



Board of Commissioners

Agenda

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-266-9200

May 27, 2025 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. **Agenda of May 27, 2025 is Presented for Approval** [2024-561](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of May 27, 2025.

2. **Minutes from May 20, 2025 are Presented for Approval** [2024-571](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the May 20, 2025 Minutes.

PROCLAMATION

3. **Proclamation: Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders Month** [2025-191](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. **Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Corrections for Medical Examiner Services** [2025-185](#)

Sponsors: Medical Examiner

1. Approve an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Corrections, 1450 Energy Park Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55108, for medical examiner services for the period upon execution through June 30, 2026, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$42,000 per year.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.

5. **2025 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization** [2025-178](#)

Sponsors: County Assessor's Office

1. Appoint the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization members and designated chairs,

to conduct the 2025 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization, as needed, on meeting days June 17, 2025 and adjourn on completion of business (excluding Saturday):

- Bryan Clapper - District 1
 - Patrick Todd (Chair) - District 2
 - Patty Lammers - District 3
 - Susan Gilmer - District 4
 - John Mascari - District 5
 - Patrick Guernsey - District 5
 - Jeanette Jones - District 6
 - Joy Erickson (Chair) - District 7
 - Lora Bullert - County Manager appointed
 - Artika Tyner - County Manager appointed
2. Approve the Procedural Rules to be adhered to by the 2025 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.
 3. Approve the Code of Ethics and Conduct Guidelines to be adhered to by the 2025 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.
 4. Authorize the County Manager to approve the payment of expenses for the 2025 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization and expenses for training for 2026 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization members as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 274.13.

6. Termination of Ground Lease with District Energy St. Paul, Inc.

[2025-188](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

1. Approve the termination of the ground lease with District Energy St. Paul, Inc., 76 Kellogg Boulevard West, Saint Paul, MN 55102, for use of 35,974 square feet of land at 50 Kellogg Boulevard West, Saint Paul, MN 55102.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the lease termination.

7. General Liability/Tort Self-Insurance Fund Transfer

[2025-206](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

1. Authorize the County Manager to transfer \$6,000,000 of General Fund fund balance to the General Liability/Tort Self-Insurance Fund.
2. Authorize the County Manager to transfer unencumbered funds from the General Fund fund balance up to an additional \$3,000,000 as necessary to replenish the General Liability/Tort Self-Insurance Fund in the event the General Liability/Tort Self-Insurance Fund is depleted to a balance of \$3,000,000 or less. This delegated authority shall expire on December 31, 2025.
3. The County Manager shall provide written notification to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and the Audit Committee of any transfer of funds pursuant to the delegated authority in this Request for Board Action within ten (10) working days after the transfer of funds is complete. The appropriation of funds shall be utilized in accordance with Ramsey County Home Rule Charter 10.01 (B).

8. Classification and Compensation Changes for Salary Plans 02P, 98A, 98B, and 98D

[2025-202](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Approve the classification and compensation changes for salary plans 02P, 98A, 98B, and 98D

for non-represented employees in the classified and unclassified service of the Ramsey County Personnel System.

9. Approval of the Transit and Transportation Investment Plan

[2025-181](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

Approve the Transit and Transportation Investment Plan.

PRESENTATION

10. Presentation: All-Abilities 2050 Transportation Plan

[2025-215](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

None. For information and discussion only.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

Following County Board Meeting:

10:00 a.m. (est.) Regional Railroad Authority Meeting, Council Chambers – Courthouse Room 300

10:30 a.m. (est.) Strategic Priority: Putting Well-Being and Community at the Center of Justice System Transformation

Courthouse Room 220, Large Conference Room

Public access via Zoom:

Webinar ID: 917 1823 8667 | Passcode: 173774 | Phone: 651-372-8299

1:30 p.m. Strategic Priority: Putting Well-Being and Community at the Center of Justice System Transformation - Appropriate Response Initiative

Courthouse Room 220, Large Conference Room

Public access via Zoom:

Webinar ID: 954 0086 3719 | Passcode: 865916 | Phone: 651-372-8299

Advance Notice:

June 03, 2025 County board meeting – Council Chambers

June 10, 2025 County board meeting – Council Chambers

June 17, 2025 County board meeting – Council Chambers

June 24, 2025 County board meeting – Council Chambers



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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Item Number: 2024-561

Meeting Date: 5/27/2025

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Agenda of May 27, 2025 is Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the agenda of May 27, 2025.



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

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Item Number: 2024-571

Meeting Date: 5/27/2025

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Minutes from May 20, 2025 are Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the May 20, 2025 Minutes.

Attachments

1. May 20, 2025 Minutes.

Board of Commissioners Minutes

May 20, 2025 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:02 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Commissioner McGuire was absent. Commissioner Xiong was absent during roll call and approval of the agenda and minutes. She arrived at 9:14 a.m. and was present for the rest of the board meeting. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jebens-Singh, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong
Absent: McGuire

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Miller.

1. Agenda of May 20, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2024-558](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of May 20, 2025.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

2. Minutes from May 13, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2024-570](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the May 13, 2025 Minutes.

Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Mental Health Awareness Month [2025-105](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

Presented by Commissioner Miller. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for Participation in the Minnesota Anti-Heroin Task Force Program [2025-152](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 1430 Maryland Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55406 for participation in the Minnesota Anti-Heroin Task Force Program upon execution through five years from the fully executed agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: [B2025-093](#)

5. Amendment to the Agreement with Reiling Construction, Co., Inc., for Safety and Security Barriers in the Adult Detention Center [2025-096](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve an amendment to the agreement with Reiling Construction, Co., Inc., 867 Pierce Butler Route, Saint Paul, MN 55104 for the construction of safety and security barriers in the Adult Detention Center, to extend the amendment upon execution through December 17, 2026, in accordance with the rates established in the agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: [B2025-094](#)

7. Terms of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services Local 184 - Deputy Sheriff Commanders for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027 [2025-175](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services Local 184 - Deputy Sheriff Commander for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027.
2. Authorize the Chair and the County Manager to execute the agreement.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: [B2025-095](#)

6. Terms of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Ramsey County Deputy Sheriff's Federation for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027 [2025-174](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with Ramsey County Deputy Sheriff's Federation for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027.
2. Authorize the Chair and the County Manager to execute the agreement.

Motion to amend the attachment "2025-2027 Ramsey County Deputy Sheriff's Federation Tentative Agreement Summary List" to reflect the agreed-upon clarifying language. Motioned by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Xiong. Unanimously approved.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2025-096

8. Support for Nominations to National Association of Counties 2025 Leadership Positions [2025-198](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Tara Jebens-Singh for: Member of the Large Urban County Caucus and Member of the Health Policy Steering Committee.
2. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire for: Member of the Programs and Services Committee, Member of the Large Urban County Caucus and Member of the Arts and Culture Commission.
3. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Garrison McMurtrey for: Member of the Large Urban County Caucus and Vice Chair of the Community, Economic & Workforce Development Policy Steering Committee.
4. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Rena Moran for: Member of the Large Urban County Caucus and Member of the Healthy Counties Advisory Board.
5. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Rafael Ortega for: Member of the Large Urban County Caucus and Member of the Transportation Steering Committee.
6. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Mai Chong Xiong for: Vice Chair - Human Services & Education (Aging Subcommittee); Member - Large Urban County Caucus.
7. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Kelly Miller for: Member of the IT Standing Committee and Member of the Large Urban County Caucus.

Motion to amend the Background and Rationale section to correct inaccurate appointments and ensure alignment with Board Resolution B2025-046 and Board Resolution B2025-047. Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Approved unanimously.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2025-097

9. Amendment to the Minimum Assessment Agreement for the Ford Site TIF District #322 [2025-201](#)

Sponsors: County Assessor's Office

Approve the second amendment to minimum assessment agreement and the reduction of minimum market values set forth therein, in substantially the form presented to the Ramsey County Board, together with any related documents necessary in connection therewith.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2025-098

PRESENTATION

10. Presentation: Investing in the Workforce Update

[2025-164](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Kristen Schultz, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, and Cassy Fogale, Labor Relations Manager. Discussion can be found on archived video.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Presented by Commissioner Moran. Discussion can be found on archived video.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Ling Becker. Discussion can be found on archived video.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion can be found on archived video.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Presented by Chair Ortega. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

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Item Number: 2025-191

Meeting Date: 5/27/2025

Sponsor: Human Resources

Title

Proclamation: Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders Month

Attachments

1. Proclamation

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is committed to advancing racial equity while striving to be an anti-racist organization, and acknowledges Asian American, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islander Heritage month celebrates and honors the histories, languages, cultures, and contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI): in Minnesota this includes, but not limited to, Asian Indian, Burmese, Chinese, Cambodian, Filipino, Hmong, Japanese, Karen, Korean, Lao, Native Hawaiian, Thai and Vietnamese ancestry or ethnic origin; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County recognizes that AANHPI community members have been subjected to systemic and institutional discrimination, and injustices and acknowledges that data disaggregation among Asian ethnicities is critical in serving and honoring all AANHPI members, and ensuring they are not treated as a monolith; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners stand with the Ramsey County Asian Descent Network (ADN) to advance leaders in the AANHPI communities and to recognize the many community organizations, nonprofits, businesses and individual trailblazers that have made contributions to the community's economic, social, and cultural affluence; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners honors and celebrates Dr. Lynn Ogawa as a leader and champion in the AANHPI community, Dr. Ogawa is an example of an AANHPI woman in leadership serving Ramsey County residents as a Medical Director who is dedicated to addressing racial health disparities and political determinants of health across all public health divisions including WIC, Family Health, Emergency Preparedness & Response, Clinical Services, Healthy Communities, Environmental Health, Correctional Health and the Detox program; and

WHEREAS, As one of the founding sponsors of ADN, Dr. Ogawa continues to demonstrate unwavering commitment, mentorship, and engagement in uplifting and empowering the AANHPI community; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares the month of May 2025 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to celebrate Asian arts, social services, and businesses, and recognize Asian accomplishments so that the cultures, histories, and stories of these communities are seen and heard; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America, urges all residents to honor and celebrate the rich collective history by recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander leaders and associated community members.




Rafael Ortega, Board Chair, District 5



Tara Jebens-Singh, Commissioner, District 1



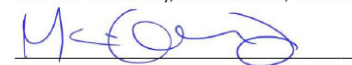
Mary Jo McGuire, Commissioner, District 2



Garrison McMurtrey, Commissioner, District 3



Rena Moran, Commissioner, District 4



Mai Chong Xiong, Commissioner, District 6



Kelly Miller, Commissioner, District 7



Ling Becker, County Manager

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2025-185

Meeting Date: 5/27/2025

Sponsor: Medical Examiner

Title

Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Corrections for Medical Examiner Services

Recommendation

1. Approve an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Corrections, 1450 Energy Park Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55108, for medical examiner services for the period upon execution through June 30, 2026, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$42,000 per year.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.

Background and Rationale

The state of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Corrections, Office of Special Investigations wishes to continue a Joint Powers of Agreement (JPA) with Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office to provide medical examiner services as needed to the Minnesota Department of Corrections. Services include but are not limited to use of autopsy room, equipment, preparation of reports, autopsies, drug quantification, blood testing, toxicology, x-rays, and review incarcerated deaths per Minnesota Statutes Section 390.11, subdivision 1a. The amendment is to extend the JPA one more year.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☐ Well-being ☐ Prosperity ☐ Opportunity ☒ Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

This JPA ensures all Ramsey County residents have access to the professional services provided during and after the death investigation process regardless of circumstances, race, financial, or social status. The Medical Examiner's Office works closely with next of kin (if possible) to follow and respect cultural practices of the final arrangements for the decedent.

Community Participation Level and Impact

There was no community engagement for this request for board action. This is to inform the public that the JPA is being extended for an additional year and to ensure transparency in services provided by the Medical Examiner's Office.

☒ Inform ☐ Consult ☐ Involve ☐ Collaborate ☐ Empower

Fiscal Impact

Payment for services will be billed to Minnesota Department of Corrections in each occurrence of actual costs. Estimated costs noted in the JPA is \$2,100 per examination not to exceed a total obligation of \$42,000 over the length of the JPA (\$21,000 per year). Any revenues received would be utilized to offset the increased expenditures required for an examination. On average, the Medical Examiner's Office receives \$13,000 annually from the Minnesota Department of Corrections for medical examiner services.

Last Previous Action

On July 9, 2024 the Ramsey County Board approved a Joint Powers of Agreement with the state of Minnesota, Department of Corrections for medical examiner services (Resolution B2024-127).

Attachments

1. Amended Joint Powers of Agreement.



State of Minnesota

Joint Powers Agreement

SWIFT Contract Number: 267602

This Agreement is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Corrections, Office of Special Investigations ("State") and Ramsey County on behalf of the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office 300 E. University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101 ("Governmental Unit").

Recitals

Under Minnesota Statutes § 471.59, subd. 10, the State is empowered to engage such assistance as deemed necessary. The State is in need of a facility in which to conduct inmate autopsies by an independent, contracted, board-certified, Forensic Pathologist and laboratories to provide drug quantification, blood testing, toxicology, and X-rays in the review of all Department of Corrections incarcerated deaths as per Minnesota Statutes, Section 390.11, subd. 1a.

Agreement

1. Term of Agreement

- 1.1 Effective Date: July 1, 2025, or the date the State obtains all required signatures under Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 2, whichever is later.
- 1.2 Expiration Date: June 30, 2027, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

2. Agreement between the Parties

The Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office will provide the use of autopsy room, equipment, preparation of reports and all laboratory services related to the examination for all Minnesota Department of Corrections incarcerated death investigations referred by the State's authorized representative. Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office may use other outside laboratories for testing purposes.

3. Payment

The Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office will invoice the Department of Corrections for services provided in each occurrence. The estimated cost for these services provided by the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office is \$1,550.00 for each forensic autopsy examination and \$600.00 for each forensic external examination. Payment will be made to Ramsey County per occurrence. The total obligation of the State under this agreement will not exceed \$42,000.00 (forty-two thousand dollars).

