

HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

FINAL BOARD AGENDA

BOARD OF HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024

1:30 PM

Chair: Irene Fernando, District 2
Vice-Chair: Debbie Goettel, District 5
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Marion Greene, District 3
Angela Conley, District 4
Heather Edelson, District 6
Kevin Anderson, District 7

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Approval of Agenda**

3. **Hennepin Highlights**

3.A. Election Preview - Ginny Gelms

4. **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

4.A. October 1, 2024 Minutes

Attachments: [BOARD-MINUTES-01-Oct-2024](#)

4.B. October 8, 2024 Minutes - Special meeting

Attachments: [BOARD.MINUTES-08-Oct-2024](#)

5. **Referral of Correspondence and Department Communications**

Correspondence

5.A. [24N-0034](#)

Professional and Personal Service Agmts/Amds of \$100,000 or less which have been approved by Department Director, Assistant/County Administrator. Report Number: 24RAA-06

Attachments: [24RAA-06](#)

5.B. [24N-0035](#)

Claim/Summons - 1. Jennifer G. Lurken, Gislason & Hunter LLP - RE: Alerus Financial N.A. v. Hennepin County et al. - 2. Christopher L. Olson, GDO Law - RE: Home Liquidators LLC v. Hennepin County et al. - 3. Tim Philips, Attorney - RE: Ashley Judy v. Hennepin County. - 4. Dee J's - Johnson Farms - RE: Johnson Farms v. Hennepin County et al. - 5. Michael V. Schleisman, Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. - RE: U.S. Bank National Association v. Hennepin County et al.

Attachments: [AlerusFinancialN.A-summons-10.3.24](#)
[HomeLiquidatorsLLC-summons-10.17.24](#)
[JohnsonFarms-claim-10.18.24](#)
[A.Judy-civil-summons-10.16.24](#)
[U.S.BankNationalAssoc.-summons-10.16.24](#)

5.C. [24N-0036](#)

Letters - 1. Lower Minnesota River Water District (LMRWD) - RE: Public Listening Session.

Attachments: [LMRWD-Ltr-January 8, 2025 Public Listening Session-10.29.24](#)

Department Communications

5.D. [24-0477](#)

Claims Register for the period ending November 1, 2024

5.E. [24-0478](#)

Claims Register for the period ending November 8, 2024

5.F. [24-0479](#)

Claims Register for the period ending November 15, 2024

Referred to Administration, Operations and Budget Committee

5.G. [24-0432](#)

Ratification of permits, leases, lease amendments, and related property agreements approved by the County Administrator, 07/01/24 - 09/30/24, total NTE \$15,000

Attachments: [Real Estate Documents Executed by Administrator Third Quarter 2024](#)

- 5.H. [24-0433](#)
Delegation of authority to acquire tax-forfeited land through public auction
- 5.I. [24-0434](#)
Authorize Investment Officer to use additional statutory investment authority relating to repurchase agreement and reverse repurchase agreements through 2025 within statutory and board-authorized limits
- Attachments:** [Exhibit I-Annual Investment Authority for 2025](#)
[Exhibit II-Annual Investment Authority for 2025](#)
- 5.J. [24-0435](#)
Work Order PR00005374 CO1 under Principal Cooperative Agreement A188951 with the University of Minnesota for an increase in joint funding of the Hennepin-University Partnership program, 01/01/24-12/31/25, NTE \$35,000
- 5.K. [24-0436](#)
Amd 2 to Agmt PR00000724 with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota for the provision of financial counseling and classes to Hennepin County employees and their family members, ext end date to 12/31/25, incr NTE by \$70,941
- 5.L. [24-0437](#)
Amd 3 to Agmt PL00000269 with Metre LLC for media planning, media procurement, and limited creative services to advance County's strategic priorities, ext end date to 12/31/25, no change to NTE
- 5.M. [24-0438](#)
Amd 6 to Agmt A102247 with WLF Consulting, LLC for IT mainframe support services, ext end date to 12/31/25 with an additional one-year extension option through 12/31/26, incr NTE by \$277,000
- 5.N. [24-0439](#)
Set 2025 special levies for Shingle Creek Watershed at \$1,299,113; Bassett Creek Watershed at \$2,303,500; West Mississippi Watershed at \$106,050; and Elm Creek Watershed at \$477,225
- 5.O. [24-0440](#)
Approval of the 2025 Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. Financial Plan as submitted by the Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. Board of Directors

5.P. [24-0441](#)

Approval of slate of candidates for three-year terms on the HHS Board of Directors

Attachments: [2025 Board Roster for Hennepin County Board Approval](#)

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

5.Q. [24-0442](#)

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2416

5.R. [24-0443](#)

Agmt A2412577 Master Grant Contract with the MN Dept of Health, 01/01/25-12/31/29; delegates authority for the Hennepin County Administrator to approve all subsequent MDH project agmts

5.S. [24-0444](#)

Amd 1 to JPA Agmt A2412465 with City of Minneapolis for HUD ESG funding for emergency shelter operations activities and essential services, amending to adjust ESG funding year allocations, 07/17/24-12/31/25, adjust NTE from \$450,000 to \$400,384

5.T. [24-0445](#)

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00001611 with NMS to provide toxicology testing services, ext end date to 12/31/24, incr NTE by \$350,000

5.U. [24-0446](#)

Amd 9 to Agmt A154856 with Navitus Health Solutions LLC to provide pharmacy benefit management services to Hennepin Health, ext end date to 12/31/27, incr NTE by \$2,550,000

5.V. [24-0447](#)

JPAs A2412454 with the City of Bloomington, A2412455 with the City of Brooklyn Center, A2412458 with the City of Maple Grove, A2412460 with the City of New Hope, to continue services of the Hennepin County Embedded Social Worker Program, 01/01/25-12/31/26

5.W. [24-0448](#)

JPA A2412461 with the City of Robbinsdale and the Three Rivers Park District to continue services of the Hennepin County Embedded Social Worker Program, 01/01/25-12/31/25

- 5.X. [24-0449](#)
JPA A2412471 with the City of Brooklyn Park to authorize the 911 Alternative Response Team, 03/25/24-12/31/27
- 5.Y. [24-0450](#)
Agmt A2412594 with MN DHS to expand lead agency capacity to improve competitive, integrated employment outcomes for people with disabilities, 10/11/24-06/30/26, \$2,067,452 (recv)

Referred to Intergovernmental Relations Committee

- 5.Z. [24-0451](#)
2025 State Legislative Priorities and Platform
- Attachments:** [2025 PROPOSED IGR State Legislative Platform-Draft-10-22-24](#)
[2025 PROPOSED IGR State Legislative Priorities-Draft-10-22-202](#)

Referred to Law, Safety and Justice Committee

- 5.AA. [24-0452](#)
Amd 1 to Agmt PR00005722 with the Regents of the University of Minnesota to provide youth justice system research services, ext end date 06/30/26 and incr NTE \$192,544
- 5.AB. [24-0453](#)
Amd 4 to Agmt PR00002848 with CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation Center for assessments of child sexual abuse victims and expert witness testimony, ext end date 12/31/25 and incr NTE to \$1,213,264
- 5.AC. [24-0454](#)
Amds to three Agmts with local agencies to provide juvenile diversion services to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, ext end date through 06/30/25 and incr combined NTE to \$1,925,000
- 5.AD. [24-0455](#)
Amds to six Agmts with local agencies to provide victim advocacy, legal representation, and intervention and prevention services for cases handled by the Domestic Abuse Service Center in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, ext end dates to 12/31/25 and incr combined NTE to \$1,916,222

5.AE. [24-0456](#)

Agmts A2412529, A2412530, A2412531, A2412532 between the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and the Cities of Greenfield, Hanover, Medicine Lake, and Rockford, for the provision of patrol services, 01/01/25-12/31/26, \$891,586.99 (recv)

Referred to Public Works Committee

5.AF. [24-0457](#)

Neg Subordinate Funding Agmt A2412545 with Metropolitan Council for project staff services for the METRO Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit Project, 01/01/25-12/31/25, (est recv \$1,270,142)

5.AG. [24-0458](#)

Neg grant agmts for Natural Resource Opportunity grant projects, 3-year periods, total combined NTE \$80,000

5.AH. [24-0459](#)

Adjust county cost and recv for Agmt PW 23-11-24 with City of Edina (CP 2176600); no change to project budget

Attachments: Map of project 2176600 in Edina

5.AI. [24-0460](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt PW 04-01-16 with Hopkins (CP 2142600); transfer funds (HNCTY 0039996 to HNPWT 2142600); (est county cost \$7,500,000 state aid, \$500,000 property tax and est recv \$75,000); no change to total project budget

Attachments: [Map of project 2142600 in Hopkins](#)

5.AJ. [24-0461](#)

Neg Agmt PW 28-73-24 with Wright County for routine and extraordinary maintenance on CSAH 157 and CR 139 in Minnetrista and Independence, 01/01/25-12/31/29 (est county cost: \$13,000 per year Operating Budget)

Attachments: [Map of CSAH 157 in Minnetrista & Independence and Co Rd 139 Independence](#)

5.AK. [24-0462](#)

Neg Agmt PW 01-07-24 with the City of Bloomington to provide signal operation and maintenance during the period 01/01/25-12/31/29 (est county cost \$19,700 per year - Operating Budget)

Attachments: [Map of signals along CSAH 1 in Bloomington](#)

5.AL. [24-0463](#)

Neg Agmt PW 34-00-24 with MnDOT and the City of Minneapolis for pavement preservation, traffic signal and accessibility upgrades on CSAH 22 from 56th Street to 58th Street W (CP 2201000); est county cost \$726,317 State Aid

Attachments: [Map of project 2201004 in Minneapolis](#)

5.AM. [24-0464](#)

Neg Agmt PW 31-85-24 with CP Railway for replacement of the railroad crossing surface on Old Shakopee Road (CSAH 1) in Bloomington (CP 2201100), (est county cost: \$80,000 Property Tax)

Attachments: [Map of project 2201106 in Bloomington](#)

5.AN. [24-0465](#)

Neg Agmt PR00006236 with BFI Waste Systems of North America, LLC for the operation of the county's HHW permanent facilities and collection events, for a period of up to five years beginning 01/01/25, NTE \$15 million

Referred to Resident Services Committee

5.AO. [24-0466](#)

Neg Agmt with Kidzibits, Inc. to provide early literacy play structures at library project sites, 10/30/24-10/29/30, NTE \$1,500,000

Attachments: [ELPS Budget Table 2024 - 2030](#)
[HCL ELPS Playspaces](#)

6. Commendations

6.A. [24-0467](#)

Commendation of Catherine Johnson, Director of the Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation - offered by Commissioner Lunde

7. Commissioner Communications/Updates

8. Claims Register

8.A. [24-0427](#)

Claims Register for the period ending October 4, 2024

8.B. [24-0428](#)

Claims Register for the period ending October 11, 2024

8.C. [24-0429](#)

Claims Register for the period ending October 18, 2024

8.D. [24-0430](#)

Claims Register for the period ending October 25, 2024

9. Consent

9.A. [24-0403](#)

Neg Amd 2 to Lease Agmt A040146 with RV & PD Investments, LLC, for rental space at 9325 Upland Lane North, Maple Grove, extend end date to 05/31/30 (\$302,075 first year rent and operating costs)

Attachments: [Map - Maple Grove Amd 2 to A040146WithLabels](#)

9.B. [24-0404](#)

Neg Amd 4 to Lease Agmt A2110797 with American Indian Community Development Corporation for rental space at 1800 Chicago Avenue in Mpls, ext end date to 12/31/26 with no change to contract amt

