



Board Workshop / Discussion Agenda

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

November 18, 2025 - 1:30 p.m.

Courthouse Room 220

WORKSHOP

1. **2026 - 2030 Transportation Improvement Program**

[2025-470](#)

Sponsors: Public Works



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Request for Board Action

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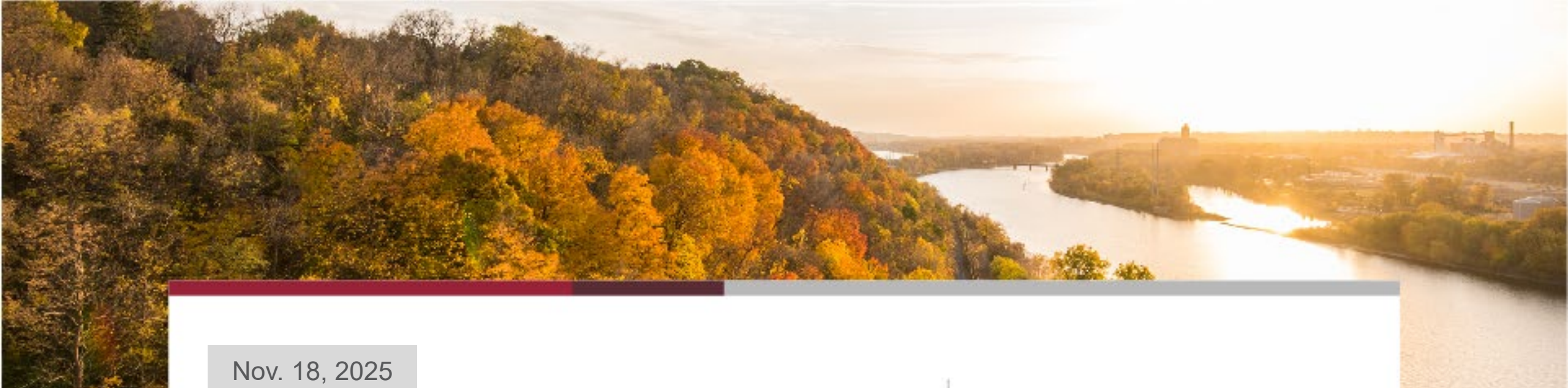
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Attachment

1. Presentation



Nov. 18, 2025

2026–2030 Transportation Improvement Program

Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Workshop





Introductions

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Economic Growth and Community
Investment

Brian Isaacson, Director of Public Works



Overview

- Our transportation system.
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):
 - 2025.
 - 2026-2030.
 - **Board action November 25.**
- Guidance from county plans.
- Developing initiatives.
- Current and emerging issues.

293 miles
of roadways.

842 miles
of lanes.

60
county-owned bridges.

Over 12,000
drainage structures/systems.

100 to 30,000+
vehicles per day (average 9,000).

25+ miles
of bicycle lanes on county roads.

300+ miles
of sidewalks and trails on county roads.

Our System

Over 30,000
signs.

413
traffic signal systems.

20+
rectangular rapid flashing beacons.

1
intercity passenger rail station.

4 existing
rapid transit lines:

- Green Line.
- Gold Line BRT.
- A Line ABRT.
- B Line ABRT.

3 planned
rapid transit lines:

- Purple Line BRT.
- G Line ABRT.
- H Line ABRT.



2025 Project Highlights

- I-35E and County Road J.
- Rice Street, Phase One.
- County Road D.
- Eustis Street.

Capital Funding Sources

Source	2026 (Estimated Budget)
County State Aid Highway (CSAH) Construction	\$16,400,000
Wheelage Tax	\$7,450,000
County Capital Improvement Program (CIP)	\$2,000,000
Transportation Advancement Account (TAA)	\$12,900,000
Regional Railroad Authority Levy	\$20,000,000
County Transportation Sales and Use Tax (0.5% of 1 cent)	\$35,000,000
Other Agency (e.g., cities, MnDOT, watersheds)	10-15% of construction costs
State (e.g., General Obligation bonds, Turnback)	Varies
Federal	Varies

Transformation of the TIP

Where we were:

- ~\$35m program.
- No long-range plan, limited priorities.
- Simple process, constrained by funding.
- No corridor studies.
- Transit separate from Public Works.