The total obligation of the State under this Agreement will not exceed \$42,000.00.

4. Authorized Representatives

The State's Authorized Representative is Mark Koderick, Assistant Director of Investigations, 1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 200, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108, 651-642-0208, or his/her successor.

The Governmental Unit's Authorized Representative is Shanika Alston, Ramsey County Assistant Attorney, 360 Wabasha St N #100, St Paul, MN 55102, (651) 266-3173, or his/her successor.

5. Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Contract Complete.

- 5.1 Assignment. The Governmental Unit may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior consent of the State and a fully executed assignment agreement, executed and approved by the authorized parties or their successors.
- 5.2 Amendments. Any amendment to this Agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the authorized parties or their successors.
- 5.3 Waiver. If the State fails to enforce any provision of this Agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or its right to enforce it.
- 5.4 Contract Complete. This Agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and the Contractor. No other understanding regarding this Agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

6. Indemnification.

- 6.1 In the performance of this Agreement, the Indemnifying Party must indemnify, save, and hold harmless the State, its agents, and employees, from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the State, to the extent caused by Indemnifying Party's:

- Intentional, willful, or negligent acts or omissions; or
- Actions that give rise to strict liability; or
- Breach of contract or warranty.

The Indemnifying Party is defined to include the Governmental Unit, the Governmental Unit's reseller, any third party that has a business relationship with the Governmental Unit, or Governmental Unit's agents or employees, and to the fullest extent permitted by law. The indemnification obligations of this section do not apply in the event the claim or cause of action is the result of the State's sole negligence. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Indemnifying Party may have for the State's failure to fulfill its obligation under this Agreement.

- 6.2 Nothing within this Agreement, whether express or implied, shall be deemed to create an obligation on the part of the State to indemnify, defend, hold harmless or release the Indemnifying Party. This shall extend to all agreements related to the subject matter of this Contract, and to all terms subsequently added, without regard to order of precedence.

7. State Audits.

Under Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 5, the Governmental Unit's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this Agreement are subject to examination by the State, the State Auditor, or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

8. Government Data Practices.

The Governmental Unit and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, (or, if the State contracting party is part of the Judicial Branch, with the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch promulgated by the Minnesota Supreme Court as the same may be amended from time to time) as it applies to all data provided by the State under this Agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Governmental Unit under this Contract. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. § 13.08 apply to the release of the data governed by the Minnesota Government Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, by either the Governmental Unit or the State.

If the Governmental Unit receives a request to release the data referred to in this clause, the Governmental Unit must immediately notify and consult with the State's Authorized Representative as to how the Governmental Unit should respond to the request. The Governmental Unit's response to the request shall comply with applicable law.

9. Venue

Venue for all legal proceedings out of this Agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

10. Termination

10.1 Termination. The State or the Governmental Unit may terminate this agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the other party.

10.2 Termination for Insufficient Funding. The State may immediately terminate this Agreement if it does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source; or if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination must be by written or fax notice to the Governmental Unit. The State is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the Governmental Unit will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. The State will not be assessed any penalty if the agreement is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to appropriate funds. The State must provide the Governmental Unit notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of the State's receiving that notice.

11. E-Verify Certification (in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16C.075).

For services valued in excess of \$50,000, the Governmental Unit certifies that as of the date of services performed on behalf of the State, Governmental Unit and all its subcontractors will have implemented or be in the process of implementing the federal E-Verify Program for all newly hired employees in the United States who will perform work on behalf of the State. The Governmental Unit is responsible for collecting all subcontractor certifications and may do so utilizing the E-Verify Subcontractor Certification Form available at <http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/doc/EverifySubCertForm.doc>. All subcontractor certifications must be kept on file with Contractor and made available to the State upon request.

1. State Encumbrance Verification

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. §§ 16A.15 and 16C.05

Print Name: DocuSigned by: Blair Bjerkeset
 Signature: Blair Bjerkeset
 Title: Accounting Officer Senior Date: 4/18/2025
 SWIFT Contract No. 267602 3-172512

2. Governmental Unit

Print Name: Shanika Alston
 Signature: Shanika Alston
 Title: Asst. RC Attorney Date: 4/21/2025

Print Name: Holly Pratt
 Signature: Holly Pratt
 Title: Controller Date: 4/21/2025

Print Name: River Valley Forensic Services, PA - Dr. Kelly Mills
 Signature: Kelly Mills
 Title: President/CEO Date: 4/21/2025

Print Name: Jason Yang
 Signature: _____
 Title: Chief Clerk Date: _____

Print Name: Rafael E. Ortega
 Signature: _____
 Title: Board Chair Date: _____

3. State Agency

With delegated authority

Print Name: _____
 Signature: _____
 Title: _____ Date: _____

4. Commissioner of Administration

As delegated to The Office of State Procurement

Print Name: _____
 Signature: _____
 Title: _____ Date: _____
 Admin ID: _____

From: Van Horn, Sherry M (ADM) [sherry.vanhorn@state.mn.us]
To: Bjerkeset, Blair (DOC) [blair.bjerkeset@state.mn.us]
Subject: FW: Ramsey County Retainage Waiver
Sent: Tue 4/15/2025 8:26 AM GMT-07:00
Importance: Normal

Hi Blair. This retainage waiver for 267602 is approved.

Sherry

From: Bjerkeset, Blair (DOC) <blair.bjerkeset@state.mn.us
<mailto:blair.bjerkeset@state.mn.us> >
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 3:24 PM
To: PT Contracts (ADM) <pt.contracts@state.mn.us
<mailto:pt.contracts@state.mn.us> >
Subject: Ramsey County Retainage Waiver

Can Someone approve the retainage waiver for Ramsey County? Thanks

Blair Bjerkeset

Accounting Officer Senior, Professional Technical Contracts Unit | Finance
651-539-6301

Blair.bjerkeset@state.mn.us <mailto:Blair.bjerkeset@state.mn.us>

Minnesota Department of Corrections

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St Paul, MN 55108

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Main: 651.361.7200 | Fax: 651.642.0223 | TTY: 800.627.3529
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Date: April 8, 2025

To: PT Contracts, Department of Administration

From: John Melvin, Office of Special Investigations (OSI) Director

CC: Blair Bjerkeset, DOC Contracts

RE: Retainage Waiver

The Minnesota Department of Corrections utilizes various contracts for investigative and peace officer standards services. Some of these services are performed as individual point-of-services and we are unsure if these services will be used again during the fiscal year.

Therefore, we are requesting a retainage waiver for the following P/T contract which provides forensic pathology services for Minnesota DOC incarcerated offender death investigations referred to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office:

Ramsey County

Please reply with your approval or denial.

Thank you.

From: Baumgart, Alicia (DOC) [Alicia.Baumgart@state.mn.us]
To: Jaworski, Cherilyn (DOC) [cherilyn.jaworski@state.mn.us]
Subject: RE: Inquiry - Layoff list - regarding Medical Examiner Services Contract
Sent: Fri 4/4/2025 1:55 PM GMT-07:00
Importance: Normal

Good afternoon Cherilyn,

There is not a layoff list for this type of work. Please proceed

Thanks!

Ali Baumgart
HR Consultant | Human Resources

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Thank you.

From: Mack, Elizabeth (DOC) <Elizabeth.Mack@state.mn.us>
Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 1:27 PM
To: Baumgart, Alicia (DOC) <Alicia.Baumgart@state.mn.us>
Subject: FW: Inquiry - Layoff list - regarding Medical Examiner Services Contract

Ali,
Can you please review and get back to Cherilyn?

Thank you

Liz Mack

HR Director 2 | Human Resources

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From: Jaworski, Cherilyn (DOC) <cherilyn.jaworski@state.mn.us
<mailto:cherilyn.jaworski@state.mn.us> >
Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 12:40 PM
To: Mack, Elizabeth (DOC) <Elizabeth.Mack@state.mn.us
<mailto:Elizabeth.Mack@state.mn.us> >
Subject: Inquiry - Layoff list - regarding Medical Examiner Services Contract

Hi Liz,

Is there any DOC employee on a seniority layoff list to consider to perform the Medical Examiner services in Ramsey County?

We need an independent, contracted board-certified, Forensic Pathologist and laboratories to provide drug quantification, blood testing, toxicology, and x-rays in the review of all Department of Corrections incarcerated deaths as is required per Minnesota Statutes, Section 390.11, subd. 1a.

Thanks & have a great day,

Cherilyn

Cherilyn Jaworski

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16A.15-16C.05 Reporting Form

(Based on Minnesota Statutes Sections 16A.15 and 16C.05)

Department of Corrections Division of Office of Special Investigations

SWIFT Contract # 267602 Vendor Name Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office

Select ONE (1) of the following:

- ☒ Professional/Technical Contract – Submit Two (2) Fully Executed Paper Copies with the contract to OSP
- ☐ Professional/Technical Delegated – Submit an Executed Electronic Copy to Procurement.User@state.mn.us
- ☐ Professional/Technical Annual Plans – Submit an Executed Electronic Copy to Procurement.User@state.mn.us
- ☐ Acquisitions (Goods and General Services) – Submit an Executed Electronic Copy to Procurement.User@state.mn.us
- ☐ Grants – Submit an Executed Electronic Copy to Procurement.User@state.mn.us

I. NO OBLIGATION INCURRED PRIOR TO ENCUMBRANCE OR CONTRACT EXECUTION (Minn. Stat. §§ 16A.15, subd. 3 and 16C.05, subd. 2)*

I certify that work has not started as of 07/01/25 and **will not begin until this contract is fully executed.**

Person Responsible: Mark Koderick Date: 04/09/25

II. OBLIGATION INCURRED PRIOR TO ENCUMBRANCE (Minn. Stat. § 16A.15, subd. 3)*

Total Contract or Amendment Amount \$ _____ Obligation Date: _____ (when work started)

Nature of Contract/Scope of Work:

Reason why obligation was incurred before contract was encumbered:

What corrective action will be taken to prevent the problem from happening in the future?

(1) Person Responsible (Printed Name and Signature) Date: _____

(3) Agency Head or Formal Delegate Date: _____

(2) Agency Accounting Director Date: _____



III. OBLIGATION INCURRED PRIOR TO CONTRACT EXECUTION (Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 2)*

Work on this contract started as of _____

Nature of Contract/Scope of Work:

Reason why contract was not fully executed prior to begin date:

What corrective action will be taken to prevent the problem from happening in the future?

(1) Person Responsible (Printed Name and Signature)

Date: _____

(2) Agency Head or Formal Delegate

Date: _____

10/04/2023

*** See next page for text of Minn. Stat. § 16A.15, subd. 3 and Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 2**



16A.15-16C Memo, page 2

Minnesota Statutes Section 16A.15, subdivision 3 (emphasis added)

Allotment and encumbrance

(a) A payment may not be made without prior obligation. An obligation may not be incurred against any fund, allotment, or appropriation unless the commissioner [of finance] has certified a sufficient unencumbered balance or the accounting system shows sufficient allotment or encumbrance balance in the fund, allotment, or appropriation to meet it. . . . An expenditure or obligation authorized or incurred in violation of this chapter is invalid and ineligible for payment until made valid. A payment made in violation of this chapter is illegal. An employee authorizing or making the payment, or taking part in it, and a person receiving any part of the payment, are jointly and severally liable to the state for the amount paid or received. If an employee knowingly incurs an obligation or authorizes or makes an expenditure in violation of this chapter or takes part in the violation, the violation is just cause for the employee's removal by the appointing authority or by the governor if an appointing authority other than the governor fails to do so. A claim presented against an appropriation without prior allotment or encumbrance may be made valid on investment, review, and approval by the commissioner [of finance], if the services, materials, or supplies to be paid for were actually furnished in good faith without collusion and without intent to defraud.

Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.05, subdivision 2 (emphasis added)

Creation and validity of contracts

(a) **A contract is not valid and the state is not bound by it and no agency, without the prior written approval of the commissioner granted pursuant to subdivision 2a, may authorize work to begin on it unless:**

- (1) it has first been executed by the head of the agency or a delegate who is a party to the contract;
- (2) it has been approved by the commissioner [of administration]; and
- (3) the accounting system shows an encumbrance for the amount of the contract liability.

(b) the combined contract and amendments must not exceed five years, unless otherwise provided by law. The term of the original contract must not exceed two years unless the commissioner determines that a longer duration is in the best interest of the state.

STATE OF MINNESOTA ENCUMBRANCE WORKSHEET

State Accounting Information:**SWIFT Contract No.** 267602**PO No.:** 3-172512**Requestor:** Cherilyn Jaworski

Agency: P78 Corrections	Fiscal Year(s): 2026 & 2027	Vendor Number: 0000196508
Total Amount of Contract: \$42,000.00		
Category Code: 85121804		
Account Code: 411325		

Accounting Distribution 1: FY26	Accounting Distribution 2: For Increases	Accounting Distribution 3:
Fund: 1000	Fund:	Fund:
AppropID: P784310	AppropID:	AppropID:
Fin DeptID: P7834303	Fin DeptID:	Fin DeptID:
Project (3000 fund only):	Project (3000 fund only):	Project (3000 fund only):
Amount: \$12,600.00	Amount: \$29,400.00	Amount:

Contract Start Date: July 1, 2025**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2027

Contractor Name and Address: Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office
 300 East University Avenue
 St. Paul, MN 55101

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2025-178

Meeting Date: 5/27/2025

Sponsor: County Assessor's Office

Title

2025 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization

Recommendation

1. Appoint the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization members and designated chairs, to conduct the 2025 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization, as needed, on meeting days June 17, 2025 and adjourn on completion of business (excluding Saturday):
 - Bryan Clapper - District 1
 - Patrick Todd (Chair) - District 2
 - Patty Lammers - District 3
 - Susan Gilmer- District 4
 - John Mascari - District 5
 - Patrick Guernsey - District 5
 - Jeanette Jones - District 6
 - Joy Erickson (Chair) - District 7
 - Lora Bullert - County Manager appointed
 - Artika Tyner - County Manager appointed
2. Approve the Procedural Rules to be adhered to by the 2025 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.
3. Approve the Code of Ethics and Conduct Guidelines to be adhered to by the 2025 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.
4. Authorize the County Manager to approve the payment of expenses for the 2025 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization and expenses for training for 2026 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization members as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 274.13.

