

2025 Legislative Platform Review

Presentation to the Legislative Committee of the Whole



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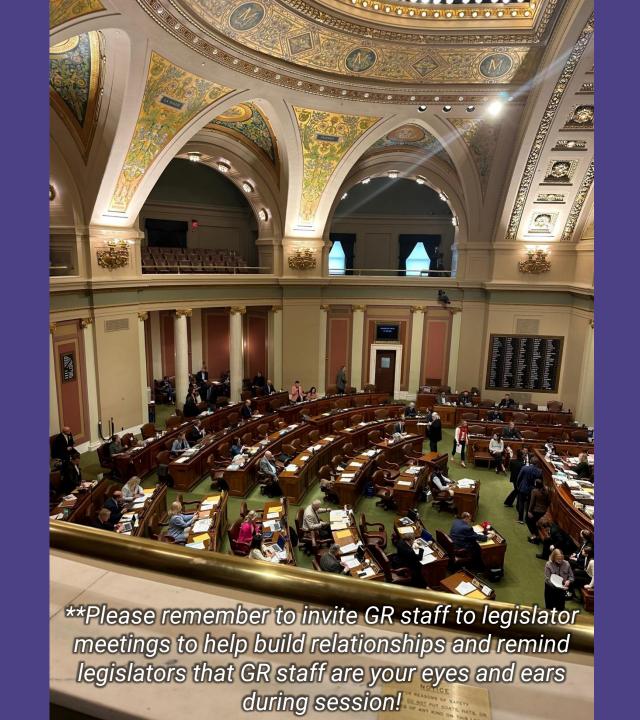
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Purpose

- Review work to date
- Recommend approval of 2025 state and federal legislative platforms

Things to consider going into 2025 session:

- Temporary surplus with looming "structural imbalance"
- No bonding bill completed last year...
 Unfinished business.
- Potential musical chairs Governor, Lt. Governor, President of Senate.
- Current one-vote margin for DFL in Senate in question – Sen. Morrison's seat up for grabs in November; Sen. Champion may leave for the Executive Branch.
- One-party control in 2025 likely hinges on the Senate.



Ramsey County Platform Timeline

Meet with Legislative Team	Aug 8
Strategic Management Team presentation; meetings with individual service teams, department leaders, and SMEs	Aug – present
Meet with external partners	Ongoing
Departments provide platform proposals	Sept 6 – 11
Present updates to Executive Team	Sept 18, Oct 2
Present update at Board workshop	Oct 15
Update to Strategic Management Team	Oct 24
Legislative Committee of the Whole recommends approval	Nov 5
County Board provides final approval	Nov 19
Delegation meeting #1	Dec 2
Delegation meeting #2	Early Jan
2025 session begins	Jan 14



Platform Development Process

- Collected over 30 platform item proposals from departments.
- Met with department directors and SMEs, external partners, and allies.
- Met with individual commissioners and held board workshop.
- Revised and edited draft platforms.
- Worked with Executive Team to identify themes and priority issues.

Review of October 15 Board Workshop

- Reviewed themes and priority issues.
- Discussed new platform items.
- Took feedback on identifying allies and lead commissioners.
- Established bonding priorities using standard criteria.
- Discussed the need to coordinate with partners and others on downtown development issues.
- Discussed county program aid and the need for other, more equitable state formulas and funding allocations.
 - Will engage with workgroup led by Association of Minnesota Counties.

Review of Overall Themes

- Operational excellence.
 - Focus on strengthening existing programs and functions.
 - Ensure new opportunities align with countywide Strategic Priorities.
- Ensure funding & support for critical community basic needs and wellbeing.
- Full funding for any new and current mandates.
- Funding for Ramsey County bonding projects.



2025 Session Bonding Requests

	Criteria		2025 Priorities
	ned with strategic priorities, racial lity impact and opportunity.		
• Hav	ve previous momentum.	1.	Rice Creek Commons Infrastructure: \$25
 Have 	ve readiness and vision.	million	
	ve legislative buy-in and support; nmunity input.		The Park at RiversEdge: \$20 million Aldrich Arena & Community Event
	n leverage federal Infrastructure Bill ding.	Center: \$6.4 million	
bon	n use similar process for 2026 MMB ading requests and congressionally ected spending.		

Next Steps

- This committee's approval of the state and federal legislative platforms represents a recommendation that the County Board provide final approval on November 19.
- Delegation meeting on Monday, December 2, 11:00am.
- Second delegation meeting in early January.
- 2025 session begins January 14.

