

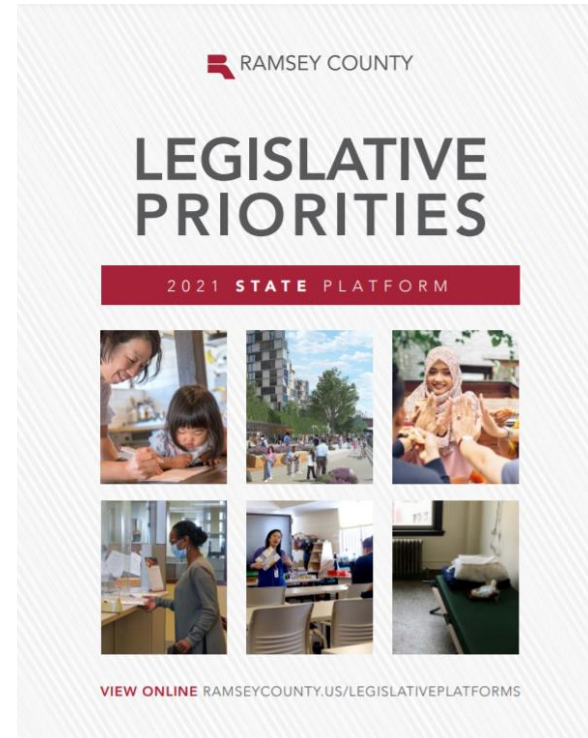
Board Workshop: 2022 State and Federal Legislative Platform Development

Government Relations
October 12, 2021

Agenda

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| 1. Introductions | Commissioner MatasCastillo |
| 2. Workshop Overview | Jennifer O'Rourke |
| 3. State Legislative Outlook | Elizabeth Emerson
Goff Public |
| 4. Federal Outlook | Mike Erlandson
Aurora Strategic Advisors |
| 5. Discussion and Next Steps | Jennifer O'Rourke |

2021 Platforms



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Purpose of Workshop

- Share development process and next steps.
- Analysis of the 2022 legislative climate.
- Review proposed state and federal legislative platform items.
- Discussion and take input for items to refine, add, remove or reprioritize.

Timeline for Developing 2022 Platforms

- **Ongoing:** Meet weekly with Chairs of Legislative Committee; community engagement in various forms.
- **June – Oct.:** June special session; meetings with legislators and other partners; monitor Front Line Workers Pay working group and other legislative hearings.
- **Aug./Sept.:** Executive Team, Service Teams - 2022 platforms for budget concerns, new ideas, deletions and changes for 2022 platforms.
Meeting with delegation members in person and virtual one-on-one settings.
- **Mid-Sept.:** AMC Policy Conference; committee priorities.
- **Oct. 12:** Board Workshop 2022 State and Federal Legislative Platform Development.
- **Oct./Nov.:** Analyze and update priorities and positions - Executive Team, Commissioners, senior staff and community.
- **Nov. 16:** State and federal platforms presented at Legislative Committee of the Whole.
- **Dec. 14 or 21:** Platforms considered for approval by Board of Commissioners.
- **Jan. 2022:** Official Delegation meeting with Commissioners and State Legislators.
- **Jan. 31, 2022:** First day of the 2022 State Legislative Session.

Expanded Engagement Efforts

2020/2021

- Hosted legislative delegation meeting with commissioners and legislators to officially present platforms in early January.
- Two town halls on Legislative Involvement 101 December 7 & 9th for community and staff.
- Added new virtual weekly staff meeting check in. Continued written weekly updates during session for commissioners, subject-matter-expert staff.
- Increased Commissioner engagement and testimony at the legislature.

2021/2022

- Platform discussion with Citizen Advisory Council.
- Meeting in one-on-one settings with legislators to discuss 2022 priorities.
- Additional town halls on legislative involvement.

2021 State Platform Priorities

- Funding Ramsey County's COVID public health emergency response, economic recovery and waivers.
- Investing in housing stability—affordability and homelessness.
- Addressing racial disparities in out-of-home displacements.
- Funding transportation funding, including new revenues for transit, roads and bridges.
- Improving mental and behavioral health systems and supports.

2021 State Platform Wins

- New Homelessness Aid for counties, starting in 2023 - \$3 million annually.
- Technical bonding bill changes to Hmong American Partnership Training Center.
- Second Train to Chicago - \$10 million.
- Defended against potential transit cost shift to Ramsey and Hennepin counties.
- Enhanced Medicaid asthma services for children and their families.
- Counties held harmless for DHS overpayment of Medicaid funds for chemical health services.
- Continued health and human services COVID-19 waivers that demonstrate administrative efficiency and improve outcomes and service delivery.
- Successful reprioritization of the Basic Sliding Fee Waitlist to serve more families.
- Defended against the elimination of the Market Bucks program.

Remaining 2021 Bonding Priorities

• RiversEdge	\$40 million
• Rush Line Bus Rapid Transit	\$2.5 million
• Riverview Corridor	\$2.5 million
Support Item	
Gibbs Farm	\$7.1 million

2022 Bonding Priorities Submitted to MMB

1. The Park at RiversEdge	\$26 million
2. Rice Street Revitalization	\$5 million
3. Bruce Vento Trail Extension	\$3.5 million

2022 Suggested State Priorities

- Family and Community Stabilization
 - Investing in housing stability—affordability and homelessness.
 - Addressing racial disparities in out-of-home displacements.
- Systems Transformation
 - Improving mental and behavioral health systems and support.
 - Justice system reform.
- Economic Competitiveness and Inclusion
 - Funding transportation, including new revenues for transit, roads and bridges.
 - Workforce.
 - Climate change.
- Bonding Requests

State Legislative Outlook

- Factors affecting the 2022 legislative session
 - Session logistics - virtual, hybrid or in-person.
 - New caucus leadership
 - Redistricting
 - State economic outlook
 - Federal funding
 - November elections



State Legislative Outlook

- What's on the table?
 - Unfinished business
 - Bonding
 - Political base issues
 - Ongoing agency policy work

Federal Outlook 2022

- The 2nd Session of the 117th Congress priorities and major legislative efforts will not likely be determined until the conclusion of the 2021 session.
- The annual Appropriations Bills will create new opportunities for a new round of Congressionally Directed Spending (earmarks).
- The 2nd Session of every Congress is also largely influenced by the Election Calendar and politics.



2021 Federal Platform Priorities

- Fund Ramsey County's COVID response and recovery needs.
- Improving mental and behavioral health systems and supports.
- Investing in housing stability—affordability and homelessness.
- Support Ramsey County transportation and infrastructure needs.

Next Steps: Platform Development & Rollout

- Continue meeting with commissioners and staff to review updated positions.
- **Nov. 16:** Legislative Committee of the Whole.
- **Dec. 14 or 21:** Final approval of platforms by the Board.
- **Jan. 2022:** Official Ramsey County State Legislative Delegation meeting.
- **Jan. 31:** State Session starts.
- First day of next congress.

Questions?

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