Where we are going:

- ~\$100m program.
- 2050 All Abilities Plan adopted.
- Transit and Transportation Investment Plan approved.
- Major corridor approach.
- Values-driven.
- Transit integrated into program.
- New processes needed to scale.



Guiding Plans

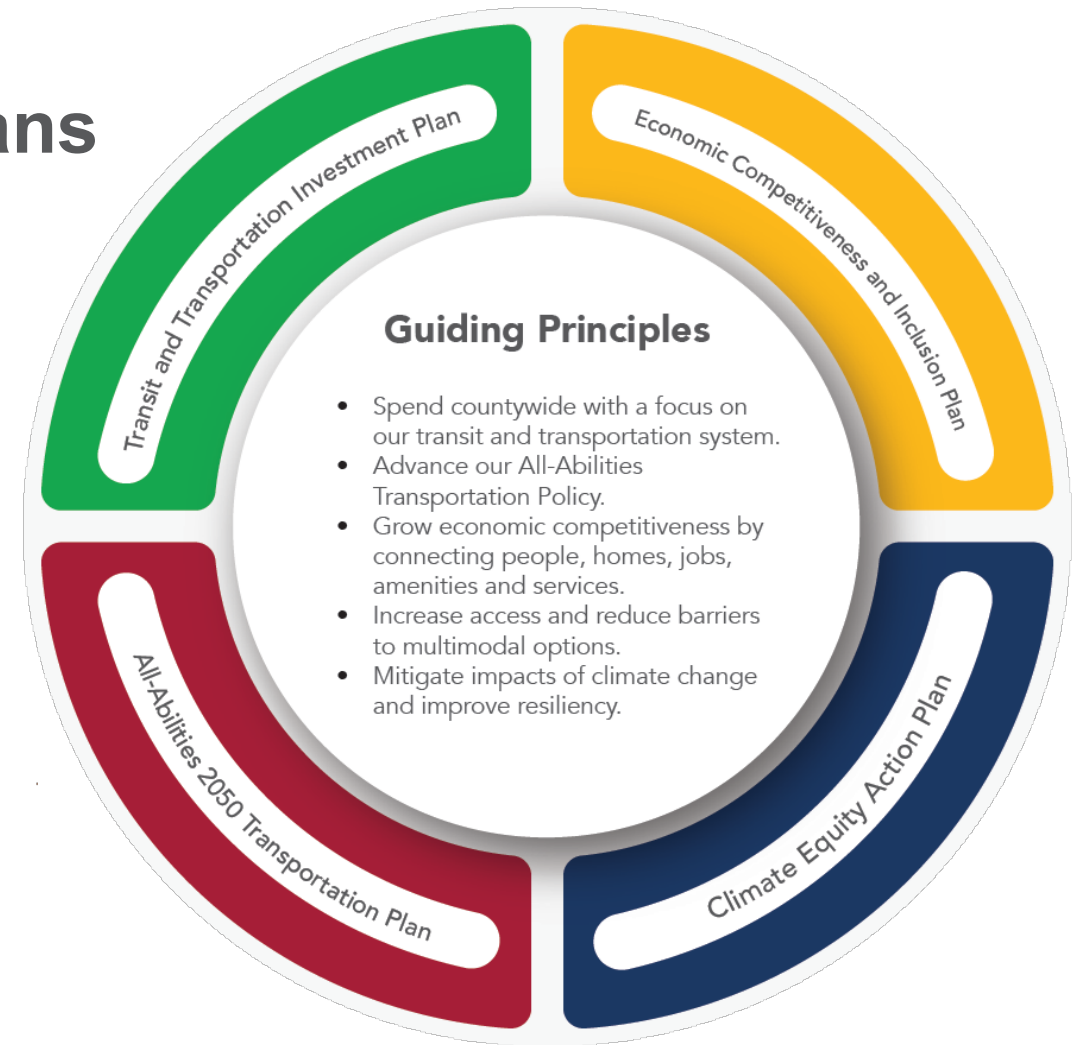
Ramsey County's plans guide:

- TIP project selection.
- Transportation Sales and Use Tax CIP.