Background and Rationale

The Ramsey County Assessor's Office estimates market value and determines property classification, striving to provide an accurate and equitable property assessment. Standards are established to ensure that Ramsey County property owners are provided easy access to the Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization and simplified procedures for presenting appeals and receiving a fair, impartial hearing.

Minnesota Statutes, section 274.13, authorizes the Ramsey County Board to appoint a Special Board of Appeal and Equalization for 2025. As provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 274.14, the Special Board must meet after the second Friday in June on at least one meeting day and may meet for up to 10 consecutive meeting days. This Special Board would serve beginning June 17, 2025, and adjourn on completion of business (excluding Saturday). The Special Board will hear taxpayers' appeals of their 2025 market value or classification. These 2025 values and classifications will be utilized to calculate the 2026 property taxes.

There were no changes in the Code of Ethics and Conduct Guidelines from 2025 with the exception of some new Special Board members and reassignments by commissioner district. Under state law, the county must have one voting member who has completed a Minnesota Department of Revenue training course within the

last four years. Seven of the 10 appointed Special Board members have completed this training. Three of the 10 appointed members are Real Estate Professionals.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)☐ Well-being☐ Prosperity☐ Opportunity☒ Accountability**Racial Equity Impact**

The County Assessor's Office strives to assess all properties fairly and equitably. The Special Board of Appeal and Equalization process reviews values and/or classifications to ensure they are correct and ensures that owners are not paying higher taxes than a property is worth, and as a result, reduces the financial burden. Language, racial or cultural issues can create barriers to access and/or understand the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization process; therefore, more work may be needed to address those issues. We offer a variety of language translation options on our public website to allow for our policies to be interpreted in other languages.

Community Participation Level and Impact

The community is informed about this action through board action.

☒ Inform☐ Consult☐ Involve☐ Collaborate☐ Empower**Fiscal Impact**

The Special Board of Appeal and Equalization process is state mandated. Funds are included in the approved 2025 County Assessor budget. Each member is paid a daily fee for their service. The daily fee paid to members encourages participation from community members and real estate professionals and helps them offset revenue lost while serving on the board.

Each member will be paid \$315 for the first day of service and an additional \$225 for each additional day of service. Each member will receive a minimum of \$315. The expense for the 2025 meeting is estimated to be \$4,000.

Last Previous Action

On May 7, 2024, the Ramsey County Board appointed Jan Rapheal (District 1), Mitch Corbin (District 2), Jeanette Jones (District 3), Artika Tyner (District 3), Susan Gilmer (District 4), Ron Stevens (District 5), Nuyeng Yang (District 6), Joy Erickson (District 7), John Mascari (County Manager appointed), and Patty Lammers (County Manager appointed) to conduct the 2024 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization, as needed, on meeting days June 17, 2024 through June 28, 2024 (excluding Saturday) (Resolution B2024-070).

Attachments

1. 2025 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization Code of Conduct Guidelines

2025 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization Members

DISTRICT 1

Tara Jebens-Singh

****** Bryan Clapper

North Oaks, MN 55127

DISTRICT 2

Mary Jo McGuire

****** Patrick Todd ***(Chair)**

New Brighton, MN 55112

DISTRICT 3

Garrison McMurtyre

Patty Lammers

Saint Paul, MN 55117

DISTRICT 4

Rena Moran

Susan Gilmer

Saint Paul, MN 55105

DISTRICT 5

Rafael Ortega, Chair
2 appointments

◆◆ John Mascari

Saint Paul, MN 55116

****** Patrick Guernsey

Saint Paul, MN 55102

DISTRICT 6

Mai Chong Xiong

◆◆ Jeanette Jones

Saint Paul, MN 55119

DISTRICT 7

Kelly Miller

◆◆ Joy Erickson ***(Chair)**

White Bear Lake, MN 55110

COUNTY MANAGER

Ling Becker
2 appointments

◆◆** Lora Bullert

White Bear Town, MN 55110

Artika Tyner

Saint Paul, MN 55104

*Designated Chair

**New appointee

◆◆ Required Real Estate Professional

2025 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization Procedural Rules

1. The Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization shall consist of at least ten members, with one member being recommended by each Commissioner and two members by the Chair and two members by the County Manager. All members must be residents of Ramsey County. At least one member must be a real estate appraiser, realtor or other real estate professional, familiar with property valuation in the county.
2. Two designated chairpersons shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Commissioners. A chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Special Board and shall have duties and responsibilities as are normally attended upon that office. The Special Board shall be convened as panels of five members, including a designated chair each day. If volume of appeals dictates two separate panels, the panels may consist of only three members if required. The Ramsey County Assessor's office shall schedule panel members.
3. Regular meetings of the board shall be held as specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 274.14.
 - a. The Ramsey County Assessor's Office will mail a board of appeal and equalization application to interested persons, including a request for basic information concerning the property. If the property is income producing, the owner or owner representative must submit, at time of initial application, two years of income and expense information and a current rent roll.
 - b. Upon timely receipt (*by May 5th*) of a completed application, the applicant will arrange with the Ramsey County Assessor's Office a time for the assessor to perform an interior inspection of the property. The owner or owner's representative must accompany the assessor on this inspection.
 - c. The Ramsey County Assessor's Office will complete an appraisal of the valuation of the property. The county's appraisal report will be written and will be made available to the applicant at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.
 - d. Applicant must provide copies to the Ramsey County Assessor of all documentation to be presented to the Special Board at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing.
 - e. Upon receipt of the completed application and review of the property the Ramsey County Assessor's office will schedule a hearing at 1-hour intervals beginning the first day scheduled for the board.
 - f. If the total number of applicants appearing before the Special Board is 50 or below, then the following format will be utilized. Each applicant will be allowed 20 minutes to present any data or information relevant to the market value or tax classification of the subject property. The Ramsey County Assessor, or designee, will then be allowed up to 20 minutes to present any relevant information to support the market value or tax classification assigned by the assessor. The board shall have 20 minutes to make a decision. The board chair shall have the authority to cast a tie-breaking vote should any deliberations result in a tie.
 - g. If the total number of applicants appearing before the Special Board is 51 to 150, then the following format will be utilized. Each applicant will be allowed 10 minutes to present any data or information relevant to the market value or tax

classification of the subject property. The Ramsey County Assessor, or designee, will then be allowed up to 10 minutes to present any relevant information to support the market value or tax classification assigned by the assessor. The board shall have 10 minutes to make a decision. The board chair shall have the authority to cast a tie-breaking vote should any deliberations result in a tie.

- h. If the total number of applicants to the Special Board exceeds 150, then the County Board authorizes the Ramsey County Assessor to adjust the process to ensure all citizens' appeals can be heard in the statutory ten-day window. If modifications are made, they will be made in a fashion that ensures the process remains fair and transparent.
 - i. All deliberations are to be made immediately following the individual hearings and in full view and hearing of the public. The board will make its decisions based solely on information offered at the hearing and will conduct no independent fact-finding of its own relative to the value or classification of any parcel presented to the board for review.
 - j. The decisions of the Special Board should be made by motion, second, discussion and voice vote. The recording secretary will record the vote of each board member for each case heard by the Special Board. The recording secretary shall review said record with the Special Board each day to ensure accuracy.
- 4. All meetings and hearings conducted by the Special Board shall be conducted pursuant to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13D. All data presented relative to the valuation or classification of any parcel will be considered public data.
 - 5. Each member will be paid \$315 for the first day of service and an additional \$225 for each additional day of service. Each member will receive a minimum of \$315.
 - 6. All of the Special Board's legal questions, which arise from work performed, should be referred to the Ramsey County Attorney for appropriate response.
 - 7. The Ramsey County Assessor will be responsible for staffing and for the assembling of documentation for the appointees. The assessor shall provide an organizational orientation session for the appointees prior to beginning their work on June 17th. Examples of staffing responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the ten-day staffing and scheduling, the administering of an oath to the members, completing forms for compensation for the members and the training program.
 - 8. The Ramsey County Auditor shall appoint a non-voting member to serve as the recording secretary for the Special Board.

Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization

Board Code of Ethics and Conduct Guidelines

The Mission of the Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization is the fair and equitable resolution of all valuation and classification appeals on real and taxable personal property located in Ramsey County. As part of this mission, the Special Board will attempt to foster an open and trusted professional relationship with concerned taxpayers and County staff.

1. Special Board members shall strive to treat applicants, fellow Special Board members and staff respectfully at all times.
2. All deliberations shall be made on an impartial basis and publicly.
3. Special Board members should refrain from discussing Special Board proceedings with applicants outside of the presence of the other Special Board members.
4. Concerns about the actions, behavior or motivations of any participant in the Special Board process should be directed to the County Manager.
5. Special Board members should attempt to understand all facts presented them in order to arrive at a fair decision. They should ask for clarification when necessary and seek additional information when required.
6. No Special Board member shall participate in any proceeding regarding his/her own property.
7. No member shall sit in judgment of an appeal where the member either has a personal interest in a property under appeal or personal bias toward the parties. Should this situation arise, the Special Board member will inform the Chair and recuse themselves. A recused member shall not participate in the discussions or offer questions or make comments during a hearing or during deliberations.
8. Special Board members should be extremely cautious of participating in deliberations of an appeal where the member has a prior personal relationship with the applicant. Such relationship should be disclosed prior to the beginning of the hearing of the appeal. Fellow Special Board members should then decide whether the issue should be waived or the fellow Special Board member is excused for that proceeding.
9. It is unethical to accept or to agree to accept compensation of any kind from an appellant appearing before the Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization. Any such offer must be reported to the County Manager.
10. No Special Board member shall participate or vote in any deliberation relating to issues or proposal in which he or she has a conflict of interest. A conflict of interest exists where the member:
 - 10.1. Has a material, current, or anticipated financial interest in the property, or is affected by the issues or proposed assessment to a greater degree than other members of his/her business classification, profession or occupation; or
 - 10.2. Is a director, trustee, officer, employee, or agent of a company or institution directly involved in the property; or
 - 10.3. Is related by blood or marriage to an individual having any current or contemplated ownership interest in the subject property; or
 - 10.4. Is a personal friend of the applicant.
11. There will be no official audio or video recording of any of the meetings. There shall be no unofficial audio or video recordings made unless agreed to by all participants and then they will not be made part of the official record.

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2025-188

Meeting Date: 5/27/2025

Sponsor: Property Management

Title

Termination of Ground Lease with District Energy St. Paul, Inc.

Recommendation

1. Approve the termination of the ground lease with District Energy St. Paul, Inc., 76 Kellogg Boulevard West, Saint Paul, MN 55102, for use of 35,974 square feet of land at 50 Kellogg Boulevard West, Saint Paul, MN 55102.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the lease termination.

Background and Rationale

In September 2023, Ramsey County approved the ground lease use of land for District Energy. District Energy's use of land was to support a hydrogen-fueled combined heat and power system pilot project. District Energy was awarded funds from the United States Department of Energy and partnered with Caterpillar to implement the project.

As of October 2023, District Energy was able to start and implement the pilot project. The pilot project was completed April 2025. On November 20, 2024, the Ramsey County Manager approved a six-month lease amendment with District Energy St. Paul, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. As the project is now completed, District Energy no longer has a need for the use of land at 50 Kellogg Boulevard West.

Ramsey County Property Management would like to terminate the ground lease with District Energy on May 31, 2025, one month prior to current June 30, 2025 lease expiration date.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☐ Well-being ☐ Prosperity ☐ Opportunity ☒ Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

There is no racial equity impact associated with this Request for Board Action.

Community Participation Level and Impact

There is no community participation associated with this Request for Board Action.

☒ Inform ☐ Consult ☐ Involve ☐ Collaborate ☐ Empower

Fiscal Impact

The lease termination will impact the property management operating budget and is estimated to be a decrease of \$11,290 in 2025.

Last Previous Action

On September 26, 2023, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved a ground lease agreement with District Energy St. Paul Inc. (Resolution B2023-165).

Attachments

1. Termination of Ground Lease

TERMINATION OF GROUND LEASE

This **TERMINATION OF GROUND LEASE** ("Termination") is made this ____ day of May, 2025 (the "Effective Date"), by and between Ramsey County, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota ("County" or "Landlord"), and District Energy St. Paul, Inc., a Minnesota nonprofit corporation ("DESP" or "Tenant").

RECITALS

A. Landlord and Tenant are parties to that certain Ground Lease, dated October 1, 2023, as amended by First Amendment to Ground Lease dated June 24, 2024, and by Second Amendment to Ground Lease dated November 20, 2024, for the Leased Premises (as defined therein) (the "Ground Lease"). Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meanings therefor that are set forth in the Ground Lease.

B. The Leased Premises is depicted on Exhibit D to the Ground Lease and consists of a portion of the County Property. The County Property is identified as Ramsey County Parcels 0628221302876 and 062822130219 and is depicted on Exhibit A to the Ground Lease.

C. The Term of the Ground Lease will expire at 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2025; however, Landlord and Tenant have mutually agreed to an early termination of the Ground Lease and to change the expiration date to May 31, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby terminate the Ground Lease as follows:

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Ground Lease, the term of the Ground Lease shall terminate and end at 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Termination on the date first written above.

RAMSEY COUNTY

By: _____
Rafael Ortega
Chair of the Board of Commissioners

By: _____
Jason Yang
Chief Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

DISTRICT ENERGY ST. PAUL, INC.

