and Livability Goal #2 – Enhance community and neighborhood livability.

Strategies:

- Ensure new developments are connected to existing development through the efficient use of streets, sidewalks, trails, utilities and infrastructure.
- Encourage quality and appropriate development of housing, shopping and employment in proximity and proper density to each other.
- Encourage the integration of multi-modal access including parking, sidewalks and bike paths within new developments.
- Explore the need for a high school to serve existing and future residents,
- Encourage a variety of types of neighborhood designs, including neo-traditional, conservation, and other alternative designs.
- Encourage availability of locally grown food and support for the Farmers Market.

Community Appearance and Livability Goal #3 – Maintain adequate active and passive open space to meet the needs of the community.

Strategies:

- Require the integration of parks, green space and natural amenities within new developments to ensure that residential neighborhoods have adequate access to park facilities.
- Enhance the quality of life and safety of residents by establishing bikeways, walkways and other multi-use paths in developing areas.
- Work to link area parks, neighborhoods, natural amenities, and community facilities through the development of local and regional trails.

- Continue to support and create new forms of funding for equipment, improvements, and maintenance of new and existing neighborhood parks and recreational facilities.

## **Natural Resources Goals**

Natural Resources Goal #1 – Protect, conserve and enhance natural resources and environmentally sensitive areas within the City and its planned growth areas for the community’s long-term environmental and economic benefits.

Strategies:

- Avoid wetlands, native species (endangered and threatened), sensitive areas and other significant natural resources during development.
- Minimize the impact of urban development on wetlands, rivers, forested areas and other environmental features.
- Create a greenway corridor and natural areas plan that is tied to the land use plan and links environmentally sensitive areas, stream and river corridors, trail corridors, institutions, parklands and neighborhoods.
- Encourage maintenance of wetlands and natural drainage systems when accommodating new growth and reestablishing wetlands and natural drainage systems within developed areas when opportunities arise.
- Work with the DNR to ensure that Rum River Scenic Areas and Easements are maintained.
- Work to protect endangered, threatened and rare species and their habitats. Ensure that existing wildlife corridors are maintained.
- Continue implementation of Wellhead Protection Program, MS4 Stormwater, and Rain Garden Programs, with public education on the programs and how citizens can assist with program objectives.
- Consider adopting a tree preservation policy and planting program. Work to diversify tree species in the urban forest and encourage a tree canopy in appropriate urban areas.
- Identify aggregate resources within the City and its planned growth areas and develop strategies to ensure the ability to extract them in the future.

Natural Resources Goal #2 – Conserve, restore, and enhance natural resource systems within the City’s boundaries.

Strategies:

- Work with adjacent local governments, developers and residents to restore and enhance natural resource systems that may have been degraded or altered.
- Utilize the Natural Resources Inventory prepared as a part of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan to guide future growth and expansion.
- Communicate and coordinate with surrounding townships and municipalities to ensure that natural resource corridors and connectivity are protected and maintained.

## **Growth Management**

Growth Management Goal #1 – Provide clearly defined growth management areas that are contiguous with existing development.

Strategies:

- Utilize the Natural Resources Inventory, projections and service capacity to designate areas for contiguous and efficient growth opportunities.
- Work with residents, land owners and developers to develop land in a contiguous and efficient manner.
- Adopt a land use plan that clearly identifies areas suitable for growth and efficient services in appropriate densities.

Growth Management Goal #2 – Guide growth in areas suitable for urban services and preserve agricultural land uses to the greatest extent possible.

Strategies:

- Work with large land owners and farmers to plan for future growth and appropriate phasing of development.
- Identify key agricultural areas that should be preserved or enhanced.
- Maintain low densities within areas outside the growth areas to ensure opportunities for future extension of City Services.



- Ensure that land outside the growth area is well planned for and phasing for development is considered.

## **Land Use Goals**

Land Use Goal #1 – Support the compact, efficient and orderly growth of all urban development including residential, commercial and industrial areas.

Strategies:

- Identify planned growth areas outside the current City boundaries (Urban Service Areas). Work with Isanti County and Isanti Township on expansion of USA tiers as the City develops.
- Work with Isanti Township to develop a new orderly annexation agreements for the planned growth areas. Maintain regulations for low densities within those areas until such time as urban development can be facilitated.
- Require that properties served by City water and sanitary sewer be located within the City.
- Coordinate with surrounding townships and the County to create conceptual master plans for planned future growth areas that will promote connectivity to existing and future transportation systems and contiguous natural resource corridors.
- Encourage a balanced strategy of “infilling” within the City, with annexation and development of new areas in stages. Discourage “leap-frogging” of

Land Use Goal #2 – Achieve availability and adequacy of municipal services to ensure a high quality of life for all existing and future residents.