Attachments: [Map for Amd 4 to Lease Agmt A2110797](#)

9.C. [24-0405](#)

Receive \$400,000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for the 625 Building

9.D. [24-0406](#)

Amd 5 to Agmt PR00003112 with Hive Blaine, LLC for the provision of academic tutoring services, ext end date to 12/31/25 and incr NTE by \$742,000

9.E. [24-0407](#)

Amd 3 to Agmt A101667 with OneNeck IT Solutions LLC for colocation data center services and managed services, ext end date to 10/31/29, incr NTE by \$4,042,800

9.F. [24-0408](#)

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2415

Attachments: [HSPH Board Report 2415 10-3-2024](#)

9.G. [24-0409](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt A2311986 with the MN Dept of Human Services for the Child and Teen Checkups Program, 01/01/25-12/31/25, \$2,489,118(recv)

9.H. [24-0412](#)

Agmt A2412548 with the U.S. Attorney, Metropolitan Police Dept. for reimbursement of expenses incurred in providing security for the 60th Presidential Inaugural events, 01/17/25-01/21/25, \$110,000 (est recv)

9.I. [24-0413](#)

Agmt PR00006639 with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota to provide professional Health Care Agent Services, 11/01/24-12/31/25, NTE \$60,000

9.J. [24-0414](#)

Authorization to submit a grant application under USDOT's FY 2025 Bridge Investment Program for Hennepin Avenue Bridges Reconditioning (CP 2164000)

Attachments: [Map of Hennepin Ave Bridges in Minneapolis \(CP 2164000\)](#)

9.K. [24-0415](#)

Neg Agmt PW 39-84-24 with BNSF for replacement of the railroad crossing surface on 93rd Avenue (CSAH 30) in Maple Grove (CP 2201100), (est county cost: \$190,000 Property Tax)

Attachments: [Map of CSAH 30 RR crossing in Maple Grove \(CP 2201119\)](#)

9.L. [24-0416](#)

Neg Agmt PW 60-13-23 with Golden Valley for pedestrian improvements along Winnetka Avenue (CSAH 156); accept conveyance of easements and interests; incr 2024 capital budget for CP 2183300 (est county cost \$200,400 - city)

Attachments: [Map of Project on CSAH 156 in Golden Valley \(2183346\).pdf](#)

9.M. [24-0417](#)

Agmt PR00006562 with Alliant Engineering, Inc. for preliminary design engineering and professional services for reconstruction of Minnetonka Boulevard (CSAH 5) in St. Louis Park (CP 2168000), 10/29/24-12/31/27; transfer funds from CP 2183400 to CP 2168000 & incr budget of CP 2168000; (county cost: NTE \$1,600,000 state aid)

Attachments: [Map of CSAH 52 in St. Louis Park \(CP 2120800\).pdf](#)

9.N. [24-0418](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt PR00005142 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for final design engineering for Nicollet Avenue (CSAH 52) reconstruction (CP 2120800), incr NTE by \$1.3M, ext end date to 12/01/28; (county cost NTE \$2.55M state aid)

Attachments: [Map of Project on CSAH 52 in Richfield \(2120800\)](#)

9.O. [24-0419](#)

Adopt the 2024 -2029 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan

Attachments: [SW Mgmt Plan 2024 Final 102924](#)

9.P. [24-0420](#)

Amd 5 to Agmt A178204 with Better Futures Minnesota f/k/a Network for Better Futures, to provide lawn care, snow removal and salt/sanding services for maintenance of State of Minnesota tax-forfeit properties administered by Hennepin County, ext end date to 12/31/25 and incr NTE by \$500,000

9.Q. [24-0421](#)

Amd 5 to Agmt CM00000534 with Better Futures Minnesota for routine exterior property inspections of Hennepin County tax-forfeit properties, ext end date to 12/31/25 and incr NTE by \$500,000

9.R. [24-0422](#)

Agmt PR00006577 with Election Systems and Software, LLC for ballot printing services, 12/01/24-12/31/27, NTE \$2,200,000

10. Non-Consent

11. Progressed

12. Old Business

13. Immediate Approvals

13.A. [24-0468](#)

Recognizing Native American Heritage Month in Hennepin County - offered by Commissioner Conley

13.B. [24-0469](#)

Establish closed labor meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

13.C. [24-0470](#)

Award contract to Ti-Zack Concrete, Inc. for accessibility improvements along various county roads (2024 ADA Program Phase 4), CP 2201000 (county cost \$677,049.69 State Aid & \$121,147.50 Wheelage Tax)

Attachments: [Maps: Project 2201007, ADA Phase 4](#)

13.D. [24-0471](#)

Neg Lease Agmt LS00000037 with Vulcan Properties, Inc. for rental space to be utilized by Hennepin County Library at 3519 Hazelton Rd., Edina, 11/01/24-12/31/27 (\$52,920 estimated first year gross rent)

Attachments: [LeaseAgreementLS00000037](#)

13.E. [24-0472](#)

Neg Agmt PR00006699 with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP for annual financial audits for Hennepin County and Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc., 11/01/24-12/31/31, Hennepin County NTE \$4,744,137, Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. NTE \$1,944,788

13.F. [24-0473](#)

Amend the 2024 Capital Budget to include capital project 1010890 Youth Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Center; transfer \$15,000,000 in existing budget authority from six identified capital projects

13.G. [24-0474](#)

Neg Agmt with Nexus Diversified Community Services to provide behavioral health crisis residential services for county-connected youth with complex needs, 11/01/24-12/31/27, NTE \$7,000,000/annually

13.I. [24-0476](#)

Confirmation of the appointment of Kareem Murphy as the Interim Assistant County Administrator for the Disparity Reduction line of business, effective October 29, 2024

13.H. [24-0475](#)

Confirmation of the appointment of Liz Young as the Interim Director of Intergovernmental Relations, effective October 29, 2024

HENNEPIN COUNTY

300 South Sixth Street
Minneapolis, MN
55487-0240

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

TMP-1535

Item Description:

Election Preview - Presented by Ginny Gelms, Elections Director

HENNEPIN COUNTY

300 South Sixth Street
Minneapolis, MN
55487-0240

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

TMP-1467

Item Description:

October 1, 2024 Minutes

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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BOARD MINUTES

BOARD OF HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024
1:30 PM

Chair: Irene Fernando, District 2
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Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Marion Greene, District 3
Angela Conley, District 4
Heather Edelson, District 6
Kevin Anderson, District 7

Commissioner Irene Fernando, Chair, called the meeting of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioner for Tuesday, October 1, 2024 to order at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Irene Fernando, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Commissioner Jeff Lunde, Commissioner Marion Greene, Commissioner Angela Conley, Commissioner Heather Edelson, and Commissioner Kevin Anderson

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Irene Fernando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson to amend the agenda by removing item 13.C. as a referral to committee on October 8, 2024. The motion passed. Aye: Greene, Edelson, Anderson, Fernando. Nay: Lunde, Conley, Goettel. Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel to add item 13.D. to establish a special meeting of the Board on October 8, 2024 solely to discuss item 13.C. The motion passed. Aye: Lunde, Conley, Goettel, Fernando. Nay: Greene, Edelson, Anderson.

APPROVE

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to approve the Agenda as amended.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

3. Hennepin Highlights

4. Minutes from Previous Meeting

4.A. September 17, 2024 Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Minutes.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5. Referral of Correspondence and Department Communications

Correspondence

Department Communications

5.A. [24-0427](#)

Claims Register for the period ending October 4, 2024

REFER AS RECOMMENDED

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer the Resolution to the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.B. [24-0428](#)

Claims Register for the period ending October 11, 2024

REFER AS RECOMMENDED

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer the Resolution to the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.C. [24-0429](#)

Claims Register for the period ending October 18, 2024

REFER AS RECOMMENDED

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer the Resolution to the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.D. [24-0430](#)

Claims Register for the period ending October 25, 2024

REFER AS RECOMMENDED

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer the Resolution to the Board of Hennepin County

Commissioners.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

Referred to Administration, Operations and Budget Committee

5.E. [24-0403](#)

Neg Amd 2 to Lease Agmt A040146 with RV & PD Investments, LLC, for rental space at 9325 Upland Lane North, Maple Grove, extend end date to 05/31/30 (\$302,075 first year rent and operating costs)

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.F. [24-0404](#)

Neg Amd 4 to Lease Agmt A2110797 with American Indian Community Development Corporation for rental space at 1800 Chicago Avenue in Mpls, ext end date to 12/31/26 with no change to contract amt

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.G. [24-0405](#)

Receive \$400,000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for the 625 Building

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.H. [24-0406](#)

Amd 5 to Agmt PR00003112 with Hive Blaine, LLC for the provision of academic tutoring services, ext end date to 12/31/25 and incr NTE by \$742,000

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.I. [24-0407](#)

Amd 3 to Agmt A101667 with OneNeck IT Solutions LLC for colocation data center services and managed services, ext end date to 10/31/29, incr NTE by \$4,042,800

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee

5.J. [24-0408](#)

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2415

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.K. [24-0409](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt A2311986 with the MN Dept of Human Services for the Child and Teen Checkups Program, 01/01/25-12/31/25, \$2,489,118(recv)

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.L. [24-0410](#)

Adopt revised Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council Bylaws

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.M. [24-0411](#)

Adopt Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council-recommended performance standards

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

Referred to Law, Safety and Justice Committee

5.N. [24-0412](#)

Agmt A2412548 with the U.S. Attorney, Metropolitan Police Dept. for reimbursement of expenses incurred in providing security for the 60th Presidential Inaugural events, 01/17/25-01/21/25, \$110,000 (est recv)

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.O. [24-0413](#)

Agmt PR00006639 with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota to provide professional Health Care Agent Services, 11/01/24-12/31/25, NTE \$60,000

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

Referred to Public Works Committee

5.P. [24-0414](#)

Authorization to submit a grant application under USDOT's FY 2025 Bridge Investment Program for Hennepin Avenue Bridges Reconditioning (CP 2164000)

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.Q. [24-0415](#)

Neg Agmt PW 39-84-24 with BNSF for replacement of the railroad crossing surface on 93rd Avenue (CSAH 30) in Maple Grove (CP 2201100), (est county cost: \$190,000 Property Tax)

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.R. [24-0416](#)

Neg Agmt PW 60-13-23 with Golden Valley for pedestrian improvements along Winnetka Avenue (CSAH 156); accept conveyance of easements and interests; incr 2024 capital budget for CP 2183300 (est county cost \$200,400 - city)

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.S. [24-0417](#)

Agmt PR00006562 with Alliant Engineering, Inc. for preliminary design engineering and professional services for reconstruction of Minnetonka Boulevard (CSAH 5) in St. Louis Park (CP 2168000), 10/29/24-12/31/27; transfer funds from CP 2183400 to CP 2168000 & incr budget of CP 2168000; (county cost: NTE \$1,600,000 state aid)

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.T. [24-0418](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt PR00005142 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for final design engineering for Nicollet Avenue (CSAH 52) reconstruction (CP 2120800), incr NTE by \$1.3M, ext end date to 12/01/28; (county cost NTE \$2.55M state aid)

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.U. [24-0419](#)

Adopt the 2024 -2029 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

Referred to Resident Services Committee

5.V. [24-0420](#)

Amd 5 to Agmt A178204 with Better Futures Minnesota f/k/a Network for Better Futures, to provide lawn care, snow removal and salt/sanding services for maintenance of State of Minnesota tax-forfeit properties administered by Hennepin County, ext end date to 12/31/25 and incr NTE by \$500,000

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.W. [24-0421](#)

Amd 5 to Agmt CM00000534 with Better Futures Minnesota for routine exterior property inspections of Hennepin County tax-forfeit properties, ext end date to 12/31/25 and incr NTE by \$500,000

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

5.X. [24-0422](#)

Agmt PR00006577 with Election Systems and Software, LLC for ballot printing services, 12/01/24-12/31/27, NTE \$2,200,000

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to refer to committee.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

6. Commendations

6.A. [24-0423](#)

Commendation of Karen Kuglar, Area Director for the Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation's Institution Services - offered by Commissioner Lunde

ADOPT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, to adopt the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

7. Commissioner Communications/Updates

Commissioner Fernando: Presented on Indigenous Peoples Day.