By: _____
Print Name: _____
Title: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kathleen Ritter
Assistant County Attorney

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

Jean Krueger
Jean Krueger, Director
Ramsey County Property Management

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2025-206

Meeting Date: 5/27/2025

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

General Liability/Tort Self-Insurance Fund Transfer

Recommendation

1. Authorize the County Manager to transfer \$6,000,000 of General Fund fund balance to the General Liability/Tort Self-Insurance Fund.
2. Authorize the County Manager to transfer unencumbered funds from the General Fund fund balance up to an additional \$3,000,000 as necessary to replenish the General Liability/Tort Self-Insurance Fund in the event the General Liability/Tort Self-Insurance Fund is depleted to a balance of \$3,000,000 or less. This delegated authority shall expire on December 31, 2025.
3. The County Manager shall provide written notification to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and the Audit Committee of any transfer of funds pursuant to the delegated authority in this Request for Board Action within ten (10) working days after the transfer of funds is complete. The appropriation of funds shall be utilized in accordance with Ramsey County Home Rule Charter 10.01 (B).

Background and Rationale

Ramsey County is a self-insured entity for general liability and tort matters. As a self-insured entity, the County does not have a traditional insurance policy and maintains a self-insurance fund. Given the size of the County, self-insuring for general liability and tort matters is more cost effective than purchasing traditional insurance.

The General Liability/Tort Self-Insurance Fund is managed by Enterprise Risk Management (ERM). It is used to pay for general liability and tort expenses as well as internal service fees from the Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

As a public entity, Ramsey County provides crucial community services including but not limited to:

- Maintaining parks and recreational facilities, including parks, golf courses, and ice arenas.
- Connecting residents to assistance and support programs.
- Providing law enforcement and public safety and legal services.
- Registering voters and managing elections.
- Operating recycling and yard waste facilities.
- Managing a library system with seven locations.
- Operating an emergency call center (911).
- Connecting veterans to benefits.
- Processing birth records and marriage licenses.
- Maintaining and improving county roads, bridges, and related infrastructure.
- Planning and developing public transportation services.
- Inspecting food establishments and vendors.
- Supporting an active workforce through job readiness services.
- Responding to natural disasters and public health emergencies.

This vital work inherently comes with elevated risks. As such, ERM regularly assesses county-wide risks and available financial resources to ensure adequate funding for liability claims.

To allow for more efficient management of the General Liability/Tort Self-insurance Fund and processing of liability claims, this action delegates authority to the County Manager to replenish the General Liability/Tort Self-Insurance Fund up to an additional \$3,000,000 before December 31, 2025; requires the County Manager to provide written notification within ten (10) working days after the transfer of any said funds to the Board of Commissioners and the Audit Committee; and authorizes a one-time transfer in the amount of \$6,000,000 to the General Liability/Tort Self-Insurance Fund from the General Fund

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)☐ Well-being☐ Prosperity☐ Opportunity☒ Accountability**Racial Equity Impact**

This Request for Board action is strictly internal and there is no direct racial equity impact. However, being self-insured helps the county to save on insurance premiums and allows county officials to directly apply its core values, including dedication to equity, while making decisions about liability claims.

Community Participation Level and Impact

There is no direct community impact, but the Self-Insured Liability fund is one of many funds included in the Ramsey County budget. Community is a key part of the budget process and community members can share feedback through the many county public hearings and other feedback opportunities.

☒ Inform☐ Consult☐ Involve☐ Collaborate☐ Empower**Fiscal Impact**

The current General Liability/Tort Self-Insurance Fund balance is approximately \$25,000 due to recent payouts. The county will continue to remain compliant with its fund balance policy after the transfer(s) authorized by this Request for Board Action.

Last Previous Action

On November 11, 2023 the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners transferred \$3,000,000 from the General Fund Fund balance to the tort liability self-insurance fund (B2023-202).

Attachments

None.

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2025-202

Meeting Date: 5/27/2025

Sponsor: Human Resources

Title

Classification and Compensation Changes for Salary Plans 02P, 98A, 98B, and 98D

Recommendation

Approve the classification and compensation changes for salary plans 02P, 98A, 98B, and 98D for non-represented employees in the classified and unclassified service of the Ramsey County Personnel System.

Background and Rationale

In accordance with the Personnel Act, Minnesota Statute 383A.282, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners is responsible for determining the compensation of all employees in the Ramsey County personnel system.

In 2019, efforts to modernize Ramsey County job classifications and compensation structure began. Unfortunately, the interruptions caused by COVID - 19 and subsequent changes experienced in the labor market created challenges and breaks in the modernization process.

In 2024 those efforts were renewed, resulting in a modernization of the county's classification and compensation structure. Changes in the classification and compensation structure include a simplified classification structure with more opportunities for career advancement, public service labor market alignment of our compensation structure, and opportunity for employees to move through the salary ranges in less time.

On December 17, 2024, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved Phase 1 of the Classification and Compensation Modernization which included changes to classification and compensation for non-represented employees not assigned to salary plans 02P, 98A, 98B, and 98D in the classified and unclassified service of the Ramsey County Personnel System.

Phase 2 of the Classification and Compensation Modernization is the restructure of the classification and compensation changes for salary plans 02P, 98A, 98B, and 98D for non-represented employees in the classified and unclassified service of the Ramsey County Personnel System and concludes the 2025 Classification and Compensation Modernization. This impacts approximately 271 non-represented employees.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☒ Well-being

☒ Prosperity

☒ Opportunity

☐ Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

With approximately 4,206 employees employed by Ramsey County, 46% are racially and ethnically diverse with the overall rate of new hires of racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds at 55%. There are approximately 1,040 non-represented employees. Maintaining consistency across the county is essential to establishing equitable and consistent wage structures with equitable opportunities and outcomes in support of the attraction and retention of a diverse workforce that provides services to the residents of Ramsey County and promotes the county's vision, mission and goals.

Community Participation Level and Impact

This action is strictly operational and internal facing. The result of the action helps support residents by offering effective, efficient, and accessible operations. Information on the action item is available on the county's website at <https://data.ramseycounty.us/stories/s/d83f-zey8>.

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Fiscal Impact

Funding was accounted for in Ramsey Counties 2025 operating budget and will be included in the proposed 2026/2027 biennial budget.

Last Previous Action

None.

Attachments

1. Phase 2 Classification and Compensation Modernization, Performance Based Salary Plan

Performance-Based Pay Salary Plan (PBP)

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
27	29.49844	30.55196	31.60547	32.65899	33.71251	34.76602	35.81954	36.87305	37.92657	38.98008	40.0336	41.08712	42.14063	43.19415	44.24766
29	30.67838	31.77404	32.86969	33.96535	35.06101	36.15666	37.25232	38.34797	39.44363	40.53929	41.63494	42.7306	43.82626	44.92191	46.01757
31	31.90552	33.045	34.18448	35.32396	36.46345	37.60293	38.74241	39.88189	41.02138	42.16086	43.30034	44.43982	45.57931	46.71879	47.85827
33	33.18174	34.3668	35.55186	36.73692	37.92198	39.10705	40.29211	41.47717	42.66223	43.84729	45.03236	46.21742	47.40248	48.58754	49.7726
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39	37.32494	38.65797	39.99101	41.32404	42.65707	43.99011	45.32314	46.65618	47.98921	49.32224	50.65528	51.98831	53.32134	54.65438	55.98741
41	38.81794	40.20429	41.59065	42.977	44.36336	45.74971	47.13607	48.52242	49.90878	51.29513	52.68149	54.06784	55.4542	56.84055	58.22691
43	40.37066	41.81246	43.25427	44.69608	46.13789	47.5797	49.02151	50.46332	51.90513	53.34694	54.78875	56.23056	57.67236	59.11417	60.55598
45	41.98548	43.48496	44.98444	46.48393	47.98341	49.48289	50.98237	52.48185	53.98133	55.48081	56.9803	58.47978	59.97926	61.47874	62.97822
47	43.6649	45.22436	46.78382	48.34328	49.90274	51.4622	53.02166	54.58113	56.14059	57.70005	59.25951	60.81897	62.37843	63.93789	65.49735
49	45.4115	47.03334	48.65517	50.27701	51.89885	53.52069	55.14253	56.76437	58.38621	60.00805	61.62989	63.25173	64.87357	66.49541	68.11724
51	47.22796	48.91467	50.60138	52.28809	53.97481	55.66152	57.34823	59.03495	60.72166	62.40837	64.09508	65.7818	67.46851	69.15522	70.84193
53	49.11707	50.87126	52.62544	54.37962	56.1338	57.88798	59.64216	61.39634	63.15052	64.90471	66.65889	68.41307	70.16725	71.92143	73.67561
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63	59.75843	61.89266	64.02689	66.16112	68.29535	70.42958	72.56381	74.69804	76.83227	78.9665	81.10073	83.23496	85.36919	87.50342	89.63765
65	62.14877	64.36837	66.58797	68.80757	71.02716	73.24676	75.46636	77.68596	79.90556	82.12516	84.34476	86.56436	88.78396	91.00355	93.22315
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87	95.67517	99.09214	102.5091	105.9261	109.3431	112.76	116.177	119.594	123.0109	126.4279	129.8449	133.2618	136.6788	140.0958	143.5128
89	99.50218	103.0558	106.6095	110.1631	113.7168	117.2704	120.8241	124.3777	127.9314	131.485	135.0387	138.5923	142.146	145.6996	149.2533

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2025-181

Meeting Date: 5/27/2025

Sponsor: Public Works

Title

Approval of the Transit and Transportation Investment Plan

Recommendation

Approve the Transit and Transportation Investment Plan.

Background and Rationale

Transit and transportation initiatives in Ramsey County are funded through two sources: a property tax levy through the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) and the Ramsey County Transportation Sales and Use Tax (Sales and Use Tax) imposed through the Ramsey County Board.

In September 2024, Ramsey County made the decision to end its work related to the Riverview Corridor Project. A total of \$730 million combined funding had been allocated from the ½ percent Sales and Use Tax and RCRRA levy towards completion of the project. With the end of the county's work on the project, the opportunity to reallocate the funding arose.

At the November 19, 2024, Transportation Funding Workshop, commissioners discussed the opportunity to reallocate funds from the Riverview Corridor to countywide projects and the eligible uses of the funds. This was followed by county board and RCRRA meetings on December 17, 2024, where the board and RCRRA directed staff to:

- Develop a refined transportation improvement plan utilizing Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Property Tax Levy and Ramsey County Local Option Sales Tax funds previously identified for the Riverview Corridor.
- Direct Public Works staff to develop a detailed transit and transportation investment plan based upon the reallocation of Riverview Corridor funds consistent with the investment categories presented at the November 19, 2024, board workshop for Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority discussion and approval in the Spring of 2025.

Between January and April, a series of internal workshops were held to identify potential projects and project categories for the transit and transportation investment plan. These workshops resulted in the development of a draft plan that included the following project categories:

- Roadways and Interchanges.
- Corridor Improvements.
- Transformative and Innovative.
- Union Depot and Railroad.
- Other.

All project categories have the ability to positively impact multimodal (pedestrian and bicycle) and transit, through specific projects, however, the Transit and Transportation Investment Plan does not select individual projects. Selection of specific transportation projects is informed by the project categories, the All-Abilities 2050 Transportation Plan, practical and real-world considerations, and ends with the annual adoption of the

county's Transportation Improvement Program.

The project categories, illustrative projects by category and approach to project selection were presented at the April 8, 2025, board workshop on transportation funding. At the end of the workshop the board directed staff to bring the required board actions to the county board and RCRRA board to complete the reallocation of Riverview Corridor funds to countywide projects consistent with the Transit and Transportation Investment Plan and All-Abilities 2050 Transportation Plan. The board emphasized the need to improve transit accessibility, reliability, and frequency throughout the county as part of reallocating the funding.

Approval of the Transit and Transportation Plan will provide guidance for the utilization of Ramsey County Transportation Sales and Use Tax funds on projects that advance countywide transportation infrastructure investment.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☒ Well-being

☒ Prosperity

☒ Opportunity

☒ Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

Transportation provides access to jobs, workforce training opportunities, education, healthcare, recreation, shopping, and other key destinations regionally and nationally. Improving Ramsey County's transportation system to prioritize people who walk, bike, roll, and ride transit over automobiles and freight will ensure that the needs of all residents are met while improving resident safety and prosperity. As the most diverse county in Minnesota, Ramsey County is pursuing the implementation of transportation investments that provide reliable, low-cost, and high amenity transportation to reduce and eliminate transportation barriers for transit-dependent households, areas of racially concentrated poverty, and areas of low income. Reducing these barriers by elevating pedestrian, bicycle, and transit investments over automobile focused investments will reduce the financial and environmental cost on these groups by improving access to fast, frequent, and reliable transit, improving pedestrian infrastructure including safer street crossings and providing bicycle focused infrastructure, will provide residents with convenient alternatives to driving, allowing them to choose the best transportation for them.

Community Participation Level and Impact

Community engagement is essential to informed and transparent decision making and has occurred throughout the development of Ramsey County transportation projects. Public Works engages the public as part of a specific project development processes and in the development of the All-Abilities 2050 Transportation Plan. This Transit and Transportation Investment Plan's funding categories were developed through the goals identified during the engagement undertaken for the All-Abilities 2050 Transportation Plan and the county's All-Abilities Transportation Policy.

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Fiscal Impact

Approval of the Transit and Transportation Investment Plan will provide guidance to help identify and update the list of projects that are eligible for use of the Transportation Sales and Use Tax. Once eligible projects are identified, the fiscal impacts associated with project development, delivery, and construction will be contained within the annual Transportation Improvement Program.

Last Previous Action

On December 17, 2024, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners directed staff to develop a refined transportation improvement plan utilizing Ramsey County Local Option Sales Tax funds previously identified for the Riverview Corridor and to develop a detailed transit and transportation investment plan based upon the reallocation of Riverview Corridor funds consistent with the investment categories presented at the November 19, 2024, board workshop for discussion and approval in the Spring of 2025 (Resolution B2024-272).