Strategies:

- Work with adjacent townships to plan for the extension of services and growth into areas contiguous to existing development.
- Plan to develop and provide all municipal services prior to initiating annexation.
- Avoid premature development of rural areas before City services are available, thus preserving agricultural character.

- Prepare utility facility and trunk line plans that are in conformance with the land use plan.

Land Use Goal #3 – Plan land uses and implement standards to promote quality development and minimize land use conflicts.

Strategies:

- Prepare and adopt a land use plan that designates land use areas and guides development to appropriate areas in order to ensure desirable land use patterns and to minimize conflicts.
- Require transitions between incompatible land uses through appropriate planning practices and zoning standards.
- Prepare performance design and/or development standards for commercial and industrial development.
- Design and/or locate industrial and commercial developments to avoid adverse impacts on residential areas, while continuing to promote compatible, contiguous development patterns.
- Achieve a balanced mixture of land uses through the implementation of zoning and other tools.
- Follow the US Constitution and State Statutes in all matters related to the acquisition of private land for public uses.

Land Use Goal #4 – Identify adequate, appropriate and accessible locations for future commercial, business and industrial development.

Strategies:

- Protect and enhance the investment in existing commercial and industrial businesses when planning for future land uses.
- Explore commercial and industrial opportunities along the Highway 65 Corridor. Preserve commercial areas with developed or planned road systems and infrastructure for high density commercial development that provides tax base and jobs. Protect these commercial areas from low density and undesirable development.
- Protect and encourage development and redevelopment of the downtown that is consistent with the City's historic character. Plan for future redevelopment to add to and sustain the commercial core. Encourage development of mixed-use buildings.

Land Use Goal #5 – Support development that enhances community character and identity.

Strategies:

- Promote and provide high quality housing in areas surrounding the golf course. Utilize natural features and the golf course in subdivision design.
- Prepare and adopt master plans for all community growth and redevelopment areas prior to development.
- Locate appropriate senior housing opportunities in close proximity to services and community amenities, and commercial corridors.
- Establish lot sizes and other performance standards that support or enhance the community vision.
- Embrace conservation development practices to conserve and enhance natural resources and add interest and natural amenities in to subdivision design.

Land Use Goal #6 – Create healthy, livable neighborhoods designed to foster and support a sense of community.

Strategies:

- Successfully integrate parks, open spaces and natural areas into the community fabric.
- Establish man-made amenities and integrate with natural areas within planned neighborhoods.
- Works with property owners and developers to encourage walkable neighborhoods and a more sustainable neighborhood form.

## **Housing Goals**

Housing Goal #1 – Promote a variety of housing types in Isanti for existing and future community residents.

Strategies:

- Continue to study housing goals, needs and resources. Update housing studies periodically. Watch for changing housing market conditions. Identify opportunities and support projects to meet City housing needs.
- Work with State and Federal Housing Agencies, local lenders, builders and other organizations to identify programs and resources to help Isanti meet its housing goals.
- Encourage public-private partnerships to expand affordable housing opportunities.
- Encourage the appropriate dispersion of housing types throughout the City. Placement should align with appropriate housing densities and setbacks.
- Encourage an adequate supply of senior housing options to meet the needs of the City's expanding aging population.
- Examine zoning and other development standards to ensure they do not unreasonably hinder the provision of affordable housing.

Housing Goal #2 – Create a high-quality environment in all residential neighborhoods.

Strategies:

- Enforce building, nuisance and property maintenance codes to ensure continued maintenance of the existing housing stock. Update codes as needed.
- Encourage infill housing where appropriate. Encourage extension of infrastructure to allow infill housing to occur.
- Examine housing development patterns, land use plans and zoning periodically to ensure that an appropriate mix of housing is developed.

## **Downtown Goals**

Downtown Goal #1 – Identify the function of Downtown Isanti and improve the viability of the redevelopment district.

Strategies:

- Prepare and implement a Downtown Development Plan that integrates design standards that support its historical character.
- Renovate and rehabilitate existing downtown buildings. New buildings should match the historic downtown. Encourage mixed use buildings.
- Provide safe, adequate and convenient parking to support downtown growth.

Downtown Goal #2 – Work to improve the economic vitality of downtown Isanti to provide services for current and future residents.

Strategies:

- Identify businesses and services that are most appropriate for downtown to attract more residents and visitors.
- Encourage the development of small, independently owned businesses and services to maintain the small-town character of Isanti.
- Encourage destination commercial businesses and community facilities to draw visitors to the downtown.
- Encourage development that is complimentary to community facilities and events to encourage activity in the downtown.
- Structure redevelopment and incentives to support multi-modal and transit developments in the historic downtown district. Consider land banks for future park and ride lots and potential rail transit facilities in the BNSF rail corridor.