Commissioner Lunde: Presented on Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

8. Claims Register

8.A. [24-0377](#)

Claims Register for the period ending September 20, 2024

APPROVE/RATIFY

Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to approve/ratify the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

8.B. [24-0378](#)

Claims Register for the period ending September 27, 2024

APPROVE/RATIFY

Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to approve/ratify the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

9. Consent

Commissioner Jeff Lunde moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to adopt the items in the consent agenda.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

9.A. [24-0379](#)

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00002333 with Genex Services, LLC, to provide workers' compensation claims billing services, ext end date to 10/31/27, incr NTE by \$760,000

ADOPT

9.B. [24-0380](#)

Delegation of authority to the County Administrator to negotiate and finalize Agmt PR00006272 with Benefit Resource, LLC - An Inspira Financial Solution (BRI) for the provision of COBRA, retiree, and employee benefit continuation administrative services, 01/01/25-12/31/27, NTE \$524,000

ADOPT

9.C. [24-0381](#)

Delegation of authority to the County Administrator to negotiate and finalize Agmt PR00006368 with P&A Administrative Services, Inc. for the provision of pretax FSA administrative services, 01/01/25-12/31/27, NTE \$1,000,000

ADOPT

9.D. [24-0382](#)

Agmt PR00006625 with Project for Pride in Living LLC for the development of a Career Pathway/Trainee program with Hennepin County's Facility Services Department, 10/01/24-08/01/25, NTE \$40,000

ADOPT

9.E. [24-0383](#)

Resolution supporting Hennepin County's role in preventing displacement of business and residents along the METRO Blue Line Extension Corridor - offered by Commissioner Fernando and Commissioner Lunde.

ADOPT

9.F. [24-0384](#)

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2414

ADOPT

9.G. [24-0385](#)

Amd 1 Agmt A2311804 with Substance and Mental Health Services Administration to continue a federal grant for Community Crisis Response Partnerships, ext end date to 9/29/25, incr recv by \$742,245

ADOPT

9.H. [24-0386](#)

Amd 2 to Agmt A2311867 with MN Housing Finance Agency accepting grant funds for the FHPAP for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services for homeless persons, 10/01/23-09/30/25, adding \$2,953,608 in funding for new recv NTE of \$16,503,608; add 2.0 limited duration FTE

ADOPT

9.I. [24-0387](#)

JPA A2412550 with the MN DHS to receive a cost neutral transfer (direct allocation) grant from the Housing Support fund for emergency shelter and tenancy supports for people with disabling conditions experiencing homelessness, 07/01/24-06/30/25, (recv \$3,068,878)

ADOPT

9.J. [24-0388](#)

JPA A2412551 with the MN DHS accepting a cost neutral transfer (direct allocation) grant from the Housing Support fund for housing services for American Indians with severe substance use disorders and experiencing homelessness, 07/01/24-06/30/25, (recv \$1,348,120)

ADOPT

9.K. [24-0389](#)

Agmt PR00006575 to purchase reinsurance protection from catastrophic medical claims as required by contracts between Hennepin Health and the Minnesota Department of Human Services; 01/01/25-12/31/25, NTE \$4,000,000

ADOPT

9.L. [24-0390](#)

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00004826 with Murphy, Mike L. to provide investigative services, ext end date to 12/31/24 and incr NTE to \$130,000

ADOPT

9.M. [24-0391](#)

Amd 1 to Work Order PR00005896 with U of M to provide support for land-based greenhouse gas accounting, ext date to 12/31/26, incr NTE to \$400,000

ADOPT

9.N. [24-0392](#)

Neg Amd 1 to Agmt PR00005972 with TRPD for a habitat improvement and water quality project, no change to period, incr NTE to \$114,150

ADOPT

9.O. [24-0394](#)

Approval of the physical design component of the preliminary design plans for the METRO Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit Project

ADOPT

9.P. [24-0397](#)

Joint Powers Agmt A2412472 with the City of Minneapolis to continue services of the Hennepin County Police Embedded Social Worker Program, 09/01/24-12/31/27

ADOPT

9.Q. [24-0398](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt A2311962 with Substance and Mental Health Services Administration continuing services to individuals living with mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorder, ext end date to 09/29/25, incr recv by \$330,000

ADOPT

9.R. [24-0399](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt A2111117 with U.S. Dept of Justice to continue to support services to individuals living with mental illness, ext end date to 09/30/25, no change to amount

ADOPT

9.S. [24-0400](#)

Amd 2 to Agmt A2211386 with Substance and Mental Health Services Administration continuing community mental health services for youth and families, ext end date to 09/29/25, incr recv by \$941,170

ADOPT

9.T. [24-0401](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt A2211489 with the MN Dept of Human Services for services related to the Adult Mental Health Initiative grant, reallocating existing funding, no change to date or amt

ADOPT

9.U. [24-0402](#)

Endorse a workgroup to develop a plan to address placement options for county-connected youth with complex needs

ADOPT

10. Non-Consent

11. Progressed

12. Old Business

13. Immediate Approvals

13.A. [24-0424](#)

Award contract to Donlar Construction Company for the Medina EV Charging Stations project, \$1,368,000

ADOPT

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, to adopt the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

13.B. [24-0425](#)

Award Contract to Muska Electric Co. for the PSF Upgrade Fire Alarm System project, \$2,399,000

ADOPT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to adopt the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

13.C. [24-0426](#)

County Board affirms the mission of Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. (HHS) and its governance model; directs County Administrator; requests HHS Board - offered by Commissioner Fernando

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Referred to October 8, 2024 Administration, Operations and Budget Committee

13.D. [24-0431](#)

Establish a special meeting of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioner on Tuesday, October 8, 2024

ADOPT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to adopt the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

On a motion by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners meeting was declared adjourned at 2:18 p.m. until Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

Sheri Selton
Deputy Clerk to the County Board

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www.hennepin.us**

HENNEPIN COUNTY

300 South Sixth Street
Minneapolis, MN
55487-0240

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

TMP-1469

Item Description:

October 8, 2024 Minutes - Special meeting

HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

BOARD MINUTES

BOARD OF HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024
1:30 PM

Chair: Irene Fernando, District 2
Vice-Chair: Debbie Goettel, District 5
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Marion Greene, District 3
Angela Conley, District 4
Heather Edelson, District 6
Kevin Anderson, District 7

Commissioner Irene Fernando, Chair, called the meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners for Tuesday, October 8, 2024 to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Irene Fernando, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Commissioner Jeff Lunde, Commissioner Marion Greene, Commissioner Angela Conley, Commissioner Heather Edelson, and Commissioner Kevin Anderson

1. Approval of Agenda

1.A. Approve agenda for special meeting of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners

APPROVE

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved to amend the agenda to include resolution item 24-0426 under the Non-Consent portion of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel and approved.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

2. Consent

3. Non-Consent

3.A. [24-0426](#)

County Board affirms the mission of Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. (HHS) and its governance model; directs County Administrator; requests HHS Board - offered by Commissioner Fernando

ADOPT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to adopt the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, and Commissioner Conley

Nay: Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

4. Progressed

On a motion by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners meeting was declared adjourned at 3:06 p.m. until Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

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Board Action Request

24N-0034

Item Description:

Professional and Personal Service Agmts/Amds of \$100,000 or less which have been approved by Department Director, Assistant/County Administrator. Report Number: 24RAA-06

Background:

Pursuant to County Board resolution 98-4-233 (Purchasing Rules), the County Board delegated to the County Administrator and Assistant County Administrators the authority to enter into professional, personal and human service agreements of \$25,000 or less on behalf of the county. Under these rules, agreements are then to be communicated to the Board for its information.

Resolution 02-8-500 increased the authority of the County Administrator to enter into professional and personal service agreements of \$50,000 or less.

Resolution 19-0325R1 further increased the authority of the County Administrator to enter into professional and personal service agreements of \$100,000 or less.

This BAR continues communication of these agreements to the Board.

Request for Administrative Approval Report

Report Communicated: October 29, 2024

BAR: 24N-0034

	Agreement #	Contractor	Summary of Services	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Contract Amount
Attorney's Office						
	PR00005794	VSV Leadership LLC	Agmt PR00005794 with VSV Leadership LLC to provide executive leadership coaching and consultation, 10/01/2024-08/31/2025, NTE \$15,000.00.	10/1/2024	8/31/2025	\$15,000.00
	PR00006578	Stebly, Nancy Kay	Agmt PR00006578 with Stebly, Nancy Kay to provide eye-witness identification training, 08/20/2024-11/30/2024, NTE \$5,000.00.	8/20/2024	11/30/2024	\$5,000.00
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation						
	PR00004299	QRC, Incorporated	Amd 1 to Agmt PR00004299 with QRC, Incorporated to provide Radiologic Training for Staff, 04/15/2022-12/31/2026, NTE \$35,000.00.	4/15/2022	12/31/2026	\$35,000.00
County Administration						
	PR00004070	Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board	Amd 1 to Agmt PR00004070 with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to provide updates at Whittier Park, 01/01/2022-12/31/2025, NTE \$100,000.00.	1/1/2022	12/31/2025	\$100,000.00

	Agreement #	Contractor	Summary of Services	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Contract Amount
Disparity Reduction Administration						
	PR00006140	Lighthouse Global LLC	Amd 1 to Agmt PR00006140 with Lighthouse Global LLC to provide manage the task of survey design, transcription, qualitative data analysis and curation of a final report for a community engagement project, 04/15/2024-03/10/2025, NTE \$19,950.00.	4/15/2024	3/10/2025	\$19,950.00
Emergency Management						
	PR00006301	Twin Cities Public Television	Agmt PR00006301 with Twin Cities Public Television to provide updated content on TPT NOW and media campaign, 09/30/2024-06/30/2025, NTE \$90,549.00.	9/30/2024	6/30/2025	\$90,549.00
Environment and Energy						
	PR00006492	Turnkey Events and Promotions LLC	Agmt PR00006492 with Turnkey Events and Promotions LLC to provide waste reduction, recycling and composting education to elementary students, 09/02/2024-08/29/2025, NTE \$49,700.00.	9/2/2024	8/29/2025	\$49,700.00
	PR00006587	Minnesota Hmong Chamber of Commerce	Agmt PR00006587 with Minnesota Hmong Chamber of Commerce to provide outreach to businesses and non-profits about waste reduction and recycling, 09/15/2024-09/30/2025, NTE \$7,500.00.	9/15/2024	9/30/2025	\$7,500.00