On November 19, 2024, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners held a workshop to discuss the reallocation of Riverview Corridor funding. At the conclusion of the workshop, staff was directed to bring a resolution directing staff to develop a transportation investment plan and to bring this plan and the reallocation of Riverview Corridor funding to the boards for discussion and approval in the Spring of 2025.

Attachments

1. Transit and Transportation Investment Plan

Transit and Transportation Investment Plan

May 2025

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INTRODUCTION

Funding Reallocation

In September of 2024, Ramsey County released the following statement:

Ramsey County has made the difficult decision to end our work and cancel any future meetings on the Riverview Corridor project. This decision was based on feedback gained during a comprehensive public engagement process with community, businesses, and partners. Some were very supportive of streetcar, and some were very supportive of a bus alternative. During engagement sessions, issues were raised about potential construction impacts, safety and security concerns facing transit and communities overall, among other issues.

The county appreciates and takes community and partner feedback very seriously and thanks everyone for sharing their input. We will also be posting the most recent engagement analysis on our website soon so that will be available for review. While we believe in streetcar and believe it's a viable option, we want to ensure that it is complementary to the transformational investments already underway in the region. Should the time arise to carry this work forward, we would gladly revisit conversations.

In the meantime, we are grateful to our partners and the public who participated in this process, and we look forward to future collaborations. We believe by continuing to work together, listening to our community and partners, we can create a future where transportation is the bridge that connects people to opportunities, enhancing the quality of life and fostering inclusive growth for everyone.

The county had allocated approximately \$730 million in funding from the ½ cent local option sales tax and regional railroad authority levy towards completing the Riverview Corridor. With the removal of streetcar as an option, an opportunity to reallocate the funding across the county arose. In November 2024, the county board held a workshop to discuss this opportunity and the types of projects that could be advanced. At their December 17, 2024, meetings the county board and the regional railroad authority board directed staff to develop a more detailed transit and transportation investment plan. Work on this plan began in early 2025 with a series of internal staff workshops to identify potential projects (planned, identified, or new), project categories and a method of prioritization. Workshops occurred January 2025 through April with a focus on the following topics:

Workshop #1	Workshop #2	Workshop #3
<i>January 2025</i>	<i>February 2025</i>	<i>March 2025</i>
Topic: Potential project identification	Topic: Project confirmation, priority methodology	Topic: Funding amount allocation, draft plan

Project Cost Consideration

Some projects identified in this plan are also included in the Ramsey County All-Abilities 2050 Transportation Plan (All-Abilities Plan). The All-Abilities Plan focused on safety, multimodal, and preservation efforts – directing funds for rehabilitation and preservation projects rather than full roadway reconstructions. As part of this funding reallocation effort, these projects were expanded to include reconstruction. Costs listed in this plan are in addition to costs noted in the All-Abilities Plan.

PROJECT CATEGORIES

The county identified a variety of countywide project categories for funding, including Roadways and Interchanges, Corridor Improvements, Union Depot and Railroad Improvements, Transformative and Innovative Improvements, and Other Improvements. The remainder of this document is organized by those five project categories.

Roadways and Interchanges

These improvement projects are geographically restricted to a single location – such as an intersection, crossing improvements, signal upgrades, transit priority and multimodal improvements.

Corridor Improvements

Corridor improvement projects are not restricted to a single location and involve multiple miles of improvements – such as corridor reconstructions, pavement preservation, or multimodal improvements.

Transformative and Innovative

Improvements include projects that have the potential to improve the transportation network and economic vitality in Ramsey County. This includes things like grant programs that fund projects within Ramsey County, implementation of mobility hubs and transportation improvements supporting economic vitality.

Union Depot and Railroad

Improvements that maintain and improve the condition of Union Depot and its associated facilities including the building, bus loop, train deck and the track and signal system as well as countywide investments to improve safety and access through the removal of railroad barriers for pedestrians, bikes and automobiles and improvements to passenger rail service.

Other

Improvements that advance countywide mobility and resiliency goals. This includes regional trails, mobility studies, staffing and facility needs, a tree program and investments not part of other categories.

IMPACTED MODES

All categories have the potential to impact pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, passenger vehicles, freight, and rail. Each project will go through an analysis to determine its scope and modal prioritization consistent with the county's All-Abilities Transportation Policy and best practices. The following are brief descriptions of modal types that could be included in each project type:

Multimodal

Multimodal projects include those that improve or introduce facilities for those who walk, bike, and roll. These can include creation of trails, sidewalks and other infrastructure to improve opportunities for traveling throughout the county.

Transit

Infrastructure projects that improve, update, increase accessibility or assist with the introduction of high-frequency transit routes. This includes projects that relate directly to transit service – such as upgrades to stations – as well as indirect improvements to the transit system – such as installing Transit Priority Signals, which can improve transit timing and reliability.

Roadway

Roadway projects focus on direct improvements to the roadway surface and its supporting infrastructure to improve pavement quality, address safety concerns and/or address geometric needs. These projects have a primary benefit of improving ride quality and safety while providing an opportunity to positively impact transit and fill gaps in the multimodal network.

Railroad

Railroad projects focus improvements to the rail network to facilitate passenger rail and the removal of railroad barriers. These projects may include track capacity improvements, facility upgrades, and grade crossing improvements.

PROJECT LIST

The remainder of this document focuses on potential projects within the five project categories that could be advanced with reallocated Riverview funding. Each project has a “summary sheet” that includes high-level project planning information and potential projects. These summary sheets are meant to help guide Ramsey County as they program and plan for these projects while noting that further study and analysis will be needed. Below is an example of the summary sheets and what is included:

Project #. Project Name

Project Type: *Roadways and Interchanges, Corridor Improvements, Transformative and Innovative, Union Depot and Railroad, or Other*

Impacted Modes: *Multimodal, Transit, Roadway, or Railroad*

Location: *(Extents, intersection, city, or county-wide)*

Priority: *Low, Medium, High**

Estimated Cost: *Planning-level costs in 2025 dollars*

Description: *Brief overview of project need and work to be completed*

**Project priority was determined by county staff based on current and future needs, impacted modes, estimated cost, and feasibility.*

Projects are categorized by the five project types:

1	Roadways and Interchanges
2	Corridor Improvements
3	Transformative and Innovative
4	Union Depot and Railroad
5	Other

1. Intersection Improvements

Project Type	Roadway & Interchanges
Impacted Modes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimodal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadway <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad
Location(s)	County-wide
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$12,000,000

Implement intersection improvements to improve safety and mobility for all users with a priority on pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users consistent with the county's All-Abilities Policy. Improvements can include signal upgrades, pedestrian improvements, multimodal accessibility improvements, and addressing safety concerns at high-risk intersections.

Key focus areas include:

- Transit Connectivity: Enhance connections to existing or planned transit routes.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety: Evaluate current pedestrian and bicycle connections, identify opportunities to expand sidewalks and crossings, consider adding separated bicycle facilities to ensure safer and more efficient travel for non-motorized users.
- Intersection Safety: evaluate the current design to ensure safety for vehicles traveling through the interchange.

Description

This task includes study of priority intersections, planning, project development and implementation.

Expected Outcomes:

Improved safety and mobility for pedestrians and cyclists, enhanced transit connectivity, accessibility and reliability.

Potential locations include (but not limited to):

- Snelling Avenue @ Larpenteur Avenue.
- County Road E @ Various Intersections.
- County Road C @ Various Intersections.
- Dale Street & Como Avenue.
- Highway 96 & Lexington Avenue.
- Highway 96 & Hamline Avenue.

2. Transit Priority/Signal Upgrades

Project Type	Roadway & Interchanges			
Impacted Modes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimodal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadway	<input type="checkbox"/> Railroad
Location(s)	County-wide			
Priority	Medium			
Estimated Cost	\$1,000,000			

Improve transit operations within Ramsey County by implementing signal upgrades and transit signal priority (TSP) where appropriate. TSPs adjust traffic signal timing to favor transit vehicles, reducing the amount of transit vehicles that “just miss” a green light. Transit vehicles send priority requests, which then prompts the traffic signal to remain green or turn to green sooner allowing the transit vehicle to proceed through the intersection with less delay. Implementation of TSPs along Metro Transit routes have reduced traffic signal delay providing better on-time performance without negatively impacting traffic flow.

Key Focus Areas:

- **Transit Reliability:** Prioritize intersections where Metro Transit has shown existing serviced is experiencing significant delay or where improvements could mitigate delay at other intersections that are not candidates for TSP.
- **Transit Frequency:** Prioritize intersections where transit service frequency is 15 minutes or better.

Description

This task includes study of priority intersections, planning, project development and implementation.

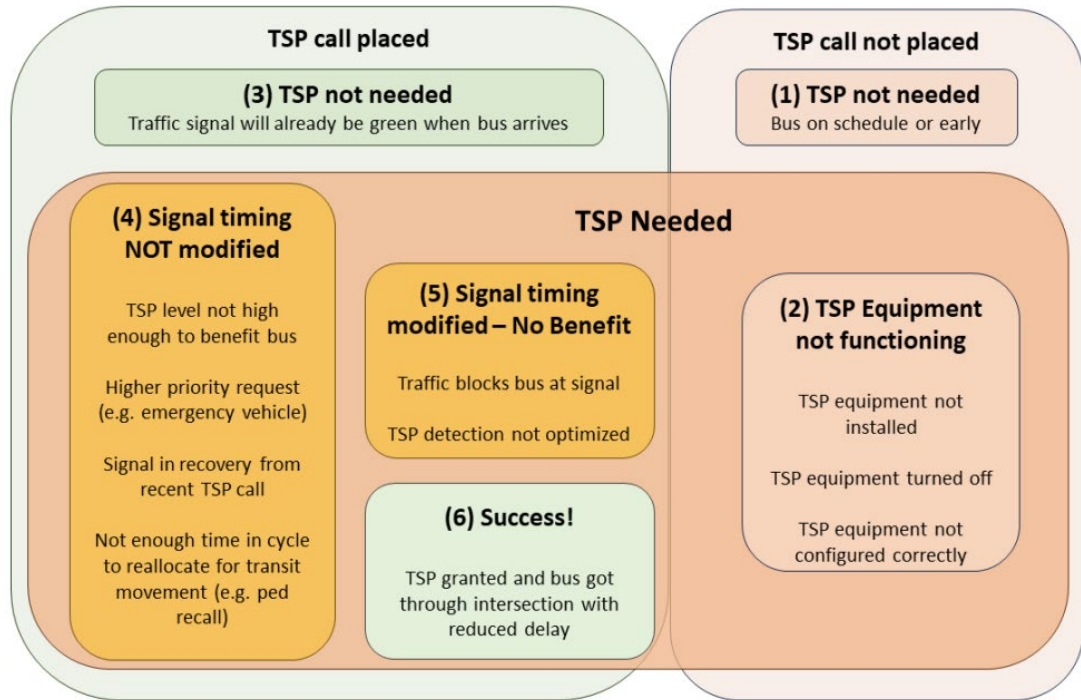
Expected Outcomes:

Improved safety and mobility for pedestrians and cyclists, enhanced transit connectivity, accessibility and reliability.

Implementation will include:

- Hardware installation (detector cards, signal relays, etc.).
- TSP request scenario creation (granting or denying TSP requests).
- [Example TSP scenario from Metro Transit on the following page:](#)

Example TSP Scenario



3. Interchange Improvements

Project Type	Roadway & Interchanges			
Impacted Modes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimodal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadway	<input type="checkbox"/> Railroad
Location(s)	County-Wide			
Priority	Medium			
Estimated Cost	\$250,000,000			
Description	<p>Implement interchange improvements to improve safety and mobility for all users with a priority on pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users consisted with the county's All-Abilities Policy. Improvements can include signal upgrades, pedestrian improvements, multimodal accessibility improvements, and addressing safety concerns at high-risk interchanges.</p> <p>Key focus areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transit Connectivity: Enhance connections to existing or planned transit routes. - Transit Reliability: Enhance the ability of transit to travel through the interchange area with minimal delay. - Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety: Evaluate current pedestrian and bicycle connections, identify opportunities to expand sidewalks and crossings, consider adding separated bicycle facilities to ensure safer and more efficient travel for non-motorized users. - Intersection Safety: evaluate the current design to ensure safety for vehicles traveling through the interchange. <p>This task includes study of priority interchanges, planning, project development and implementation.</p> <p>Expected Outcomes: Improved safety and mobility for pedestrians and cyclists, enhanced transit connectivity, accessible and efficient transit connections.</p> <p>Potential locations include (not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lexington Avenue @ I-94. - Snelling Avenue @ I-94. - Snelling Avenue @ Highway 36. - Edgerton Street @ Highway 36. - White Bear Avenue @ I-94. - Long Lake Road @ I-694. 			

4. Corridor Improvements

Project Type	Corridor Improvements			
Impacted Modes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimodal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadway	<input type="checkbox"/> Railroad
Location(s)	County-wide			
Priority	High			
Estimated Cost	\$200,000,000			
Description	<p>Corridor improvement projects will focus on corridors identified as needing preservation/reclamation in the 2050 All-Abilities Transportation Plan. Instead of completing preservation or restoration, the corridors will be reconstructed with a separated trail. Project tasks may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate the feasibility/need to construct a barrier-separated multiuse trail to enhance safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists. • Assess the current infrastructure and identify potential locations for the multiuse trail. • Evaluate the safety benefits of a barrier-separated design for both pedestrians and cyclists. • Identify crossing locations where grade-separation may be appropriate. • Engage with local communities to gather input and address concerns. • Connectivity with existing and proposed multimodal trail infrastructure. <p>Key Focus Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Connectivity and Reliability: Enhance connections to existing or planned transit routes while enhancing the ability of transit to travel through the corridor with minimal delay. • Multimodal Connectivity: improved connectivity across and along the corridor connecting it to adjacent land uses. • Safety: improved safety for all roadway users through improve geometrics, right-sizing roadway capacity and roadway speeds. <p>Expected Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved transit route connectivity and reliability. • Increased availability of ABRT and/or high-frequency transit due to transit prioritization. • Enhanced connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists. • Enhanced safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists. • Improved community connectivity and support for sustainable transportation options. <p>Potential locations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larpenteur Avenue. • White Bear Avenue. 			