Downtown Goal #3 – Expand the “Downtown District” to include commercial areas east of Highway 65, adjacent and between Main Street and Heritage Boulevard.

- Utilize street lighting, traffic corridors, sidewalks, trails and signage to unify the “Downtown District”.

- Work with organizations, such as the Chamber of Commerce or Tourism Bureaus to promote and market the “Downtown District” as a commercial, historic and destination district.

## **Economic Development Goals**

Economic Development Goal #1 – Maintain, develop and grow industrial and commercial opportunities in the City to increase the number of jobs and diversify the tax base.

Strategies:

- Expand the number of service providers and commercial shopping opportunities to meet the needs of the existing and future community.
- Realize the opportunities to attract and support new businesses and community facilities.
- Explore the expansion of the industrial park to increase the community’s tax base and provide employment opportunities.
- Market existing “shovel ready” industrial park lots for new industrial development that enhances both the tax base and provides new jobs.
- Provide adequate space and location for professional services to meet the community’s future needs.
- Explore the recruitment of industrial ventures that will provide spin off benefits to existing Isanti businesses.
- Attract and retain high valued land uses. Protect open commercial land that has infrastructure in place for high density commercial development.
- Take the lead role in coordinating and streamlining economic development initiatives and programs within the City.
- Target resources and programs to attract businesses that have an emphasis on job creation. Target businesses that meet or exceed livable wage requirements and/or address other community needs.
- Continue to support or expand local business retention and expansion initiatives. Work with local business start-ups to build their businesses and expand locally.

- Recognize the fundamental linkage between housing and economic development. Work to match housing availability with employee housing needs.
- Promote the rehabilitation and redevelopment of existing commercial facilities by continuing to pursue and make available various financial programs and assistance.

Economic Development Goal #2 – Promote efficient, planned commercial and industrial expansion within the City’s growth areas, accessible to public infrastructure and transportation.

Strategies:

- Identify key commercial and industrial development opportunities within the City’s planned growth areas in locations with access to major transportation systems.
- As opportunities for financial incentives or a key industry present themselves, work to develop a rail served industrial park.
- Ensure the appropriate provision of street and rights-of-way in new commercial and industrial developments.
- Encourage compact and mixed-use commercial developments that will make efficient use of infrastructure and resources.

Economic Development Goal #3 – Enhance the character of the City’s commercial and industrial developments.

Strategies:

- Develop and adopt architectural, design or other development standards such as landscaping, screening and other standards within the City’s commercial and industrial districts.
- Encourage the provision of open/green space within commercial and industrial development.
- Encourage historic preservation to enhance the character of commercial areas with historical significance.

- Assist businesses in locating local, regional, state, federal and private resources that will provide rehabilitation assistance.

## **Community Facilities Goals**

Community Facilities Goal #1 – Work to provide the services and facilities required to protect and maintain the health, safety and welfare of Isanti citizens in an equitable and cost-effective manner.

Strategies:

- Work with adjacent townships and municipalities to prevent premature urban development within the planned growth areas that are located beyond the City's long-term ability to provide services, such as sanitary sewer and water.
- Create conceptual master plans for the planned growth areas that will identify, map, and preserve future utility corridors.
- Encourage the protection of public health by requiring any on-site sewage systems to conform to state requirements for siting, design, construction and maintenance.

Community Facilities Goal #2 – Promote the expansion and development of the community's green infrastructure which consists of parkland, environmentally sensitive areas, river and stream corridors and trail facilities throughout the City and its planned growth areas.

Strategies:

- Explore all federal, state and other funding opportunities for local and regional parks, open space and trail acquisition, development, and maintenance.
- Identify locations in the planned growth areas that would be strategic parkland resources.
- Continue to require the dedication, acquisition and maintenance of parkland in the planned growth areas to meet future park needs of the community.
- Continue to implement the City's Comprehensive Park Plan.



Community Facilities Goal #3 – Ensure that placement or expansion of community facilities at current locations take into account anticipated future population growth and the needs of existing and future residents.

Strategies:

- Explore rebuilding the community center to adequately service existing and future residents.
- Consider facility planning for future City facility needs. Identify sites for future facility locations.
- Provide additional year-round recreational opportunities and facilities.
- Maximize opportunities to share facilities between the City, local schools, other governmental and non-profit organizations.
- Explore the feasibility and potential locations for a new high school.

