

“What’s Up at Ridgedale?”

What’s Up? The Ridgedale Mall area has long been a regional center for shopping, commerce and activity. While still a viable and strong hub for these activities, the area is well positioned to provide many more wide ranging opportunities for commerce, employment, living and entertainment. Over the next few years the Ridgedale Mall area will begin a transformation.

You’re Invited! The city of Minnetonka is hosting an open house to share plans and receive your comments. City staff will be presenting the long range vision for the Ridgedale area as well as updates on a new I-394 Westbound On-Ramp at Ridgedale Drive and mall expansion projects. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an overview of the projects, take input, answer questions, and establish how information will be provided during the course of these projects.

When: Thursday, May 16, 2013, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Interested businesses and residents are encouraged to attend at the following times:

- 4:45 pm - Ridgedale Vision presentation begins
- 5:00 pm - I-394 Westbound On-Ramp at Ridgedale Drive presentation begins

Where: Minnetonka City Hall, Minnehaha Room (lower level), 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

Ridgedale over the years...



Ridgedale Area Vision

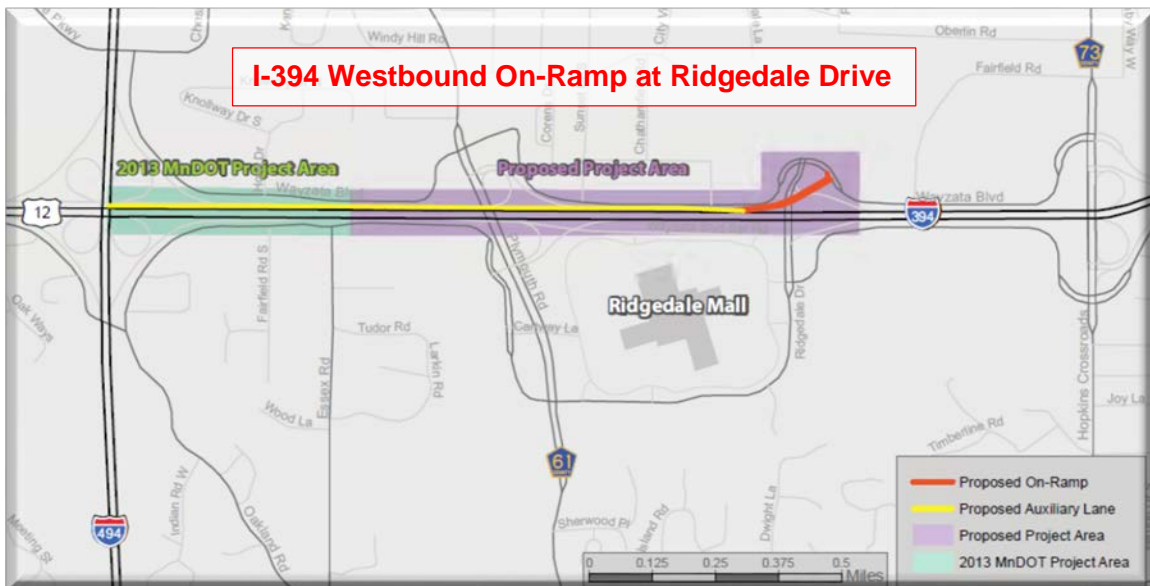
During the summer of 2012, the city initiated a study of the greater Ridgedale area to look at how it should evolve over the next 20 years. The study is now complete and ready for review and comment. A number of key elements include:

- General “greening” of the environment
- Enhanced pedestrian connections and accessibility from trail systems
- Public spaces, entertainment opportunities and activity centers
- Expansion of mall tenant spaces
- Additional housing and employment



I-394 Westbound On-Ramp at Ridgedale Drive

The city is planning to upgrade the existing interchange to relieve current congestion and accommodate future development in the Ridgedale area. The proposed improvements would cause a new I-394 westbound on-ramp and associated roadway improvements to be constructed at Ridgedale Drive, including an additional auxiliary lane on I-394 in this area. Work on the project is anticipated to begin in the Fall of 2013 and be completed by early Summer of 2014.



How can I stay informed? Information regarding these projects can be found on the city’s website at www.eminnetonka.com under “Projects.” If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact:

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