	Agreement #	Contractor	Summary of Services	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Contract Amount
Library						
	PR00006487	Reading Partners	Agmt PR00006487 with Reading Partners to provide reading tutoring curriculum offered at multiple HCL locations, 09/01/2024-12/31/2024, NTE \$39,600.00.	9/1/2024	12/31/2024	\$39,600.00
	PR00006493	St. Paul Youth Services	Agmt PR00006493 with St. Paul Youth Services to provide preparation and delivery of customized training for library staff, designed to improve outcomes for Black youth and youth of color, 09/25/2024-11/17/2024, NTE \$15,000.00.	9/25/2024	11/17/2024	\$15,000.00
	PR00006583	Hooker, Donald E.	Agmt PR00006583 with Hooker, Donald E. to provide twice-weekly chess instruction for youth at Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC), from Sept. 23 through Dec. 30, 09/23/2024-12/30/2024, NTE \$2,900.00.	9/23/2024	12/30/2024	\$2,900.00
	PR00006586	Forecast Public Artworks	Agmt PR00006586 with Forecast Public Artworks to provide facilitation of selection process for artist who will be commissioned for a public art work at Arvonne Fraser Library, 09/16/2024-02/28/2025, NTE \$10,400.00.	9/16/2024	2/28/2025	\$10,400.00
	PR00006607	Miller, Catherine J.	Agmt PR00006607 with Miller, Catherine J. to provide relevant feedback and comments regarding library practices, policies, and communication, as part of the Library Youth Advisory Committee, 09/19/2024-12/21/2024, NTE \$300.00.	9/19/2024	12/21/2024	\$300.00

Agreement #	Contractor	Summary of Services	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Contract Amount
PR00006626	Hamilton, Skyla H.	Agmt PR00006626 with Hamilton, Skyla H. to provide relevant feedback and comments regarding library practices, policies, and communication, as part of the Library Youth Advisory Committee, 09/19/2024-12/21/2024, NTE \$300.00.	9/19/2024	12/21/2024	\$300.00
PR00006627	Hassan, Mustafa A.	Agmt PR00006627 with Hassan, Mustafa A. to provide relevant feedback and comments regarding library practices, policies, and communication, as part of the Library Youth Advisory Committee, 09/19/2024-12/21/2024, NTE \$300.00.	9/19/2024	12/21/2024	\$300.00
PR00006628	Li, Grace	Agmt PR00006628 with Li, Grace to provide relevant feedback and comments regarding library practices, policies, and communication, as part of the Library Youth Advisory Committee, 09/19/2024-12/21/2024, NTE \$300.00.	9/19/2024	12/21/2024	\$300.00
Public Health					
PR00004886	Heart & Soul, LLC	Amd 2 to Agmt PR00004886 with Heart & Soul, LLC to provide CPR recertification training, 01/01/2023-12/31/2025, NTE \$40,000.00.	1/1/2023	12/31/2025	\$40,000.00
PR00004909	Sara McGee	Amd 3 to Agmt PR00004909 with Sara McGee to provide Reflective Supervision Consultation, 01/01/2023-12/31/2024, NTE \$63,000.00.	1/1/2023	12/31/2024	\$63,000.00

	Agreement #	Contractor	Summary of Services	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Contract Amount
	PR00006567	Msaada LLC	Agmt PR00006567 with Msaada LLC to provide one-on-one personal training for women experiencing housing instability and Zumba and step classes, 09/09/2024-10/31/2024, NTE \$4,000.00.	9/9/2024	10/31/2024	\$4,000.00

HENNEPIN COUNTY

300 South Sixth Street
Minneapolis, MN
55487-0240

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24N-0035

Item Description:

Claim/Summons - 1. Jennifer G. Lurken, Gislason & Hunter LLP - RE: Alerus Financial N.A. v. Hennepin County et al. - 2. Christopher L. Olson, GDO Law - RE: Home Liquidators LLC v. Hennepin County et al. - 3. Tim Philips, Attorney - RE: Ashley Judy v. Hennepin County. - 4. Dee J's - Johnson Farms - RE: Johnson Farms v. Hennepin County et al. - 5. Michael V. Schleisman, Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. - RE: U.S. Bank National Association v. Hennepin County et al.



BOARD OF HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A-2400 GOVERNMENT CENTER
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55487-0240

October 3, 2024

Alerus Financial, N.A.
Jennifer G Lurken
Gislason and Hunter LLP
Eide Bailly Tower, Suite 500
111 Soth 2nd Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Alerus Financial N. A.:

RE: Alerus Financial N.A. v. Hennepin County
et al.

Your communication dated September 19, 2024, which was served by mail on October 2, 2024, will be formally recorded on the Communications List of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners next meeting on October 29, 2024. The communication has been forwarded to the Civil Division of the Hennepin County Attorney's Office for investigation and further action. The investigation may not be completed until after the meeting date. You will be hearing from that office when the investigation is completed.

If you have further questions about this, you may contact the Hennepin County Attorney's Office at 612-348-5518.

Sincerely,

Maria Rose

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

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cc: Beth Stack



BOARD OF HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A-2400 GOVERNMENT CENTER
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55487-0240

October 17, 2024

Home Liquidators LLC
Christopher L. Olson
4770 White Bear Parkway
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Dear Home Liquidators LLC:

RE: Home Liquidators LLC v. Hennepin
County et al.

Your communication dated October 14, 2024, which was served by hand on October 17, 2024, will be formally recorded on the Communications List of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners next meeting on October 29, 2024. The communication has been forwarded to the Civil Division of the Hennepin County Attorney's Office for investigation and further action. The investigation may not be completed until after the meeting date. You will be hearing from that office when the investigation is completed.

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BOARD OF HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A-2400 GOVERNMENT CENTER
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55487-0240

October 18, 2024

Dee J's-Johnson Farms
5400 Vine Hill Road
Shorewood, MN 55331

Dear Johnson Farms:

RE: Johnson Farms v. Hennepin County et al.

Your communication dated October 13, 2024, which was served by mail on October 18, 2024, will be formally recorded on the Communications List of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners next meeting on October 29, 2024. The communication has been forwarded to the Civil Division of the Hennepin County Attorney's Office for investigation and further action. The investigation may not be completed until after the meeting date. You will be hearing from that office when the investigation is completed.

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Sincerely,

Maria Rose

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Clerk to the County Board

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cc: Beth Stack



BOARD OF HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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October 18, 2024

Ashley Judy
Tim Phillips
331 Second Ave. S. Ste. 400
Minneapolis, MN55401

Dear Ashley Judy:

RE: Ashley Judy v. Hennepin County

Your communication dated October 9, 2024, which was served by mail on October 16, 2024, will be formally recorded on the Communications List of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners next meeting on October 29, 2024. The communication has been forwarded to the Civil Division of the Hennepin County Attorney's Office for investigation and further action. The investigation may not be completed until after the meeting date. You will be hearing from that office when the investigation is completed.

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Clerk to the County Board

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cc: Beth Stack



BOARD OF HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A-2400 GOVERNMENT CENTER
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55487-0240

October 18, 2024

U.S. Bank National Association
Michael V. Schleisman
1333 Northland Drive Ste. 205
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Dear U.S. National Bank Association:

RE: U.S. Bank National Association v.
Hennepin County et.al

Your communication dated September 11, 2024, which was served by mail on October 16, 2024, will be formally recorded on the Communications List of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners next meeting on October 29, 2024. The communication has been forwarded to the Civil Division of the Hennepin County Attorney's Office for investigation and further action. The investigation may not be completed until after the meeting date. You will be hearing from that office when the investigation is completed.

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Sincerely,

Maria Rose

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Clerk to the County Board

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cc: Beth Stack

HENNEPIN COUNTY

300 South Sixth Street
Minneapolis, MN
55487-0240

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24N-0036

Item Description:

Letters - 1. Lower Minnesota River Water District (LMRWD) - RE: Public Listening Session.



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER
WATERSHED DISTRICT

SAVE THE DATE

PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 8, 2025
1-4PM

MINNESOTA VALLEY NATIONAL
WILDLIFE REFUGE | BLOOMINGTON, MN



**JOIN US TO BUILD A 2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
AND CONTRIBUTE TO ACTIONABLE SOLUTIONS FOR THESE TOPICS:**

- *Scientific Causes of Flooding*
- *Climate Change*
- *Water Storage Along Minnesota River*
- *Natural Mitigation Strategies*
- *Financial Costs of Flooding*
- *Costs and Benefits of Proposed Solutions*

Invitation to Testify Now Open

The Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD) is focused on gathering testimony that provides clear recommendations for actions that we, as a governing body, can take. This includes, but is not limited to, policy changes, legislative initiatives we should advocate for, projects we should

fundraise to support, and programs we should develop. Your participation is crucial as we work together to protect the health and resilience of the Minnesota River and the surrounding communities. We welcome your testimony to shape the public listening session.

Testimony Guidelines

Testimony Guidelines at a Glance:

- **Deadline:** Wednesday, November 20, 2024 by 4pm
- **Submit to:** lowerminnriverwd@gmail.com
- **Length:** 10,000 Characters Max
- Use a Problem-Solution-Outcome format

How You Can Contribute

Written testimonies will be part of the official record and select individuals will be invited to present their oral testimonies publicly during the session. Oral testimony will be limited to five minutes and should focus on actionable solutions that the LMRWD board can implement.

Next Steps

1. **Prepare Your Testimony:** Thoughtfully plan your testimony, building on the attached guidelines and emphasizing solutions.
2. **Submit Written Testimony:** Please submit your written testimony by November 20, 2024, 4pm to lowerminnriverwd@gmail.com.
3. **RSVP:** Accepted presenters will be notified in late November. You will be asked to confirm your participation.

Your testimony will be instrumental in shaping the LMRWD's legislative agenda for 2025. By offering your perspective, you will help direct resources and partnerships toward sustainable, long-term solutions for our watershed. We look forward to hearing your recommendations and working collaboratively toward a more resilient future.



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Board Action Request

24-0477

Item Description:

Claims Register for the period ending November 1, 2024

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, Claims Register for the period ending November 1, 2024, be ratified.

Background:

Resolution 07-4-154R1 delegated to the County Administrator and County Controller the authority to pay all claims of the County with subsequent ratification by the Board of Commissioners. Pursuant to Resolution 07-4-154R1 and Minnesota Statute 375.18, the list of all claims paid since the last regularly scheduled Board meeting is now presented to the Board for informational purposes and ratification. The Claims Register is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24-0478

Item Description:

Claims Register for the period ending November 8, 2024

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the claims register for the period ending November 8, 2024, be ratified.

Background:

Resolution 07-4-154R1 delegated to the County Administrator and County Controller the authority to pay all claims of the County with subsequent ratification by the Board of Commissioners. Pursuant to Resolution 07-4-154R1 and Minnesota Statute 375.18, the list of all claims paid since the last regularly scheduled Board meeting is now presented to the Board for informational purposes and ratification. The Claims Register is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

Board Action Request

24-0479

Item Description:

Claims Register for the period ending November 15, 2024

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the claims register for the period ending November 15, 2024, be ratified.

Background:

Resolution 07-4-154R1 delegated to the County Administrator and County Controller the authority to pay all claims of the County with subsequent ratification by the Board of Commissioners. Pursuant to Resolution 07-4-154R1 and Minnesota Statute 375.18, the list of all claims paid since the last regularly scheduled Board meeting is now presented to the Board for informational purposes and ratification. The Claims Register is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24-0432

Item Description:

Ratification of permits, leases, lease amendments, and related property agreements approved by the County Administrator, 07/01/24 - 09/30/24, total NTE \$15,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the agreements listed on the report entitled "Quarterly Summary of Real Estate Documents Executed by Administrator, Third Quarter 2024: 7/1/24 - 9/30/24, dated September 30, 2024" Minneapolis be ratified.