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- Lexington Avenue.
 - Transfer Road/Pierce Butler Route.
 - Maryland Avenue.
 - County Road B2.
 - County Road B.
 - Edgerton Street.
 - McKnight Road.
 - County Road 96.

5. Rice Creek Commons Spine Road

Project Type	Transformative & Innovative			
Impacted Modes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimodal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadway	<input type="checkbox"/> Railroad
Location(s)	Rice Creek Commons Spine Road			
Priority	High			
Estimated Cost	\$35,000,000			
Description	<p>Multimodal transportation connection from County Road 96 to County Road H through the Rice Creek Commons development site. The spine road will include be built to accommodate pedestrian & bicycle access, future transit service, a regional trail connection, surface water management, utilities, natural resource corridor, and lighting in accordance with previously agreed to through the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plan (TCAAP) Redevelopment Code (TRC) requirements, standards, and sustainability guidelines.</p> <p>Key Focus Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Sustainability: minimizing environmental impacts before, during, & after construction. • Supporting residential and commercial development and resulting neighborhoods • Provide for housing variety, economic prosperity, inclusive economy, and a long-term sustainable development. • Multimodal accessibility though the inclusion of sidewalks and trials and connectivity to the larger system and the provision of space for a future extension of the METRO A Line or related transit service. <p>Expected Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multimodal Access to development site: Provide pedestrian, bicycle, ADA, and vehicle access to the Rice Creek Commons development site throughout the corridor from all directions utilizing access points at the north and south of the corridor. • Provide accommodations for a potential future extension of the METRO A Line or related transit service to/from Rice Creek Commons. • Encourage Economic Development: Provide construction, transportation, and utility access for undeveloped areas of Rice Creek Commons making them more attractive to potential developers. • Encourages less reliance on vehicles within the development site. 			

6. Ramsey County Grant Program

Project Type	Transformative & Innovative			
Impacted Modes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimodal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Railroad
Location(s)	County-wide			
Priority	Medium			
Estimated Cost	\$75,000,000 expended over 10 years			
Description	<p>Initiate, manage and disperse funding for a competitive grant program that provides a portion of the capital funding for local city and township led multimodal projects. Approximately \$7.5 million will be available annually over ten years. This funding is not to be used to offset cost participation responsibilities as part of the county's cost participation policy.</p> <p>Key Focus Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a grant program with specific guidelines and requirements utilizing Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), or United State Department of Transportation (USDOT) grant programs as a guide. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Solicitation: Funds roadway, bike/pedestrian, and transit projects. MnDOT: Minnesota Highway Freight Program, SRTS/Active Transportation, Local Road Improvement Program. USDOT: BUILD, INFRA, SS4A. Providing a portion of the funding to allow cities and the township to complete multimodal projects that improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing a multimodal gap. Adding or improving mobility hubs. Reducing or eliminating interchange or intersection barriers. Supporting transportation infrastructure to increase density (in TPP requirements). Improving transit accessibility. <p>Expected Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County funding will not provide more than 20% of the total project cost. County funding will fund projects on the city/township system that intersect, impact, or are relevant to the county mobility network. Reduced reliance on automobiles for trips by providing safe, reliable and efficient multimodal connections to transit system and the regional multimodal network. 			

7. Mobility Hubs

Project Type	Transformative & Innovative
Impacted Modes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimodal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadway <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad
Location(s)	County-wide
Priority	Low
Estimated Cost	\$2,000,000

Description

Construct mobility hubs of all scales throughout the county utilizing the Mobility Hub analysis as guidance for locating. These can include small- and large-scale hubs.

Small scale mobility hub: Small scale hubs typically serve first or last-mile travel (e.g. bus stop or bike rental return kiosk to home). They can include bikeshare, bike storage, lockers or equipment, transit stops, scootershare, or carshare, among others.

Large scale mobility hub: Large-scale mobility hubs are more focused on connecting personal-vehicle use to transit opportunities such as park-and-ride locations or transit hubs serving several major transitways and/or multiple routes providing regional connectivity.

Note that although space for electric vehicle charging may be included, installation and maintenance of charging stations are not included in this project.

Key Focus Areas:

- Metro Transit's METRO Network routes and hi-frequency routes.
- Metro Transit express routes serving large park and ride locations such as Maplewood Mall and Rosedale Center.
- Ramsey County corridors connecting a mix of destinations including jobs, shopping, housing, recreation, health care and education.

Expected Outcomes:

- Reduced reliance on automobiles for trips by providing safe, reliable and efficient multimodal connections to transit system and the regional multimodal network.
- Increased ridership on METRO Network routes and hi-frequency routes.
- More convenient trips utilizing walking, biking and transit.

8. Downtown Investments

Project Type	Transformative & Innovative
Impacted Modes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimodal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Railroad
Location(s)	St. Paul
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	\$150,000,000

Description

Transportation infrastructure projects that provide multi-modal transportation improvements to transformative and innovative economic development projects in and adjacent to downtown Saint Paul. Providing safe, reliable and efficient transportation connections to these developments is critical to ensuring their success and ultimately the vitality of downtown St. Paul.

Potential Projects:

- RiversEdge.
- Multi-modal improvements that create a sense of space, positive experience and encourage people to explore all parts of downtown.

Key Focus Areas:

- Projects that provide transformative change to downtown St. Paul and in the way people access and travel through it.
- Convenient, safe and reliability multi-modal accessibility.
- Amenities to public spaces that increase multimodal accessibility to all Ramsey County residents.
- Identification of areas in need of convenient, safe, and reliable multi-modal connections that encourage development, activation and programming of public space as well as development/redevelopment that reinforces downtown St. Paul as a destination.

Expected Outcomes:

- Funding to complete multimodal transportation and public space improvements to encourage access to transformative and innovative development projects in downtown St. Paul by walking, biking and transit.
- Provision of convenient, safe, and reliable multi-modal connections between major destinations.

9. EV Fleet Transition

Project Type	Transformative & Innovative			
Impacted Modes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimodal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Railroad
Location(s)	Countywide			
Priority	Medium			
Estimated Cost	\$1,000,000			
Description	<p>An analysis of benefits and impacts of transitioning the Ramsey County fleet to electric vehicles.</p> <p>Key Focus Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implications of transitioning to an electric vehicle fleet including number and type of vehicles, facility upgrades with a focus on necessary space, utility connections, maintenance changes and safety needs. • Analysis of current and future electric vehicle capabilities and how these fit with current and future fleet needs. • Analysis of where electric vehicles can currently replace internal combustion engine vehicles, where they are likely to in the near future and where it will be challenging for them to replace internal combustion engine vehicles. <p>Expected Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A plan that provides guidance on transitioning the current Ramsey County Fleet to electric vehicles along with needed changes to county facilities and staffing to accommodate the transition and operation and maintenance of an electric fleet. 			

10. Union Depot

Project Type	Union Depot & Railroad			
Impacted Modes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimodal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Railroad
Location(s)	Union Depot			
Priority	Medium			
Estimated Cost	\$80,000,000			

Description

In 2012, Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority renovated the Union Depot in downtown St. Paul into a multimodal transit and transportation hub. Improvements to the building and 33-acre property fostered greater regional and national transit and passenger rail connectivity as well as a welcoming space for public and private events. Improvements to Union Depot facilities, grounds, interior space and passenger rail connections are needed to maintain and improve upon Union Depot's position a premier multimodal transportation facility, event center and community gathering space. This project would include planning, design and implementation of identified improvements.

Potential projects include (but are not limited to):

- Union Depot flood mitigation.
- Union Depot event space improvements.
- Union Depot building and train deck preservation.
- Union Depot track, signal, platform and facility improvements related to passenger rail service.
- Passenger rail track and service-related improvements necessary for passenger trains to access Union Depot.

Key Focus Areas:

- Union Depot's interior and exterior.
- 33 acres of property owned by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority including the train deck, railroad infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, transit infrastructure and parking lots.

Expected Outcomes:

- Continuation of Union Depot as a hub for transit and transportation, public and private events and as a gathering space for the community.
- Reduced reliance on automobiles for trips by providing safe, reliable and efficient multimodal connections to the regional transit system and national passenger rail network.

11. Railroad Barriers

Project Type	Union Depot & Railroad
Impacted Modes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimodal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Railroad
Location(s)	Countywide
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$20,000,000

Description

Improvements to reduce the physical barriers to walking, biking and motorized transportation that railroads can create in communities due to limited crossings, crossing locations, type of crossing, and/or crossing design. This project includes study, planning, and implementation of identified improvements.

- Grade crossing analyses.
- Grade crossing improvements including crossing realignment, relocation, resurfacing, lights and gates and channelization.
- Technology improvements to facilitate increase safety at crossings.
- Grade separations for sidewalks, trails and motorized traffic.

Potential project improvements include:

- Larpenteur Avenue east of Rice Street at CPKC crossing.
- New Brighton Boulevard @ CPKC crossing.
- Como Avenue @ BNSF crossing.
- Victoria Street @ CPKC crossing.
- Larpenteur Avenue @ CPKC crossing.
- Shepard Road and Eagle Parkway @ CPKC crossing.

Key Focus Areas:

- Analysis of railroad crossings along railroad corridors for safety, permeability, and design considerations.
- High volume at-grade crossings.
- Crossings near rail yards and rail spurs that can be subject to increased delay due to low speed and frequent freight train movements.

Expected Outcomes:

- Improved crossings will be safer, reduce delay and afford more connectivity within and between communities.
- Accommodation of all modes at railroad crossings.
- Improved ride quality and easier navigation over railroad crossings.

12. Staffing and Facilities

Project Type	Other
Impacted Modes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimodal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Railroad
Location(s)	NA
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	\$100,000,000

Increase staffing and facilities to ensure identified projects and studies can be completed by Ramsey County.

Key Focus Areas:

- Analyze staffing levels for delivery of a larger and more intensive multi-modal transportation program.
- Analyze facility needs necessary to deliver and maintain a larger and more intensive multi-modal transportation program.

Description

Expected Outcomes:

- Identification of long-term staffing levels and the hiring of staff necessary to efficiently and effectively deliver the larger multi-modal transportation program.
- Identification of the long-term facility needs to accommodate a larger staff presence for development and delivery of projects, their construction and their maintenance.

13. Planning Studies

Project Type	Other
Impacted Modes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimodal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Railroad
Location(s)	NA
Priority	High
Estimated Cost	\$10,000,000
Description	<p>Oversee and facilitate planning studies throughout Ramsey County – particularly focused on projects identified in this funding reallocation plan.</p> <p>Key Focus Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiating and maintaining county-wide studies to ensure relevant and timely data for the identification of projects that would meet the project categories identified in this plan. <p>Expected Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of projects by funding category identified in this plan. Completion of the technical analysis needed to prepare identified projects for design and construction under the project categories identified in this plan.

14. Tree Program

Project Type	Other
Impacted Modes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimodal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadway <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad
Location(s)	County-wide
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$5,000,000

Ensure dead trees within Ramsey County right-of-way are removed alongside appropriate replanting.

Key Focus Areas:

- Developing a program for removal of dead, structurally compromised and diseased trees from county-owned right-of-way.
- Replacement of removed trees and a focus on planting and replanting in areas of highest need (e.g. heat islands).

Description

Expected Outcomes:

- A tree removal and replacement plan.
- Removal and replacement of dead, structurally compromised and diseased trees in county right-of-way and their replacement.
- Identification of when tree removal and replacement costs are eligible by funding source.
- Reduction in the heat island effect.

15. Regional Trail & Greenway Improvements

Project Type	Other
Impacted Modes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimodal <input type="checkbox"/> Transit <input type="checkbox"/> Roadway <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad
Location(s)	County-wide
Priority	Medium
Estimated Cost	\$20,000,000
Description	<p>Address known trail and greenway gaps and needed improvements as identified in the Countywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. Improvements to include planned extensions, gap closures, and creation of new trails.</p> <p>Potential locations include (not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bruce Vento Regional Trail. - Trout Brook Regional Trail. - Birch Lake Regional Trail. - Lake Links Regional Trail. - Rice Creek Regional Trail. - County Road H2 Trail. <p>Key Focus Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating of the 2014-2015 Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan including the identification of potential county projects. • Removal of gaps in the existing trail and greenway network. <p>Expected Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of a prioritized set of county projects through planning, design and construction. • Reduction in the number of trail and greenway gaps in Ramsey County.

Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2025-215

Meeting Date: 5/27/2025

Sponsor: Public Works

Title

Presentation: All-Abilities 2050 Transportation Plan

Recommendation

None. For information and discussion only.