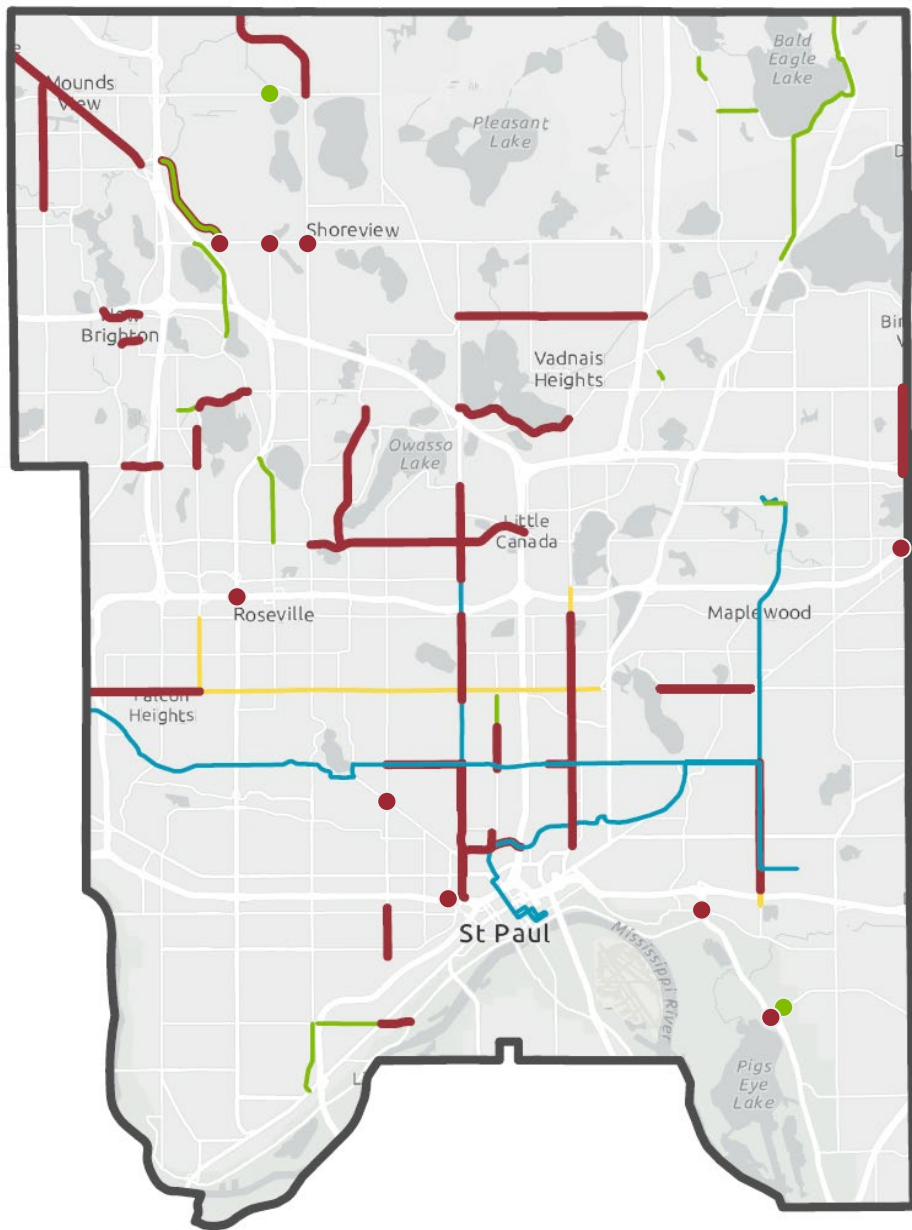
TIP implementation.

- Updated annually.
- Board action authorizes the use of funding.

Board action: November 25.