Background:

Resolution 97-04-238, dated April 29, 1997, authorized the County Administrator to sign temporary permits, licenses, leases, lease amendments, and related property agreements, provided that the resulting expenditure does not exceed \$15,000 per year. Resolution 11-0339, dated August 16, 2011, delegated to the County Administrator the responsibility for the management and administration of all leases within the building located at 701 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis. All agreements executed by the County Administrator pursuant to these resolutions are presented to the County Board for ratification on a quarterly basis.

Current Request:

Approval of ratification of those agreements signed by the County Administrator for the period July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, as identified on the report entitled, "Quarterly Summary of Real Estate Documents Executed by Administrator, Third Quarter 2024: 7/1/24 - 9/30/24, dated September 30, 2024."

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

**Quarterly Summary of Real Estate Documents Executed by Administrator,
Third Quarter 2024: 7/01/24-9/30/24
Dated 9/30/24**

Contracting Party	Subject Matter and Property	Date Approved	Authorizing Resolution
Rainbow Health Minnesota	License A2412549 between Hennepin County and Rainbow Health Minnesota for temporary use of 17,146 sq. ft. of space on the 15th floor of Hennepin County's 701 Building located at 701 Fourth Avenue South, Minneapolis, effective September 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024. Rent: \$2,000.00	9/13/24	11-0339
Rainbow Health Minnesota	Amendment 1 to Lease Agreement A2311794 between Hennepin County and Rainbow Health Minnesota to terminate the Lease Agreement for 17,146 sq. ft. of space on the 15 th floor of Hennepin County's 701 Building located at 701 Fourth Avenue South, Minneapolis, with an effective termination date of August 31, 2024.	9/13/24	11-0339
2 Dope Chicks LLC	Amendment 1 to Lease Agreement A2211357 between Hennepin County and 2 Dope Chicks LLC to terminate the Lease Agreement for 5,979 sq. ft. of space on the lower level of Hennepin County's Government Center located at 300 Sixth Street South, Minneapolis, with an effective termination date of September 30, 2024.	9/30/24	97-4-238

Board Action Request

24-0433

Item Description:

Delegation of authority to acquire tax-forfeited land through public auction

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator or their designee be delegated authority to acquire tax-forfeited land being sold through public auction by the Hennepin County Auditor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this delegation includes, but is not limited to, the authority to bid on tax-forfeited land being sold through public auction, to make payment for winning bids and applicable transfer fees and related costs, to execute deeds and other agreements related to the conveyance of property, and any other acts that may be reasonably necessary to acquire tax-forfeited land through public action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this delegation shall apply only to the acquisition of tax-forfeited land located in Hennepin County that has been identified for use by a county program, project, or initiative for which the funding has been approved by the County Board and where such funding will be sufficient for the acquisition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this delegation is effective beginning January 1, 2025.

Background:

Recent state legislation has resulted in changes to the property tax forfeiture process in Minnesota. Under prior law, counties had several options for disposition of tax-forfeited property, including sale at auction, sale through a private broker, or conveyance to other public entities. As a result of the recent legislative changes, properties that become tax-forfeited in 2024 or in subsequent years must first be offered for sale at a public auction. As a result, public entities, including the county, must participate in tax forfeiture auctions in order to acquire property being sold through the tax-forfeiture process if they want to secure these properties. Authority to administer public auctions of tax-forfeited land pursuant to the new state law was delegated to the County Auditor by Resolution 24-0359.

The county has authority to acquire real estate (Minn. Stat. § 373.01). The County Administrator may perform duties delegated to the office of the administrator by the board (Minn. Stat. § 383B.101). Delegation of authority to acquire tax-forfeited land through public auction will allow the county to acquire tax-forfeited land in compliance with the new state law. Delegation will allow the county to continue to acquire tax-forfeited properties that are good candidates for rehabilitation, redevelopment, climate resiliency projects, other county purposes. All property acquired and agreements executed under this proposed delegation of authority will be reported to the County Board on a quarterly basis.

Impact/Outcomes:

This request will allow Hennepin County to acquire tax-forfeited land through public auction in compliance with recent changes to state legislation.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0434

Item Description:

Authorize Investment Officer to use additional statutory investment authority relating to repurchase agreement and reverse repurchase agreements through 2025 within statutory and board-authorized limits

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Investment Officer of Hennepin County be authorized to utilize the additional investment authority set forth in Minnesota Statute 118A.07, relating to repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements, through December 31, 2025, within statutory limits and in conformance with the written policies and procedures of the Office of Budget and Finance, and that the Investment Officer submit a report to the Board in 2025 on the findings of the oversight process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the limit on the amount of investments owned, with maturity dates greater than 12 months, is set at 120 percent of the prior year's average daily invested assets.

Background:

This Board Action Request seeks the continuation of the additional investment authority described in Minnesota Statute 118A.07 which the Investment Officer uses in the safekeeping, management and investment of county deposits and funds. It requires annual authorization by the local governing body as well as the maintenance of policies and procedures and an oversight process which are documented below and in the attachments.

For more than three decades, the county's treasury practices have incorporated the use of Treasury bonds, bonds issued by government agencies, municipal bonds, collateralized deposits, repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements, and high-quality bank commercial paper when useful and appropriate to the safe management of county funds.

The requested authority specifically allows the Investment Officer to enter into reverse repurchase agreements for periods beyond the 90-day term allowed without the additional authority through 2025.

Similar to past years, the requested authority follows an internal limit on amount of investments owned at 120% of the prior year's average invested assets; this is 10% below the statutory limit of 130%. This limit restricts the size of the county's investment portfolio. It recognizes that OBF also uses the board-authorized Hennepin County commercial paper issuance program as an added cash management tool. Finally, the limit signals to financial markets that OBF manages use of available financing conservatively.

The Office of Budget and Finance has policies and procedures that define its management of county deposits and investments. They address: (1) collateralization requirements on bank deposits; (2) maturities of investments; (3) use of investments such as repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements, floating rate securities, callable and puttable securities, and interest rate swap agreements; (4) the weighted duration of the portfolio; and (5) monitoring of the credit quality of counterparties with whom OBF transacts.

OBF staff discusses markets and investment strategies with its Investment Policy Advisory Committee, a

group of volunteer members from the professional community with government and financial markets experience who offer insights on risks and opportunities. At its September 23, 2024 meeting, after hearing staff presentation and holding discussion, the committee approved continuation of the county's investment strategies, as presented.

Documentation of policies and procedures is maintained by the Office of Budget and Finance. There are control and oversight procedures to monitor investment transactions and strategy, and portfolio performance. They include internal and external auditing, credit rating agency reviews, Investment Policy Advisory Committee review, internal controls on the execution and recording of investment transactions, and monthly reporting by general accounting staff of the previously discussed limit on amounts invested.

The attachments comprise the oversight report referenced in the prior year's resolution (23-0407). They provide details regarding the use of the additional investment authority. Exhibit I documents the proposed usage of the additional authority. Exhibit II is a report of oversight practices. Further, the Investment Officer shall report to the board in 2025 on the findings of the oversight process. Exhibit III is a summary of the current investment portfolio as of September 30, 2024 with comparisons to the prior year.

In addition to its own funds, the county's investment portfolio includes funds of the Regional Rail Authority, Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Hennepin Healthcare System, Hennepin Health Foundation, Three Rivers Park District, and Minnesota Ballpark Authority.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

**SUMMARY OF STATUTORY INVESTMENT AUTHORITY
REQUIRING ANNUAL APPROVAL
AND
PROPOSED USE OF ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT AUTHORITY UNDER STATUTE**

Investment Instrument	Statutory Investment Authority		OBF Guidelines and Practice and Proposed Use
	General Authority under Minn. Stat. Chap. 118A	Additional Authority under Minn. Stat. 118A.07	
Repurchase agreements (RPs)	Permitted.	Permitted. Statute authorizes the acceptance of collateral in an RP in the form of “high risk” mortgage-backed securities as defined by regulatory tests. Collateral in these transactions must be provided at 101% or higher.	Staff does not utilize this additional investment authority for RPs. It accepts whole pool agency mortgage-backed securities as collateral for RPs at 102% but not “high risk” ones referenced in statute, (also known as collateralized mortgage obligations.)
Reverse repurchase agreements (RRPs)	Permitted for periods of 90 days or less and only to meet short-term cash flow needs.	Permitted with no term limit. RRP’s are used to meet cash flow needs, and to generate cash for investments, provided that total operating portfolio shall not exceed 130% of the average daily investable assets of the prior year, excluding investments with maturities of 1 year or less.	Staff could utilize this additional investment authority for RRP’s, limiting the total operating portfolio (excluding those with maturities of 1 year or less) to only 120% of the average daily investable assets of the prior year.
Options contracts	Not permitted.	Permitted on securities owned by the county.	Staff does not intend to use options contracts.
Futures contracts	Not permitted.	Permitted.	Staff does not intend use futures contracts.

**Report to the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
Regarding Investment Oversight Processes
4th Quarter 2024**

General oversight

The Hennepin County investment function is managed by the Treasury and Investment Officer and designated staff, which includes regular consultation with the Chief Financial Officer. The investment function follows the practices described in the Office of Budget and Finance (OBF) Investment Policy which is maintained by OBF and revised with concurrence of the Investment Policy Advisory Committee.

The Investment Policy Advisory Committee is an ad hoc group of volunteer members from the professional community having experience and expertise that provides investment staff with both insights on financial markets and feedback on the investment strategies of the County. Input from this Committee is limited to policy and overall strategy but does not include day-to-day oversight of or direction on any individual transactions.

At its September 23, 2024 meeting, after hearing and discussing the staff presentation, the committee approved the continuation of the county's investment practices, as presented, to position the county's investment portfolio strategically as a response to the inverted nature of interest rates, increasing short-term positions and limiting short-term borrowing.

In addition to the Investment Policy Advisory Committee, there are several other oversight processes in place to monitor the investment activity of the County. These additional oversight processes are completed by a variety of entities. These entities are both internal and external and are listed below.

Internal monitoring

The Accounting Division of OBF tracks investment activity on a daily basis by receiving broker confirmations and reconciling with bank statements. With this process, it monitors the invested amount and ascertains that the size of the investment portfolio does not exceed the amounts defined within state law and internal investment policy guidelines. The most recent report on investment limit, dated September 30, 2024, verified the amount of investments with maturities greater than 1 year at 41.1 percent of the prior year's average daily invested assets. The prior year was 50.51 percent. The decrease from the prior year follows the current year strategy to lengthen duration to fix earnings over a longer period in an environment of expected lower interest rates.

Audit, Compliance and Investigation Services periodically reviews the investment process in the normal course of its audit activities and receives the review of banking and investment activities in the annual audit schedule by the external auditor. It also assists reviews made by the State Auditor's Office on the legal compliance of the investment program.

The Accounting Division also provides monthly reports on investment activities including transaction volumes, earnings, monthly yields, benchmarks, and investment balances to the Director of Budget & Finance, the Director of ACIS, the Controller and investment staff.

External audit and credit reviews

The County's external auditors review the County's investment practices during the annual audit and preparation of the financial statement. They review investment balances and legal compliance, compliance with applicable accounting standards, and they test internal controls. Review of the investment activity is a part of the audit, but it is not handled as a separate audit specific to investment activity. Therefore, the external auditors express no opinion related to the investment function or strategy but would note any significant exceptions in the management letter. In the last completed external audit for fiscal year 2023, no exceptions related to investment activities were noted.