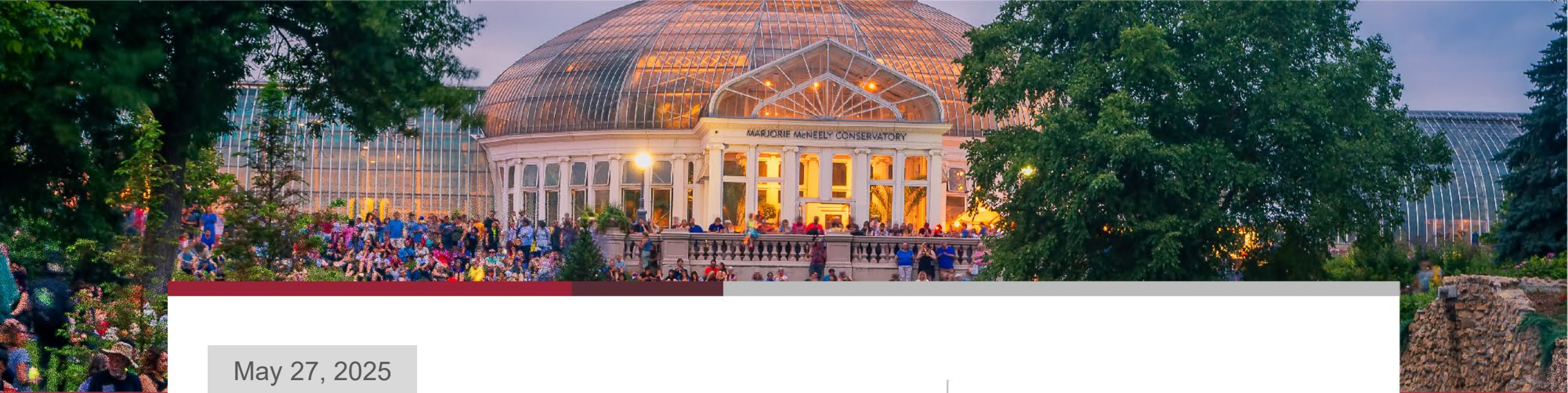
Background and Rationale

In 2023, work began on the All-Abilities 2050 Transportation Plan, Ramsey County's first transportation plan. Upon adoption it will guide the development of the county's annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through project identification and selection to achieve a multimodal transportation system that is safe, connected, equitable, and accessible for all.

Public Works staff will provide an overview of the All-Abilities 2050 Transportation Plan and its impact on future transportation project selection for the TIP.

Attachments

1. Presentation



May 27, 2025

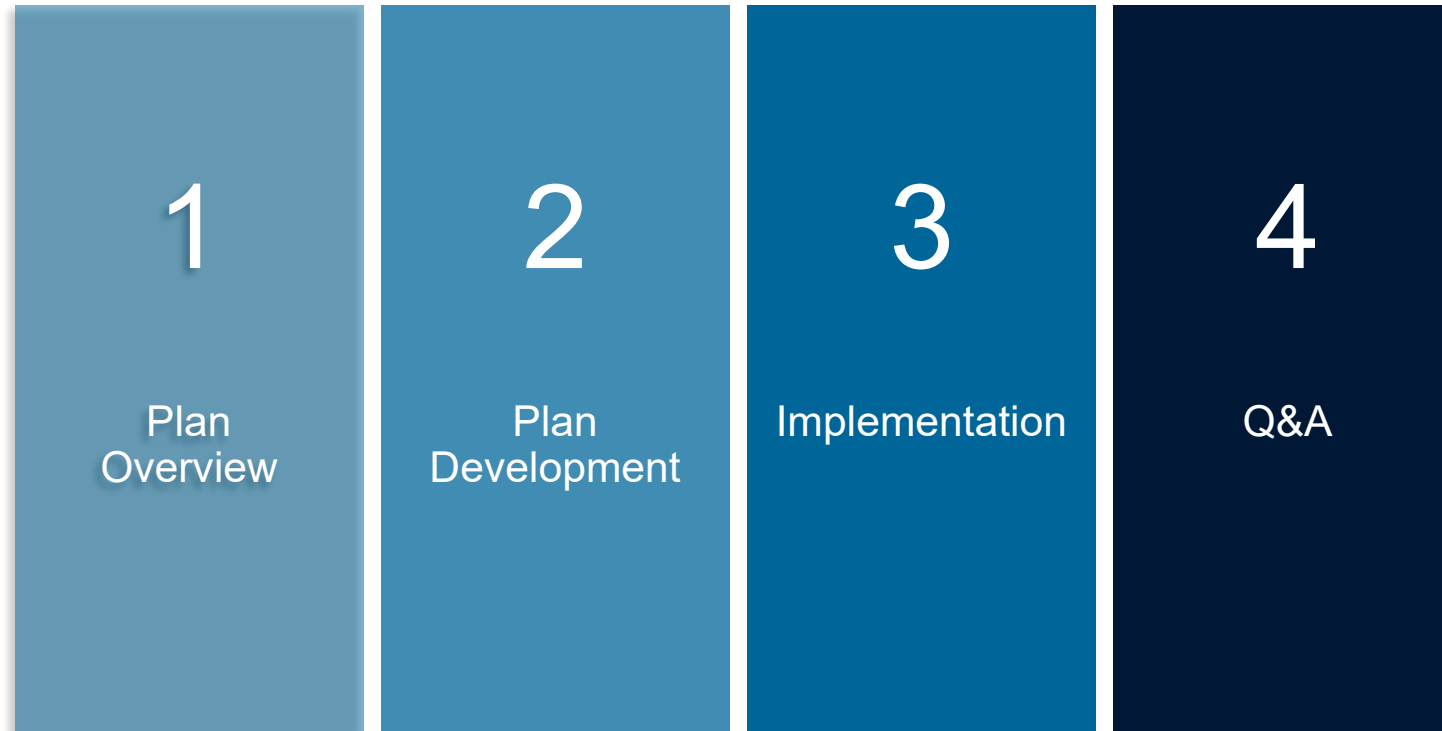
All-Abilities 2050 Transportation Plan



Presenters

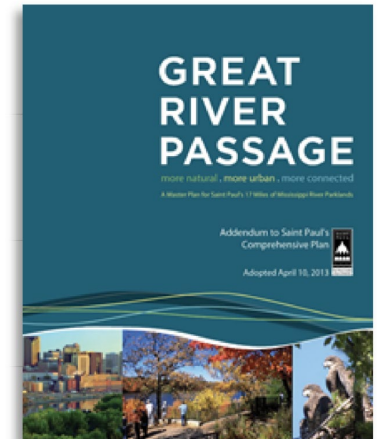
- Brian Isaacson, Director of Public Works.
- Mike Rogers, Deputy Director Public Works.

All-Abilities 2050 Transportation Plan



All-Abilities 2050 Transportation Plan:

A Visioning document to guide the development of the county's transportation system.





Goals

1 Define a strategic vision for mobility

2 Inform, engage, and collaborate with the community

3 Provide a roadmap for future investment

All-Abilities 2050 Plan Deliverables



Understand
existing
conditions



Understand
current
social equity



Transportation
goals and
objectives



Meaningful
and inclusive
engagement



Updated
performance
measures



Financial
forecast



Financial
investment
scenarios



TIP project
dashboard



Plan Development

Combination of Public Engagement and Technical Analysis



Plan Development

PHASE 1

Vision and Goals
Existing Conditions
Analysis
Social Equity
Analysis

What are your goals?
Where do you face
issues?

PHASE 2

Performance
Measures
Financial Forecast
Financial Scenarios

What should
we focus on?

How would you
rank priorities?

PHASE 3

Project Dashboard

Did we get it right?

PHASE 4

Final All-Abilities
2050 Transportation
Plan



Public Engagement



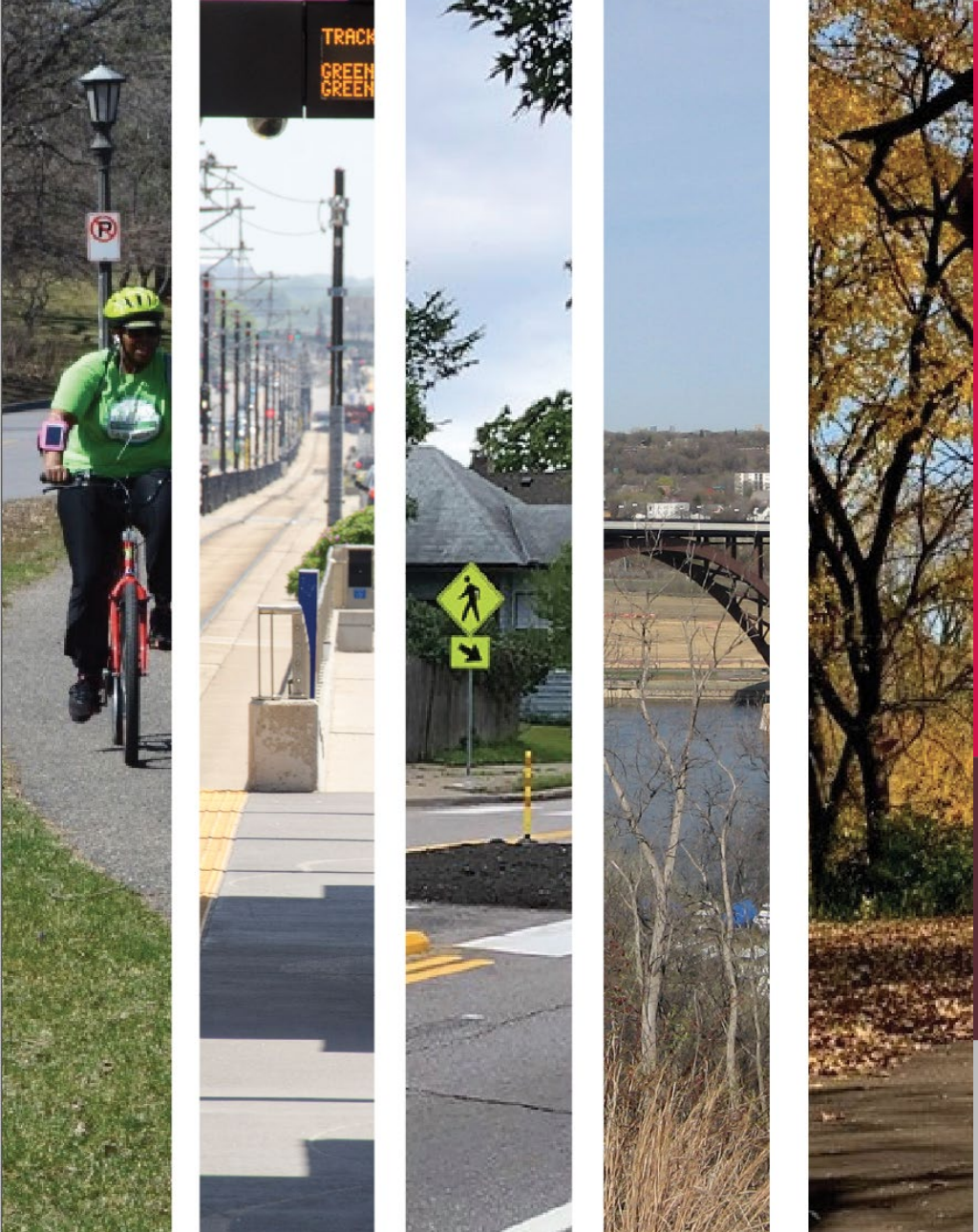
Feeding Frogtown, CLUES, Community Resource Advocates at Ramsey County Library, Slice of Shoreview, Boys and Girls Club National Night Out, Hmongtown Marketplace, Selby Avenue Jazz Fest

Engagement

- Technical.
 - Project Management Team.
 - Joint Engineers of Ramsey County.
 - Active Living.
- Public.
 - Countywide.
 - Traditional and non-traditional.
 - ~1,500 connections made.

Implementation

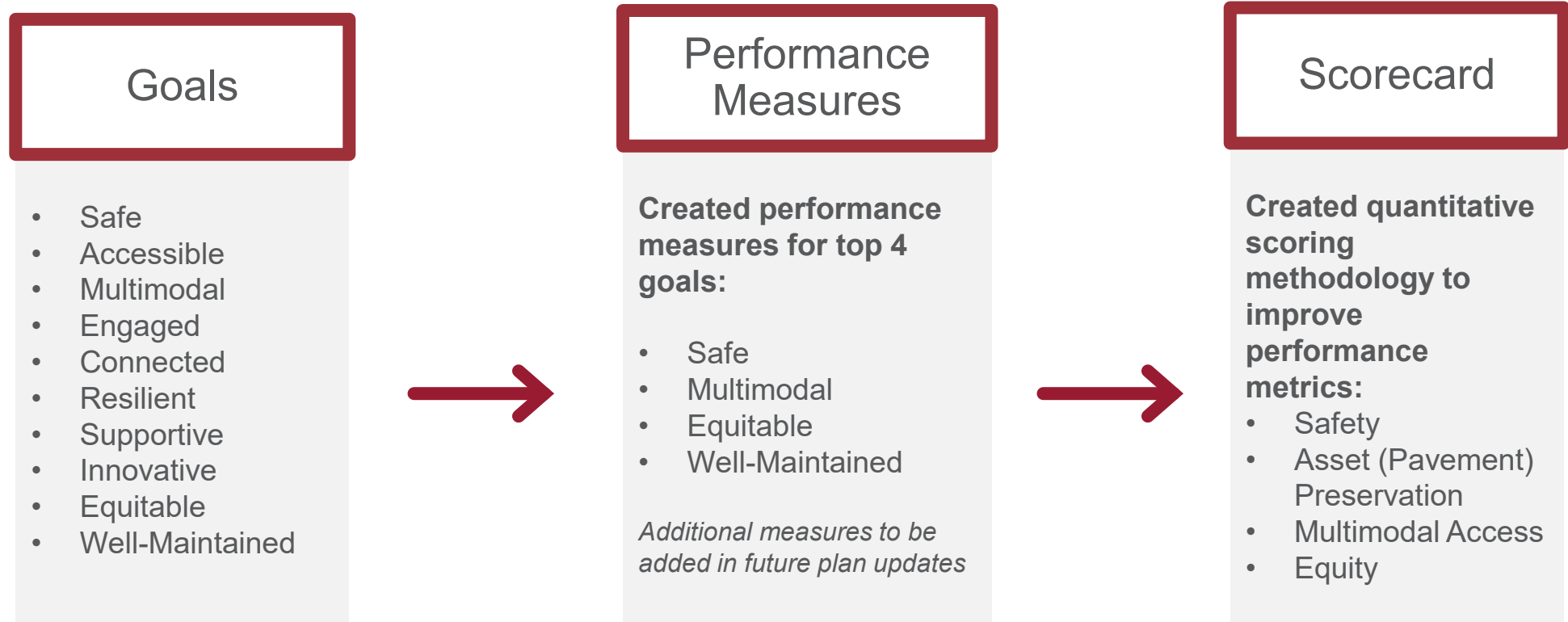




Vision:

Provide a multimodal transportation system that is safe, connected, equitable and accessible for all.