These plans are living documents and will be updated as needed by the Ramsey County board to meet changing needs and priorities.



2026–2030 TIP

Major projects include:

- Purple Line.
- Rice Creek Boulevard.
- Little Canada Road.
- Jackson Street.
- County Road C.
- County Road F.
- Bruce Vento Trail.
- Dale Street.
- Edgerton Street.
- Larpenteur Avenue.
- White Bear Avenue.
- Maryland Avenue.

Legend:

- Construction.
- Corridor studies.
- Pedestrian & bike.
- Transit.

Map notes:

Pavement rehab, signal and Trout Brook Trail projects not shown.



2026 Project Highlights

- Rice Street, Phase Two.
- I-35E and County Road J, new bridge.
- I-35E and Little Canada Road.
- Rice Creek Commons.
- County Road C.
- Bruce Vento Trail.
- Corridor studies.
- Tree program.

Rice Street Phase Two,
Manitoba Avenue to Maryland Avenue.



All-Abilities 2050 Plan

- **Guiding document for how projects are prioritized** in the TIP.
- Based on four priorities:
 - Safety.
 - Equity.
 - Pedestrian and bicycle.
 - Pavement condition.



All-Abilities 2050 Plan

- **Key outcome:** Identified the need for **Edgerton Street** corridor study:
 - Highest equity need.
 - Critical crash rate above 1.
 - Regional bike route & crosses barriers.
 - Fair pavement condition, fix now or rebuild at much higher cost later.
- Also confirms need for:
 - White Bear Avenue study.
 - Maryland Avenue study.



Transit and Transportation Investment Plan

- Guides allocation of future funding for:
 - Regional Railroad Authority Levy.
 - County Transportation Sales and Use Tax.





Transit and Transportation Investment Plan

Key outcome: County Transportation Sales and Use Tax eligible projects in the 2026-2030 TIP:

- Rice Creek Boulevard.
- Corridor studies:
 - Larpenteur Avenue.
 - White Bear Avenue.
 - Maryland Avenue.
- Purple Line, Union Depot to Maplewood Mall.
- Hwy 96 intersections.
- And more.



Economic Competitiveness and Inclusion Plan

- A More **Resilient and Equitable** Community.
 - **Strategy 1** measure of success: Increase in **multi-family housing near transit corridors.**
 - **Strategy 3** measure of success: Increase in the number of Naturally Occurring **Affordable Housing units preserved along transit** and commercial corridors.





Economic Competitiveness and Inclusion Plan

- A More **Economically Competitive** Community:
 - **Strategy 8** measure of success: Increased investment in businesses operating in key **transit and commercial corridors**.
- **Key outcomes:**
 - Prioritizing projects with high equity need.
 - Business communication during construction.
 - Investing in transit to spur affordable housing development.



Climate Equity Action Plan

- Area of Focus: Clean Transportation
 - **Goal 1:** Plan a network that supports sustainable, multi-modal transportation.
 - **Goal 2:** Make it equitable and easier for all ages and abilities to use the multi-modal transportation network.
 - **Goal 3:** Reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions within the county.



Climate Equity Action Plan

- **Key outcomes:**
 - **Prioritizing multi-modal projects.**
 - **Funding trail projects** including Bruce Vento Trail with Parks & Recreation.
 - **Reducing greenhouse gas emissions** will be a priority of Hwy 96 intersection designs.
 - **Resilient stormwater infrastructure** to adapt to changing climate.



Developing Initiatives

- At-grade rail crossings.
 - Cooperative venture with railroads.
- Passenger rail expansion.
- Union Depot sustained funding.
- Tree planting program.



Current and emerging issues

Safety:

- 4-to-3 lane conversions.
- Speed management.

Transit:

- Gold Line extension and Purple Line.
- ABRT supportive investments.
- Investing to encourage Metro Transit service and frequency.

Multimodal:

- ADA and sidewalk investments.
- Bruce Vento Trail, Trout Brook Trail, and Rice Creek Trail.

Partnerships:

- RiversEdge.
- West 7th Street proposal.
- Local cost-share policy update.



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Action: November 25, 2025