The County's investment activity is also reviewed by the credit rating services. When the County issues bonds, the rating services review the County's investment practices. Currently, the County prices the market value of the portfolio monthly as compared to the book value of the portfolio and makes that available to rating agencies during ratings discussions. In conjunction with the County's commercial paper issuance program, the County also complies with monthly liquidity reporting procedures required by certain credit rating agencies. This reporting allows investors to judge the County's ability to repay its short-term liabilities. Once a year, S&P Global Ratings liquidity review group reviews and affirms the county's short-term rating on its commercial paper certificates which has been at the highest rating, A-1+, since inception of the commercial paper program. Fitch Ratings also has given its highest short-term rating, F1+, to the county's commercial paper certificates. These highest ratings from both agencies were confirmed recently as part of credit reviews for bonds and commercial paper issued in 2024.

In addition, our continuing disclosure agreements now require that any events of a material nature be disclosed to interested parties. This disclosure is conducted through a public portal of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board called Electronic Municipal Market Access. Additionally, as defined by Securities and Exchange Commission rules, the OBF has adopted the RFP process to comply with Municipal Advisor rules for the investment of bond proceeds. The information is posted on the county website.

**HENNEPIN COUNTY
INVESTED OPERATING FUNDS**

	9/30/2023	12/31/2023	9/30/2024
Earnings yield - YTD	2.06%	2.30%	2.56%
Total return (Earnings + market value change)	3.19%	4.66%	5.13%
Weighted average maturity - years	1.81	1.68	1.73
Weighted duration	1.75	1.60	1.92
<i>Yield comparisons</i>			
90-day Treasury yield - YTD	5.20%	5.28%	5.38%
1-year Treasury yield - YTD	5.03%	5.08%	4.83%
Highest govt money market fund - YTD	5.01%	5.12%	5.39%

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATIONS - in millions

	9/30/2023		9/30/2024	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>By issuer</u>				
Federal Home Loan Bank	801.7	45.6%	634.2	38.4%
Farm Credit Bureau/Farmer Mac	270.2	15.4%	328.7	19.9%
Freddie Mac	316.1	18.0%	248.2	15.0%
United States Treasury / guaranteed	160.0	9.1%	160.0	9.7%
Fannie Mae	50.0	2.8%	138.4	8.4%
General collateral repurchase agreements	140.0	8.0%	108.0	6.5%
Cash on deposit	14.1	0.8%	35.3	2.1%
Municipals	6.2	0.4%	-	0.0%
US Bank NA CP A-1+/F1+	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
	<u>1,758.2</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>1,652.7</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
<u>By structure</u>				
Agency - Callable - Fixed Rate	1,324.3	75.3%	1,012.1	61.2%
US Treasury Bills and Notes >3 m	160.0	9.1%	160.0	9.7%
Agency - Callable - Step/Floating rate	88.6	5.0%	158.6	9.6%
Cash -Repo-Bills-Disc notes-CP <3 m	154.1	8.8%	143.3	8.7%
Agency MBS - Comm/Res	-	0.0%	103.7	6.3%
Agency - Bullet - Floating rate	25.0	1.4%	75.0	4.5%
Agency - Bullet -Fixed rate	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Municipal - Taxable- Exempt - Variable	6.2	0.4%	-	0.0%
	<u>1,758.2</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>1,652.7</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
<u>By maturity</u>				
0 to 6 months	335.2	19.1%	354.9	21.5%
6 months to 1 year	199.2	11.3%	296.0	17.9%
1 - 2 years	497.7	28.3%	563.4	34.1%
2 - 5 years	716.8	40.8%	399.3	24.2%
Greater than 5 years	9.3	0.5%	39.1	2.4%
	<u>1,758.2</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>1,652.7</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Board Action Request

24-0435

Item Description:

Work Order PR00005374 CO1 under Principal Cooperative Agreement A188951 with the University of Minnesota for an increase in joint funding of the HennepinUniversity Partnership program, 01/01/2412/31/25, NTE \$35,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Work Order PR00005374 CO1 under the Principal Cooperative Agreement A188951 between Hennepin County and the University of Minnesota for joint funding of the HennepinUniversity Partnership program from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 of an additional \$35,000 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Work Order on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Hennepin County and the University of Minnesota launched the HennepinUniversity Partnership (HUP) in 2005 to catalyze and support innovative County-University collaborations. Since then, county departments have engaged in hundreds of collaborations including research on key policy questions, sharing of faculty and practitioner expertise, and employment of students on short-term projects.

HUP is a program of the University's Center of Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) and is staffed by 2.25 FTEs. The HUP director reports to both the CURA director and Hennepin County administration. HUP also works closely with Hennepin County's Strategic Planning and Initiatives Department to ensure strategic alignment. The University and the County share HUP office costs. The budget is done on a biannual basis and includes funding for staff and events. The requested increase in funding will cover two years of increased salary costs due to staffing changes.

This item is before the board as there are additional Work Orders under the Principal Cooperative Agreement with the University of Minnesota that exceed \$100,000.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

24-0436

Item Description:

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00000724 with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota for the provision of financial counseling and classes to Hennepin County employees and their family members, ext end date to 12/31/25, incr NTE by \$70,941

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 2 to Agreement PR00000724 with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota for the provision of financial counseling and financial wellness educational services to Hennepin County employees and their family members, extending the contract end date to December 31, 2025 and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$70,941 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$431,000 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Lutheran Social Service (LSS) of Minnesota's certified financial counselors provide:

- up to six financial and/or student loan repayment counseling sessions per year for each Hennepin County employee and/or family member, at no cost to the employee or family member, covering budget counseling, credit report review, housing counseling, or checking account management skills.
- Up to 24 financial wellness educational workshops per year
- Debt management plans for employees to enroll in
- On-call counselor services for brief financial questions
- Direct phone number for Hennepin County employees

This item supports disparity reduction efforts by providing personalized financial literacy training and education including broader perspectives about wealth and the psychology of money. Financial well-being is part of the county's Total Rewards strategy.

In 2023, LSS provided financial counseling sessions to 174 individuals and educational sessions to 367 participants. During the first two quarters of 2024, 114 individuals participated in a financial counseling session and 617 attended a financial presentation. Feedback received has been positive.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0437

Item Description:

Amd 3 to Agmt PL00000269 with Metre LLC for media planning, media procurement, and limited creative services to advance County's strategic priorities, ext end date to 12/31/25, no change to NTE

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 3 to Agreement PL00000269 with Metre LLC to provide strategic media planning, media procurement, and creative services to advance the County's disparity reduction efforts through outreach, extending the contract end date to December 31, 2025 with no change to the not to exceed amount of \$3,500,000, be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Board action request 22-0388, adopted in October 2022, authorized negotiation of an agreement with Metre LLC for media planning and ad buying services in support of Hennepin County's paid media campaigns.

This board action requests an extension of the contract term to December 31, 2025 with no additional change to the established not to exceed amount of \$3,500,000.

For a few select paid media campaigns, planning, strategy and procurement that was begun in 2024 will continue through 2025 beyond the current contract's expiration of 12/31/24. Campaigns that span into 2025 include the County's Hearth Health campaign for African American and Indigenous women as well as ongoing recycling and reuse outreach.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0438

Item Description:

Amd 6 to Agmt A102247 with WLF Consulting, LLC for IT mainframe support services, ext end date to 12/31/25 with an additional one-year extension option through 12/31/26, incr NTE by \$277,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 6 to Agreement A102247 with WLF Consulting, LLC for IT mainframe support services, extending the contract period through December 31, 2025 with the option to extend for an additional one year period through December 31, 2026, and increasing the contract amount by \$277,000 to a new not to exceed total of \$1,400,800 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

WLF Consulting (Bill Feeney) provides essential services for the operation, maintenance, and optimization of the county's IBM mainframe platform, which is foundational to property tax calculations, distributions to taxing entities, property divisions, payments, refunds, adjustments, and supports property-related applications across the county. WLF Consulting is a crucial resource when developers encounter challenges, ensuring secure resident data and consistent support.

Mainframe support services provided by WLF Consulting include:

- Technical reviews for upgrades, system optimization and automation efficiencies.
- Quality Assurance consisting of technical planning, assessing, testing, troubleshooting and diagnosing complex issues.
- Planning and coordination of hardware and software upgrades so business impacts are negligible.
- Mainframe system documentation, SOP's, technical specifications, system and security analysis reporting, archiving and training.
- Coordination of county business need requests and managed services technical resources based on institutional knowledge, policies, and procedures.

Hennepin County has been utilizing WLF Consulting's recognized expertise in IT mainframe infrastructure support and planning since 2009. Extending the agreement with WLF Consulting will continue to provide critical mainframe support to the county.

This request has been reviewed and approved by the office of the Hennepin County CIO.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0439

Item Description:

Set 2025 special levies for Shingle Creek Watershed at \$1,299,113; Bassett Creek Watershed at \$2,303,500; West Mississippi Watershed at \$106,050; and Elm Creek Watershed at \$477,225

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2025 special levy for the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission be set at \$1,299,113 to support five priorities in the commission's watershed management plan, including two water quality cost share programs, a maintenance fund, as well as the Minneapolis Shingle Creek Regional Park Restoration in the city of Minneapolis and the Brookdale Park Natural Channel Phase 1 Project in the city of Brooklyn Park; that the levy be certified to the County Auditor; and that the levy be placed on all taxable property under the jurisdiction of the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2025 special levy for the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission be set at \$2,303,500 to support the Cost Share Purchase of a High-efficiency Street Sweeper Project in the city of Golden Valley, the Bassett Creek Main Stem Restoration Project in the city of Golden Valley, the Sochacki Park Water Quality Improvement project in the cities of Robbinsdale and Golden Valley, and the Plymouth Creek Restoration Project in the city of Plymouth; that the levy be certified to the County Auditor; and that the levy be placed on all taxable property under the jurisdiction of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2025 special levy for the West Mississippi Watershed Management Commission be set at \$106,050 to support one water quality cost share program; that the levy be certified to the County Auditor; and that the levy be placed on all taxable property under the jurisdiction of the West Mississippi Watershed Management Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2025 special levy for the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission be set at \$477,225 to support one water quality cost share program as well as the Rush Creek Stream Restoration - Rush Hollow Project in the city of Maple Grove; that the levy be certified to the County Auditor; and that the levy be placed on all taxable property under the jurisdiction of the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission.

Background:

The Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission has requested a special levy of \$1,299,113 to support five priorities in the commission's watershed management plan, including two water quality cost share programs, a maintenance fund, and two water quality projects. Earlier this year, the county board established the maximum levy to fund these same priorities at \$1,299,113 (Resolution 24-0315).

The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission has requested a special levy of \$2,303,500 for four water quality projects. Earlier this year, the county board established the maximum levy for these same projects at \$2,303,500 (Resolution 24-0316).

The West Mississippi Watershed Management Commission has requested a special levy of \$106,050 to

support one water quality cost share program. Earlier this year, the county board established the maximum levy to fund two cost cost-share programs at \$159,075 (Resolution 24-0315). A city (public property) water quality cost share program was included in the maximum levy request but removed from the final levy request due to the program having sufficient fund balance to meet anticipated needs in 2025.

The Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission has requested a special levy of \$477,225 for one water quality cost share program and one water quality project. Earlier this year, the county board established the maximum levy at \$583,275 for this program and project, plus one additional water quality cost share program (Resolution 24-0317). A partnership (private lands) water quality cost share program was included in the maximum levy request but removed from the final levy request due to the program having sufficient fund balance to meet anticipated needs in 2025.

