

City of Maple Lake, Minnesota

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MAPLE LAKE SAFE STREETS FOR ALL PLAN

Project Overview

The Maple Lake Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan will enhance the safety of road users throughout Maple Lake by identifying strategies to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and significantly reduce traffic-related injuries. The plan will serve as a roadmap for implementing effective safety measures and promoting a culture of safe transportation across the city to achieve Vision Zero through a Safe System approach.

The Maple Lake SS4A Action Plan will utilize traffic management analysis, pedestrian and bicycle planning practices, and national design guidance, while incorporating local planning efforts to devise a plan that will produce what Maple Lake needs. The Maple Lake SS4A Action Plan will identify infrastructure gaps, policy and program recommendations, priority projects, and funding mechanisms that will collectively improve safety and connectivity for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and other users within Maple Lake. These elements will be summarized as an implementation matrix within the plan that will aim for the ultimate goal to reach Vision Zero. Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.

Engagement Overview

To create a successful plan, the Safer Streets For All (SS4A) project team needs input from citizens, business owners, and other stakeholders in Maple Lake. The team wants to hear about transportation problems and ideas for improvements from the people who live and work in Maple Lake.

- Priority Audience
 - The project will aim to reach those who live, work, and visit Maple Lake with a focus on the residents, employers and employees, and students who regularly travel through Maple Lake.
 - People who live here
 - People who work here
 - People who don't have regular access to transportation
 - Young people
 - Older people
 - Local Businesses
 - Maple Lake Schools

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- Key Messages

- The City of Maple Lake is preparing a Safer Streets for All transportation plan. It will improve travel in the city for everyone by identifying areas which have infrastructure needs related to safety or access.
- A successful SS4A will include recommendations to:
 - Make getting around town easier and safer for everyone. This includes people who walk, ride bikes, drive cars, or use any other means of getting around.
 - Improve old streets by adding things they're missing. This could be new sidewalks, safe places to cross the road, different intersections, or new paths.
 - Coordinate existing and future city plans and identify budget and funding opportunities to deliver new infrastructure and infrastructure improvements creating a safer Maple Lake.
- The city will offer opportunities to provide input on your transportation needs and desired safety improvements during the plan through summer 2025.

- Upcoming Engagement Events

Date	Deliverable	Description	Responsibility
February 2025	Engagement Plan	Document establishing outreach guidelines and priorities and a schedule of engagement.	Zan Associates: Write MSA: Consult and approve ML: Approve
February 2025	Virtual Engagement Platform	A public facing website sharing information with and gathering feedback from community members (i.e., landing page, survey, and interactive map).	Zan Associates: Write, creative prep, deliver, write summary MSA: Consult and approve ML: Approve
Early Spring 2025	Pop-Up Event 1	Engage with Maple Lake community members sharing information about SS4A and gathering feedback on community identified needs. Potential: Pancake Breakfast	Zan Associates: Plan, prepare materials, staff, write summary MSA: Consult and approve ML: Provide potential opportunities, and approve
March/April 2025	Stakeholder Meeting 1	Identify and interview a stakeholder or small group representing a stakeholder in the community and gather information on community identified needs. Potential: Schools	Zan Associates: Plan, prepare materials, staff, write summary MSA: Consult and approve ML: Provide interview opportunities, and approve
March/April 2025	Stakeholder Meeting 2	Identify and interview a stakeholder or small group representing a stakeholder in the community and gather information on community identified needs. Potential: Industrial Development Group	Zan Associates: Plan, prepare materials, staff, write summary MSA: Consult and approve ML: Provide interview opportunities, and approve

PROJECT UPDATE

Existing Plans Review

The project team reviewed existing plans, ordinances, and policies impacting Maple Lake's transportation network to establish a foundation for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) project. In summary;

- **County and State Plans:** Do not directly mention Maple Lake but emphasize safety, accessibility, and efficiency.
- **City's Comprehensive Plan:** Calls for a corridor study of Hwy 55 to guide improvements and outlines general transportation policies.
- **2027 Strategic Plan:** Mentions community safety concerns and infrastructure improvements.
- **Code of Ordinances:** Includes provisions for safe roadway design, such as sidewalks and street lighting.

Project Next Steps

- Finalize virtual engagement platforms for review with the project team.
- Prepare for pop-up community engagement event.
- Compile Steering Committee and have initial meeting.