City of Richfield

Guiding Principles

### I. Multimodal Design

**Multimodal Design** of public rights of way will be consistent with the City's Complete Streets policy and will utilize innovative and non-traditional design standards in a way that is equitable for all modes/users, inter-modal activities, and is respectful of the surrounding community.

- Provide pedestrian facilities and amenities within the right of way
- Provide bike lanes at least 5 feet wide
- Include transit facilities, plan for intermodal transfers, and provide bike lockers & racks
- Add bike rentals and Nice Ride stations

## **II. Connectivity and Public Realm**

The street and public right-of-way network will be used to connect various **Public Realm** amenities so that a range of inter-modal activities (walking, biking, driving, etc.) support how neighborhood residents travel to and from destinations such as schools, parks/open space, shops and businesses.

- Provide a well-connected network of streets, paths & transit
- Accomodate multimodal connections to local destinations
- Enhance connections to the regional transit and bicycle networks
- Implement signage and way-finding

## **III. Local Economy**

Community improvements and reinvestment will reinforce and support all businesses in the **Local Economy** and provide a safe and more convenient way to access and connect for neighbors, residents, pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

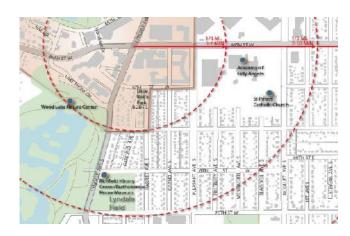
- Maintain/improve visibility and convenient access to businesses
- Employ parking strategies that provide safe access for all users and modes of movement
- Provide wider retail sidewalks that support a variety of users and uses
- Promote building use and type that reinforces street enclosure and defines the public realm

## **IV.** Design for People

How people use community amenities and facilities is the most important criteria regarding the planning, engineering, implementation and maintenance of any improvement. **Design for People** will address universal accessibility as well as comfort, safety, and convenience for all users.

- Provide comfortable places to sit and walk
- Employ Complete Streets design that emphasizes all users
- Design streets that are a human scale with narrower lane widths, bump-outs, etc.
- Plant boulevard and shade trees









# **V. Community Character and Identity**

The design and implementation of community facilities and improvements will recognize the **Community Character** of single family residential scale and pattern and will also respond to local features such as natural resources, public art, aesthetics and gateways.

- Respond to residential neighborhood use and scale with appropriate street size and speeds
- Design wayfinding that represents local character
- Maintain a mature tree canopy
- Incorporate opportunities for public art

#### VI. Sustainable Solutions

New improvements, growth and development will utilize **Sustainable Solutions** that are adaptable, flexible, built to last and that consider implications of long term maintenance to ensure the future economic, environmental and social health of the community.

- Understand the environmental setting and context of the area
- Incorporate green stormwater practices such as rain gardens, tree trenches and pervious pavers
- Bury utilities where possible
- Accommodate future maintenance and operations with dedicated funding sources

## **VII. Healthy and Active Lifestyles**

Elements will be incorporated into planning and design efforts to encourage comfortable corridors and places to walk and bike to, safe and well-landscaped routes that inter-connect the community, and promote **Healthy and Active Lifestyles.** 

- Create safe, convenient, and fun non-motorized travel opportunities
  Design a safe, well-defined network of routes to walk and bike to
- Provide well-marked, designed, and visible street crossings
- Implement signage and way-finding

## **VIII. Unique Location**

Community and transportation improvements will support a well-designed and functional regional system which complements local land uses, and capitalizes on Richfield's **Unique Location** through enhanced access to the regional multimodal transportation system to improve livability and convenience.

- Emphasize design that accommodates local traffic over through traffic
- Enhance regional transit and trail connections
- Maintain convenient freeway access









