

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RIGHT OF WAY SURVEY BEING DONE BY RAMSEY COUNTY

Q: Why is Ramsey County doing a right-of-way study on South Shore?

A: Whatever option is chosen for the trail and road, we need to make sure our work is within the right of way or properly compensate residents for use of their land, via permanent easement if necessary, or temporary easement for impacts that would only be during construction.

Q: If I see a stake from the survey in the middle of my yard, what does that mean?

The work that Ramsey County Survey Dept is doing out there right now is limited to data collection, meaning we are locating any evidence that may delineate or have delineated the right of way or parcel boundaries. The stakes were placed there temporarily to mark what the field crew found; at this point we do not know its significance. The crew located what they found (placed detailed coordinates on them) with survey instruments. All of the information they have gathered will be analyzed and used to determine where the current road right of way is. We will keep the property owners updated with the process as we closer to a final determination.

Q: If I have a lot of trees and shrubs in the area determined to be public right-of-way, will I lose them when the trail is built?

A: It depends on what is built. If a one-way option is chosen, most would likely be fine. If the road were rebuilt as a two-way facility with a trail, many would likely need to be removed.

Q: I understand Lake Links Associations' efforts with Legislators has made \$2.6 million available to Ramsey County. How can that funding be used by the County? Just to make the trail?

A: The funds are managed by the Metropolitan Council and we have been approved to use it for the design study and for engineering for the project. It is being used to pay for the survey work that is being done.

Q: Am I going to be assessed for building the trail or improvements made to the road because of it?

A: There may be assessments for local items not associated with the road and trail, such as sanitary sewer work that could be coordinated with the project or other city or township items, but the road work would generally not be assessed.

Q: What is the County's process for deciding what the trail will look like and whether South Shore will be converted to a one-way?

A: This will be the result of public input and will be a joint decision of the White Bear Lake city council, the White Bear Township town board, and the Ramsey County Board of commissioners. One thing that must be considered is that if a one-way option is chosen, jurisdiction of South Shore Boulevard will be transferred from the county to the city and township.

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