## **Parks and Open Space Goals**

Parks and Open Space Goal #1 – Adopt and maintain a parks, open space and trail plan to meet Isanti’s current and future needs.

Strategies:

- Provide parks and open spaces to serve residential neighborhoods and the community.
- Continue work to develop an efficient and well-kept park and trail system.
- Update the Park Comprehensive Plane to ensure that current and future needs of the residents are met.

Parks and Open Space Goal #2 – Provide and maintain a trail system with connectivity to the City sidewalk system, County trail system and State trails.

Strategies:

- Provide and maintain trails that meet the needs of current and future residents.

- Continue to work with Isanti County, adjacent Townships and municipalities to develop linkages to County and Regional Trail Systems.
- Encourage trail connectivity to promote active healthful living.
- Plan for future development of a separated bicycle and pedestrian access across Highway 65 that links the City and connects local and regional trail systems.

### **Transportation Goals**

Transportation Goal #1 – Provide a safe, efficient and adequate transportation system that serves both access and mobility needs.

Strategies:

- Use the functional classification system to define and plan existing and new roadways.
- Develop and utilize access management guidelines.
- Require the provision of safe and adequate access to all properties through the implementation of subdivision regulations.
- Create safe sidewalks, trails and bus stops and incorporate appropriate safety features into all transportation improvement projects.
- Pursue traffic devices and road improvements to increase capacity and access to existing arterials and major road systems. Plan for phased traffic improvements on Heritage Boulevard/CSAH 5 and Highway 65 Access points based on traffic volumes and access needs.
- Develop a dedicated plan for road improvements to provide access to the East Highway 65 Commercial Properties.

Transportation Goal #2 – Create and provide excellent north-south and east-west connections and movements throughout Isanti.

Strategies:

- Prepare and implement a transportation plan with a hierarchy of community roadways providing excellent north-south and east-west movements throughout the City.
- Work with County and Township Officials on traffic improvements on road corridors that serve the City and adjacent Townships.
- Provide the best available access to Main Street to serve adjacent commercial and downtown areas.
- Provide safe and convenient vehicle crossings at key locations along the Highway 65 Corridor.
- Successfully integrate the east and west sides of the Highway 65 Corridor through transportation and open space linkages and pedestrian paths.
- Plan for a dedicated pedestrian and non-vehicular connection across Highway 65 with connections to City and Regional trail and sidewalk systems.
- Continue to provide access points to support economic development by increasing direct transportation connections and movements to commercial and industrial areas.

Transportation Goal #3 – Maintain a transportation system that is coordinated and cost-effective.

Strategies:

- Continue to work with surrounding municipalities, townships, County and State to ensure an integrated regional transportation system.
- Schedule future transportation projects in capital improvement programs.
- Connect streets in developing areas to the existing network of streets and reflect the existing street character and design standards.
- Achieve concurrency between development and the municipal improvements and services needed to support it.
- Create conceptual master plans of the City's growth areas that identify future transportation corridors. Identify how the future transportation corridors will interact with regional transportation systems.

- Work to preserve future transportation corridors both by acquiring needed right-of-way in advance when possible, and through the use of official mapping.
- Continue to explore all Federal, State and other funding opportunities for local and regional transportation projects.

Transportation Goal #4 – Coordinate transportation with land use planning and environmental protection.

Strategies:

- Consider the impacts to neighborhoods when planning new or upgrading existing roadways.
- Support transportation projects that align with the compact, orderly development of the City and local /regional transportation plans.
- Design transportation systems to avoid, where possible, wetlands and other environmentally sensitive areas and consider Minnesota Wild and Scenic or other state rules.
- Identify and consider the costs of lost environmental benefits for proposed transportation projects.

Transportation Goal # 5 – Establish a strong multi-modal transportation plan to meet the communities current and future needs.

Strategies:

- Incorporate bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure when planning changes, additions, or maintenance to streets, sidewalks, bridges, paths or other public facilities.  
Develop a Bike/Alternate Transportation Plan for the City.
- Encourage bike parking facilities at parks within neighborhoods, and at retail/commercial developments.
- Maintain the existing network of bicycle and pedestrian trails throughout the City.
- Continue to maintain a commitment for improved local and regional transit services to support the community's transit needs.

- Encourage sidewalks and separated pathways along all arterial and collector streets when developing residential and commercial areas through the City's subdivision regulations.
- Promote the connectivity of alternative transportation systems and plan for connection to community and recreational facilities.
- Ensure the provision of adequate arterial roadways and design local streets and subdivisions to discourage driving at unsafe speeds and to promote pedestrian and bicycle use.
- As opportunities avail themselves, explore commuter rail and mass transit options for commuters from Isanti to the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.