The projects proposed by the watersheds will be paid for by a special levy authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 103B.251 and such levies are exempt from any statutory limitation on taxes. A county levying a tax under Minnesota Statutes § 103B.251 shall not include that tax in the county's general levy but shall separately certify that amount to the County Auditor. The County Auditor shall extend that levy as a special taxing district.

Current Request:

This request is to set the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission 2025 special levy at \$1,299,113, the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission 2025 special levy at \$2,303,500, the West Mississippi Watershed Management Commission 2025 special levy at \$106,050, and the Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission 2025 special levy at \$477,225 for projects that improve water quality. This request also establishes that levies for each commission be certified by the County Auditor and each levy to be placed on taxable properties under the jurisdiction of each respective commission.

Impact/Outcomes:

The special levies will fund projects that will facilitate the improved water quality and habitat of a wide variety of water resources throughout the county. Projects in this request will improve water quality and aquatic habitat throughout the Shingle Creek, Bassett Creek, West Mississippi, and Elm Creek watershed areas. Many of these projects will occur in areas or benefit water bodies identified by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in areas of environmental justice concern.

These projects will also contribute to make Hennepin County more resilient to climate change by creating streambanks that are better able to withstand high flows associated with increasing precipitation patterns, and by improving water quality in advance of wetter and warmer mid-century conditions.

This action supports the county's disparity reduction efforts by enhancing stormwater management systems and mitigating the flooding risks that climate change poses to residents, infrastructure, and natural areas most vulnerable to climate change.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0440

Item Description:

Approval of the 2025 Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. Financial Plan as submitted by the Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. Board of Directors

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners approves the 2025 Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc., Financial Plan, including operational and capital budget, as submitted by the Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. Board of Directors.

Background:

Under Minnesota Statutes § 383B.908, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners has certain reserved powers over Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. (HHS), one of which is the power to approve the corporation's annual budget. On October 23, 2024, the 2025 HHS operating and capital budget was approved by the HHS Board of Directors and is now recommended by the HHS Board for approval by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

HHS's 2025 budget includes Hennepin Healthcare, Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute, and Hennepin Healthcare Foundation.

The organization is focused on aligning resources to mission, vision, and values as well as assuring quality of and access to care. To achieve this, focus will be on the expansion of campus safety, staffing stabilization, elimination of health disparities, increased patient access and throughput in the operating, therapy and inpatient areas.

The HHS 2025 budget anticipates providing approximately 132,000 days of hospitalized care to 17,600 patients discharged from inpatient care. Additionally, patients will seek care through 882,000 outpatient services. This includes approximately 13,000 patients treated in HHS operating rooms.

The 2025 budget contains margin improvement initiatives, including revenue cycle enhancements, patient growth and throughput, alignment of staffing to volumes, premium pay, and non-staffing expense savings.

The 2025 budget anticipates spending \$1.57 billion and generating almost \$1.59 billion in revenues, resulting in a \$16.7 million operating margin. With the addition of County funded capital, the budgeted cash flow margin is \$98 million. This margin will primarily fund Capital expenditures and debt repayment. This includes \$24M of routine capital expenditures, \$25M of asset preservation, and \$20M of space improvements.

The final portion of the HHS Budget is the projected revenue HHS receives from the County pursuant to the Uncompensated Care Formula. It is projected that this formula will produce \$38 million in payments during 2025.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Choose an item.

Board Action Request

24-0441

Item Description:

Approval of slate of candidates for three-year terms on the HHS Board of Directors

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners approves the nominations to the Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc., Board of Directors of Fatima Said, G. Bryan Fleming, Mauricio Montes de Oca, Thomas Adams and Tykia Hess to fill three-year terms beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2027.

Background:

HHS published public notice on May 1, 2024 that a vacancy of the Board would occur in 2025. In addition, the HHS Board continuously looks for interest from people who appear to have the personal skills, experience and background to be contributing members of the HHS Board of Directors. As a result, a number of candidates were solicited and considered. A slate of five proposed members, Fatima Said, G. Bryan Fleming, Mauricio Montes de Oca, Thomas Adams and Tykia Hess was moved and approved at the HHS Board meeting on October 23, 2024, for recommendation to the Hennepin County Board.


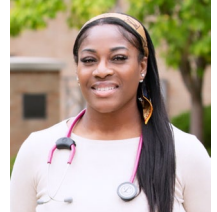

This Board slate adds team member representation to the Board in addition to our current physician representation ensuring broader team member experience at the Board level. This slate also moves the HHS Board from approximately 30% representation by people of color to 60% drawing the HHS Board into closer alignment with the HHS patient demographics of 70% people of color.

Pursuant to Section 4.11 of the Ninth Amended HHS Bylaws, the HHS Board shall forward its recommended slate of candidates on to the County Board to accept or reject the entire proposed slate of candidates.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

2025 Board Roster • Hennepin Health System, Inc. • Winter/Spring 2025

	<p>Mohamed Omar (Board Chair) Chief Administrative Officer Washburn Center for Children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed Jan 2022
	<p>Thomas Adams Executive Vice President, Housing and Services CommonBond Communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment Pending County Board Approval • Start date: January 2025
	<p>Jennell Bilek Partner, Carlson Caspers Adjunct Assistant Professor, U of M College of Pharmacy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed January 2024
	<p>Mitchell Davis President Mdavis Consulting, LLC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed January 2024
	<p>Jennifer DeCubellis Chief Executive Officer Hennepin Healthcare</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex Officio, started 2/17/2020
	<p>Connie Delaney Dean University of Minnesota, School of Nursing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed January 2024
	<p>Irene Fernando District 2, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed annually by County Board

	<p>G. Bryan Fleming President & CEO Groves Learning Organization</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment Pending County Board Approval • Start date: January 2025
	<p>Marion Greene District 3, Chair, Hennepin County Board of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed annually by County Board
	<p>Tykia Hess Staff Nurse Hennepin Healthcare</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment Pending County Board Approval • Start date: January 2025
	<p>Tom Klemond, MD VP Medical Affairs, President of the Medical Staff Hennepin Healthcare</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex Officio, started June 2024
	<p>Kyle Makarios Owner JKM Consulting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed January 2024
	<p>Mauricio Montes de Oca President and Founder Montes de Oca Solutions Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment Pending County Board Approval • Start date: January 2025
	<p>Arti Prasad Chief Strategic Development Officer, Hennepin Healthcare Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed August 2020
<p>Picture pending</p>	<p>Fatima Said Interpreter Hennepin Healthcare</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment Pending County Board Approval • Start date: January 2025

Board Action Request

24-0442

Item Description:

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2416

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the contracts, contract amendments and administrative actions of the Human Services & Public Health Department and Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation made pursuant to chapters 256E and 393 of Minnesota Statutes, as detailed in Human Services & Public Health Contract Report 2416 be approved; that the report be filed in Contract Management Services; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the contracts, contract amendments, and administrative actions on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed. Such contracts are subject to ministerial adjustment when such adjustments are done within the constraints of the approved Hennepin County Budget and when signed by the County Department Director or Designee.

Background:

The contracted dollar amounts are based on estimates of program costs and/or utilization during prior periods. Funding for each contract is provided for within service categories in the Human Services & Public Health Department and Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation approved annual budgets. Occasionally new services are implemented which are not in the budget, but which are fully funded under state or federal grants or other new funding.

Contracted dollar estimates are based upon prior year usage and are subject to fluctuation in placement patterns, service need, and cost shifts. Therefore, it may be necessary to process ministerial adjustments to contracts to increase or decrease contract amounts or to make minor service changes consistent with the department budget and strategic plan. Placement agreements are also processed administratively.

Contracts include services in the following areas: adult mental health; developmental disabilities; chemical health; adult housing; early intervention and family intervention services, interpreter services, health services, welfare advocacy, and various other human services. Expectations for ongoing outcome measurement are included in all new, renewal, or extended contracts. Outcome measures, which are developed by the county and contracted providers, assess the effectiveness of a service and its impact on an eligible recipient's condition or functioning level. Outcome information is used to modify or improve programs as well as to evaluate effectiveness of different types of intervention and providers. A detailed listing of the specific actions requested by this BAR and an explanation of all unusual items is reflected in the summary of the report.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0443

Item Description:

Agmt A2412577 Master Grant Contract with the MN Dept of Health, 01/01/25-12/31/29; delegates authority for the Hennepin County Administrator to approve all subsequent MDH project agmts

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A2412577 Master Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Health during the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of Hennepin County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Administrator continues with the delegated authority to approve all subsequent Grant Project Agreements issued under the Master Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Health through December 31, 2029.

Background:

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Hennepin County Public Health initially entered the master grant contract through Board Resolution 02-68. Through resolutions 03-652, 8-0352, 14-0381 and 19-0453 the agreement has remained in effect. This action will continue delegation authority through 12/31/2029.

This agreement establishes the legal framework and administrative details of transactions between MDH and Hennepin County Public Health and allows for the efficient transaction of funds by the state and county. Delegating approval authority to the county administrator allows for swifter approval of individual grant projects. This reduces the need for time and resources needed for administrative tasks allowing the department to focus resources on work that directly contributes to the reduction of health disparities.

This action supports the county's disparity reduction efforts in the health domain by allowing for funding to provide staffing and resources in an expedient manner to serve community needs.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0444

Item Description:

Amd 1 to JPA Agmt A2412465 with City of Minneapolis for HUD ESG funding for emergency shelter operations activities and essential services, amending to adjust ESG funding year allocations, 07/17/24-12/31/25, adjust NTE from \$450,000 to \$400,384

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 to Joint Powers Agreement A2412465 with the City of Minneapolis accepting a sub grant of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Solutions Grant (“ESG”) funding for emergency shelter operations and essential services for the term of July 17, 2024 through December 31, 2025, adjusting 2022 and 2023 grant year allocations so that the receivable not to exceed amount is reduced from \$450,000 to \$400,384, be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of grant funding for this program by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continuing funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program if these grant funds are not made available or when grant funds are no longer available.

Background:

Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis jointly work together to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring. Hennepin County acts as the lead entity in setting strategy and providing services, while the City supports the effort by working to build permanent supportive housing, supporting shelter capital improvements, and directing federal funds that it receives for responding to homelessness in consultation with Hennepin County and community partners. The County and City, together with State, nonprofit and philanthropic partners, have fundamentally reshaped the homelessness response system since March 2020. These requests will serve to streamline homelessness response activities to enable the County to oversee funds and services that are best match for the County’s expertise and where it is best situated to do so.

This Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding from the City, used for the provision of emergency shelter operations activities and essential services, in alignment with US Department of HUD ESG standards, will provide shelter operations and essential services in emergency shelter for homeless Eligible Persons. These services will include staffing and operations will include food, furnishings, supplies necessary for shelter operations, utilities, and maintenance at emergency shelters. These services are provided through contracts with Agate Housing and Services, Inc.; People Serving People, Inc.; Salvation Army; and Simpson Housing Services.

The original JPA A2412465 was approved on July 23, 2024 (Board Resolution 24-0306).

Current Action:

This action amends the Joint Powers Agreement A2412465 with the City of Minneapolis for HUD ESG funding for emergency shelter operations and essential services to adjust 2022 and 2023 grant year allocations so that the receivable NTE amount is reduced from \$450,000 to \$400,384, for the term from July 17, 2024 through

December 31, 2025.