Vision to Implementation





Performance Measures and Scoring

- Safe
 - Ensure safety for all.
- Multimodal
 - Implement a fully interconnected system.
- Equitable
 - Ensure all users have access to a multimodal system that is accessible, maintained, and improved regardless of location in the county.
- Well-Maintained
 - Invest to keep the system well-maintained.



Traffic Volumes



Roadway
Characteristics



Safety



Multimodal



Freight
Movement



Roadway
Condition



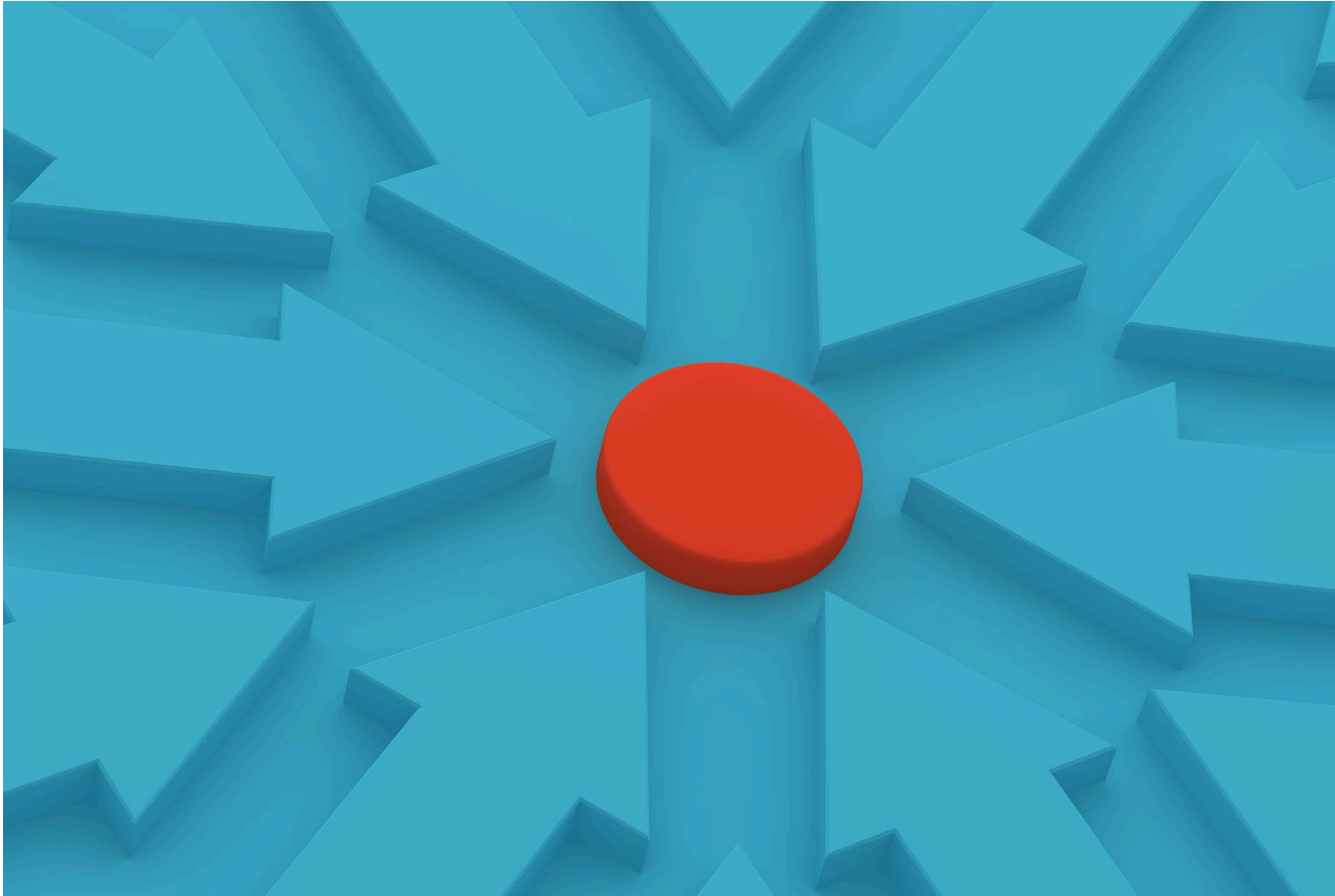
Travel
Patterns



Planned
Projects

Existing Conditions

- Data was used to compare to goals and objectives and performance measures, then used to help prioritize projects.
- Evaluated multiple scenarios prior to selecting Realigned Project Priorities.



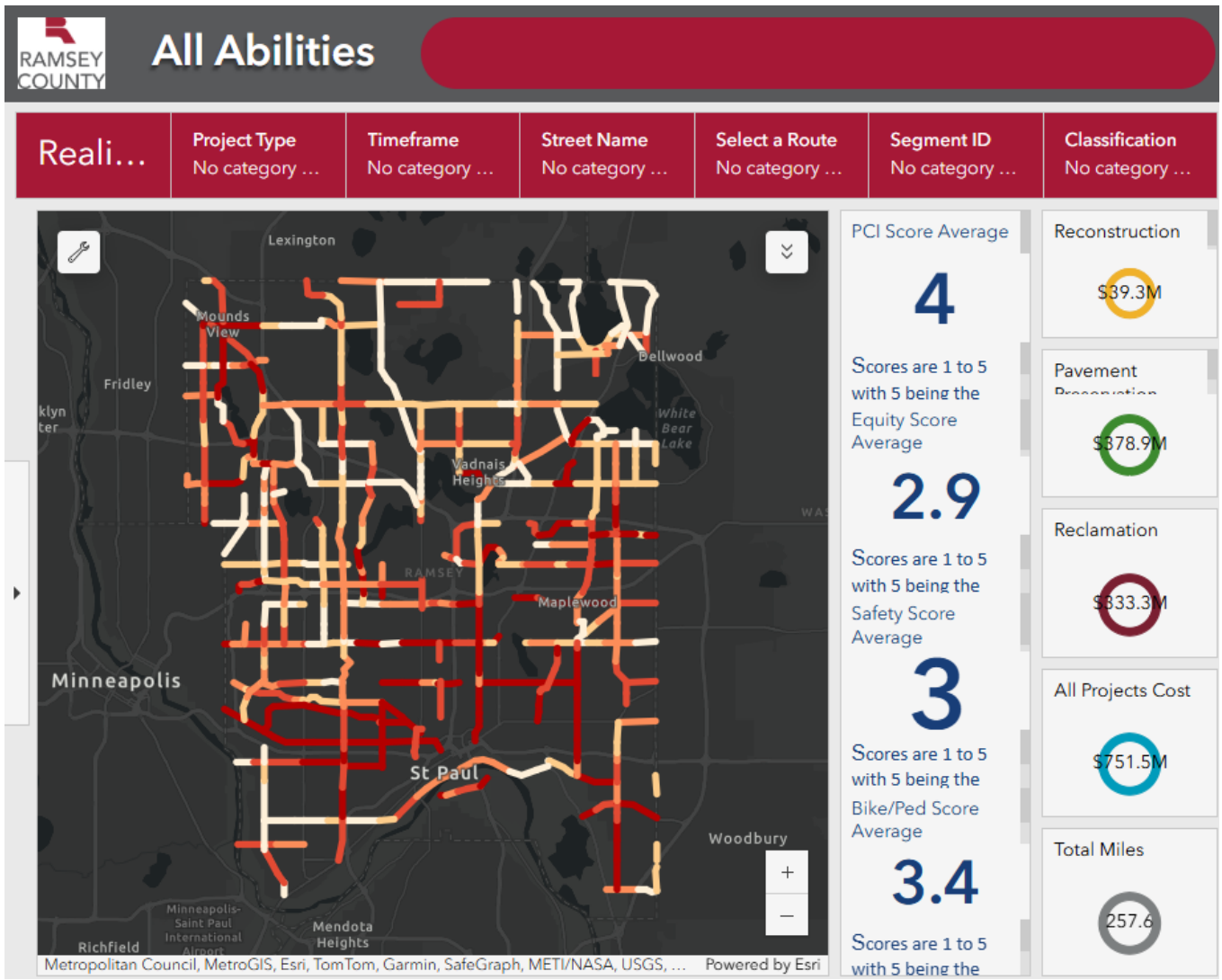
Realigned Project Priorities

- Incorporates top safety and equity segments.
- Addresses pedestrian/bicycle needs.
- Maintains pavement quality through preservation.
- Balances geographic distribution of projects.



Realigned Project Priorities

- Scoring by roadway segment.
 - Pavement Condition.
 - Equity Score (x2).
 - Safety Score (x2).
 - Pedestrian/Bicycle Score (x2).
- Each Segment was assigned a project type.
 - Pavement Preservation (low cost, short-term).
 - Reclamation (medium cost, mid-term).
 - Reconstruction (high cost, long-term).



- Data and scores integrated into the dashboard.
- Internal use to identify projects.
- Project timing, limits, and selection is done through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Project Selection Process

2050 All Abilities Plan



Scoring Metrics

- 1 PCI (Pavement) Score
- 2 Equity Score
- 3 Safety Score
- 4 Pedestrian/Bicycle Score

Weights assigned to safety, ped/bike, and equity scores

Transportation Improvement Program

Scoring Metrics
+
Practical and Real-World Considerations
=
Project Selection



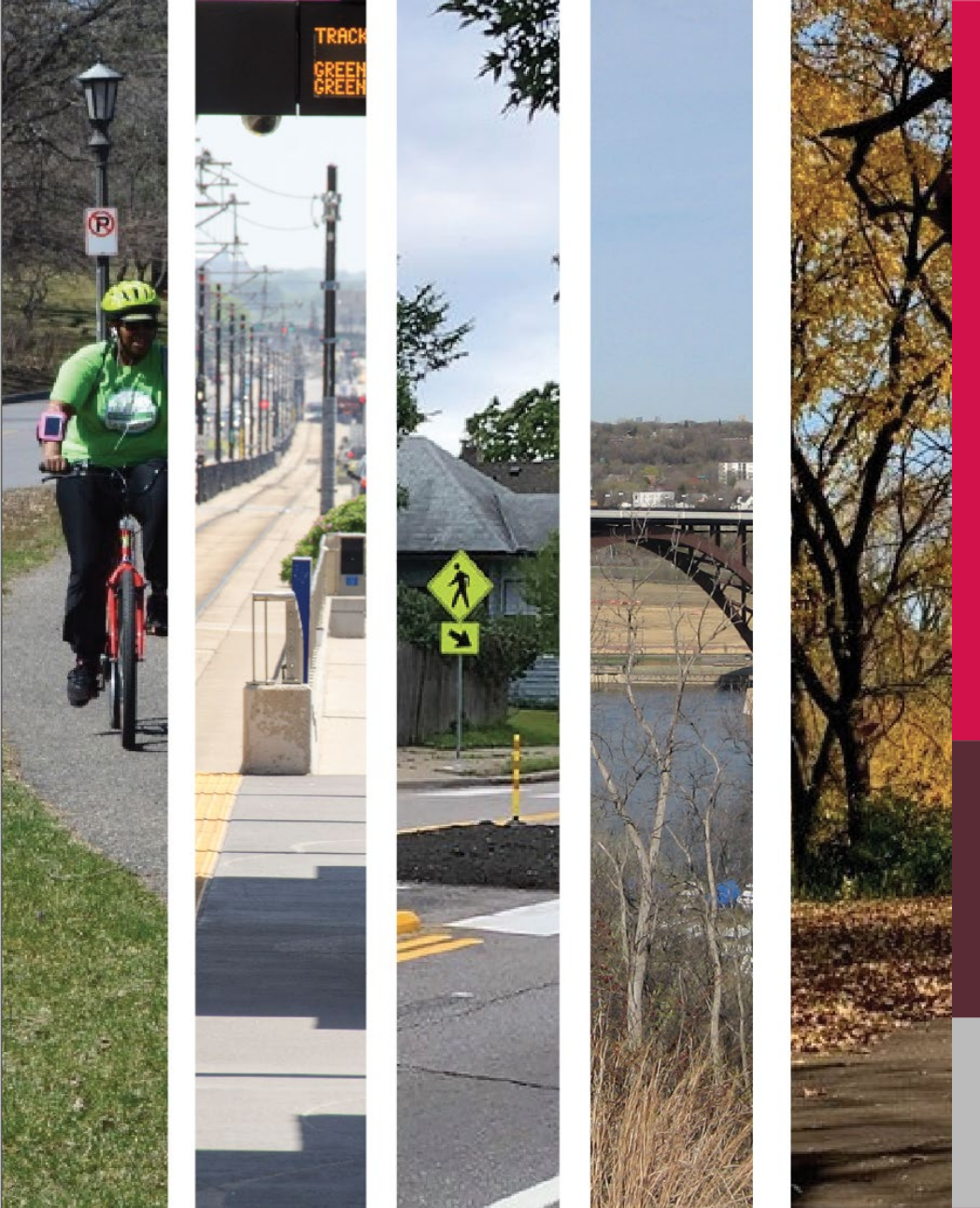
Closing Thoughts

- The All-Abilities Transportation Plan:
 - Removes pavement condition as the sole focus for project selection.
 - Prioritizes the All-Abilities Transportation Policy.
 - Improves flexibility in project development.
 - Multimodal, Community, Accessibility, Resiliency and Equity Projects.
 - Ensures all parts of the county benefit from transportation improvements.



What's Next?

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Utilizing the project dashboard, projects will be identified for the TIP.
- County Board Action
 - Approval of the TIP.
- 2050 All-Abilities Transportation Plan
 - Dashboard and integrated data will be updated as projects occur.
 - Full plan updates anticipated every five years.



Questions?