Disparity Reduction:

This request reduces disparities in the housing domain by coordinating funding assistance and services for people experiencing homelessness. Most often these are people who are members of groups disparately impacted by homelessness and housing instability.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0445

Item Description:

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00001611 with NMS to provide toxicology testing services, ext end date to 12/31/24, incr NTE by \$350,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amd 2 to Agmt PR00001611 with National Medical Services, Inc. for the provision of toxicology services extending the end date to December 31, 2024 and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$350,000 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$1,950,000 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

This amendment is being requested to increase the funding for the current contract. Toxicology cases are more frequent, and the initial cost estimate is not adequate to pay the remaining amount due for 2024.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0446

Item Description:

Amd 9 to Agmt A154856 with Navitus Health Solutions LLC to provide pharmacy benefit management services to Hennepin Health, ext end date to 12/31/27, incr NTE by \$2,550,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 9 to Agreement A154856 with Navitus Health Solutions LLC to provide pharmacy benefit management services to Hennepin Health extending the end date through December 31, 2027, amending the Definitions section; Navitus Responsibilities section; Terms of Agreement section; DHS Regulatory Terms section; Administrative Services Fee Schedule exhibit; Prescription Pricing Schedule exhibit, Navitus Reporting Requirements exhibit and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$2,550,000 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$323,550,000 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to add funds as needed.

Background:

Initial Term of Agreement A154856 with Navitus Health Solutions LLC to provide pharmacy benefit management services for Hennepin Health expires December 31, 2024.

Current Request:

Amendment 9 seeks approval to extend the Agreement beyond its Initial Term through December 31, 2027. The Hennepin Health Per Member Per Month (PMPM) Administrative Fee payable to Navitus Health Solutions LLC will increase from the current rate of \$2.21 PMPM to \$2.28 PMPM on January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025; \$2.35 PMPM on January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026; and \$2.42 PMPM from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027. In addition, this Amendment 9 will change drug discount guarantees and reduce drug dispensing fees, clarify the long-term care language, and Navitus Health Solutions LLC reporting requirements. This Amendment 9 will also update the language of the Agreement to comply with DHS contract changes. The agreement with Navitus Health Solutions LLC includes the pass through of medical expenses.

Disparity Reduction:

This board action request aligns with Hennepin County disparity reduction efforts to improve access to culturally specific/sensitive health services and increase community well-being.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0447

Item Description:

JPAs A2412454 with the City of Bloomington, A2412455 with the City of Brooklyn Center, A2412458 with the City of Maple Grove, A2412460 with the City of New Hope, to continue services of the Hennepin County Embedded Social Worker Program, 01/01/25-12/31/26

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joint Powers Agreements A2412454 with the City of Bloomington, A2412455 with the City of Brooklyn Center, A2412458 with the City of Maple Grove, A2412460 with the City of New Hope, to enhance the coordination between local police departments and the Human Services and Public Health Department (HSPHD) associated with the Embedded Social Worker Program for the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026 be approved; and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Joint Powers Agreements on behalf of the County.

Background:

In 2019, six suburban cities (Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Plymouth and St. Louis Park) partnered with Hennepin County's Behavioral Health Area to launch a new kind of response to mental health-related calls in the field: embedding social workers in their police departments. This systematic and layered approach allows for a tailored assessment and response for people calling because of mental health and substance use issues. The Department requests approval for the Joint Powers Agreements to continue the Police Embedded Social Workers in the Cities of Bloomington, Brooklyn Center, Maple Grove and New Hope.

Through the program, Embedded Social Workers receive referrals from local law enforcement regarding individuals who appear to have mental health, substance use, or other social service needs. Embedded Social Workers offer support, assessments, and connections to community services. The goal of the program is to reduce unnecessary law enforcement contacts, justice involvement and improve quality of life for individuals through ongoing stability in their community. In 2023, the Embedded Social Worker program received over 8,400 referrals and engaged more than 5,600 people across 31 police departments and 45 municipalities. While a significant number of people were referred to mental health supports, many needed help across a wide range of human services like housing and economic support. As an example of their effectiveness, Embedded Social Workers produced an 80% reduction in calls among the top 25 callers in Brooklyn Park, an early adopter of the Embedded Social Worker Program.

This request supports the county's identified priorities and goals for the disparity reduction Health domain by focusing on achieving health equity where every person feels they have the opportunity to attain their highest health potential, and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0448

Item Description:

JPA A2412461 with the City of Robbinsdale and the Three Rivers Park District to continue services of the Hennepin County Embedded Social Worker Program, 01/01/25-12/31/25

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joint Power Agreement A2412461 with the City of Robbinsdale and the Three Rivers Park District, to enhance the coordination between local police departments and the Human Services and Public Health Department (HSPHD) associated with the Embedded Social Worker Program for the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 be approved; and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Joint Powers Agreements on behalf of the County

Background:

In 2019, six suburban cities (Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Plymouth and St. Louis Park) partnered with Hennepin County's Behavioral Health Area to launch a new kind of response to mental health-related calls in the field: embedding social workers in their police departments. This systematic and layered approach allows for a tailored assessment and response for people calling because of mental health and substance use issues. The Department requests approval for the Joint Power Agreement to continue the Police Embedded Social Workers in the City of Robbinsdale and the Three Rivers Park District.

Through the program, Embedded Social Workers receive referrals from the municipal police departments and dispatch offices regarding individuals who appear to have mental health, substance use, or other needs. Embedded Social Workers will offer support, assessments, and connections to community services. The goal of the program is to reduce unnecessary law enforcement contacts, justice involvement and improve the quality of life for individuals through ongoing stability in their community. In 2023, the Embedded Social Worker program received over 8,400 referrals and engaged more than 5,600 people across 31 police departments and 45 municipalities. While a significant number of people were referred to mental health supports, many needed help across a wide range of human services like housing and economic support. As an example of their effectiveness, Embedded Social Workers produced an 80% reduction in calls among the top 25 callers in Brooklyn Park, an early adopter of the Embedded Social Worker Program.

This request supports the county's identified priorities and goals for the disparity reduction Health domain by focusing on achieving health equity where every person feels they have the opportunity to attain their highest health potential, and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0449

Item Description:

JPA A2412471 with the City of Brooklyn Park to authorize the 911 Alternative Response Team, 03/25/24-12/31/27

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, Joint Powers Agreement A2412471 with the City of Brooklyn Park to enhance the coordination between the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, Brooklyn Park and the Human Services and Public Health Department associated with the 911 Alternative Response Team during the period of March 25, 2024 through December 31, 2027, be approved; and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Joint Powers Agreement on behalf of the County.

Background:

The Human Services department requests approval to authorize this JPA which will support a second 911 Alternative Response Team (ART) and the partnership with the Brooklyn Park Police Department and Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. Agreement A2211246 authorized the first ART team and included contracted medical support through North Memorial. The second Brooklyn Park ART authorized in this agreement will utilize Hennepin County staff provided medical services.

Alternative Response Teams respond to low-risk 911 calls for service involving Brooklyn Park residents with mental health, substance use, and social service needs. In 2022, Hennepin County launched a pilot to test an alternative 911 response to calls for service involving residents experiencing mental health challenges and co-occurring mental health challenges and substance use disorders. Among the 39 suburban cities served by Hennepin County Sheriff's Office 911 dispatch, Brooklyn Park Police Department experiences the highest volume of mental health calls. Since 2014, Hennepin County's Criminal Justice Behavioral Health Initiative (CJBHI) has successfully implemented more than a dozen mental health and justice reform projects. The Alternative Response Team expands opportunities for appropriate responses and resident access to a broad range of behavioral health supports in the community.

This request supports the county's identified priorities and goals for the disparity reduction Health domain by focusing on achieving health equity where every person feels they have the opportunity to attain their highest health potential, and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24-0450

Item Description:

Agmt A2412594 with MN DHS to expand lead agency capacity to improve competitive, integrated employment outcomes for people with disabilities, 10/11/24-06/30/26, \$2,067,452 (recv)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A2412594 with the Minnesota Department of Human Services to expand lead agency capacity to improve competitive, integrated employment outcomes for people with disabilities during the period October 11, 2024 through June 30, 2026, in the receivable amount of \$2,067,452 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse the funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sponsorship and acceptance of grant funding for this project by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continuing funding commitment by Hennepin County for these programs if these grant funds are not made available or when grant funds are no longer available.

Background:

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) supports an Employment First approach to working with people with disabilities to find competitive, integrated employment. In 2020 the Minnesota Legislature added Employment First language to state law writing, "It is the policy of this state that all working-age Minnesotans with disabilities can work, want to work, and can achieve competitive integrated employment, and that each working-age Minnesotan with a disability be offered the opportunity to work and earn a competitive wage before being offered other supports and services."

The Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) area of Human Services in Hennepin County has been committed to addressing competitive, integrated employment for people with disabilities for over ten years. Our LTSS Employment First team actively participates in engagement with DHS, metro counties, employment capacity building cohorts (ECBC), Project SEARCH, Community Transition Interagency Committees (CTIC), schools and school districts, and provider engagement. Hennepin County LTSS has been actively engaged in E1MN work with DHS and Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) with monthly engagement with VRS since summer 2022. In our E1MN partnership we have had VRS come to CM Supervisor Forums and Transition Age Cohort, as well as engaging in continuous process improvement and weekly consults on individual cases. When the changes to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) were put in place, Hennepin County LTSS engaged with providers, Anoka, Dakota, MCIL and Disability Law Center on a project called, 'They Said Yes' to support case managers, people and providers on knowing what to do next after someone had said "yes" to competitive integrated employment.

The LTSS Employment First Leadership Team has been actively engaging with Minnesota Transformation Initiative (MTI) for the past 18 months+ to attain data regarding subminimum wage in Hennepin County to be able to support planning with people and providers to reduce subminimum wage utilization.

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is committed to increasing competitive, integrated

employment outcomes for people who use home and community-based service (HCBS) waivers and intermediate care facility for person with developmental disabilities (ICF/DD) services. This grant is specifically for lead agencies to develop a plan to support people with disabilities in contemplating, exploring, and maintaining competitive, integrated employment. Grantees receive funding and technical assistance from the University of Minnesota Transformation Initiative (MTI) to develop and execute a strategic plan to build their capacity to help people with disabilities explore, plan, find and maintain meaningful employment. The initial grant is for two years, ending June 20, 2026, and may be extended for up to a total of five years.

Impact/Outcomes:

This grant will support our ability in LTSS to enhance our current efforts to increase competitive, integrated employment outcomes for people who use home and community-based services (HCBS) waivers and intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disabilities (ICF-DD).

Disparity Reduction:

This request reduces disparities in the employment and income domains. Based on current data (State Fiscal Year 2023) available from DHS on their Employment First dashboard, Hennepin County has a total population of HCBS waiver participants of working-age (16-64) of 14,740. Of those only 12% (1,799) earn \$600+ per month and 77% (11,406) earn no income. Our goal is to increase the number of people receiving HCBS and ICF-DD services who earn a competitive wage as well as increase the number of people who are employed. The specific outcomes will be determined through the plan developed with MTI.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24-0451

Item Description:

2025 State Legislative Priorities and Platform

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners recommends the 2025 State Legislative Priorities and Platform be adopted.

Background:

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

PROPOSED 2025 State Legislative Platform (October 22, 2024)

HENNEPIN COUNTY MINNESOTA

Full platform

Bonding

- Hennepin Avenue Suspension Bridge - \$8.6 million
- Hennepin Recycling and Recovery Facility – \$26 million

Climate and environment

Support legislation and policies that protect the environment, conserve resources, build equity and resiliency, and promote adaptation to the impacts of climate change. Promote and support state laws and programs that will help achieve the county's ~~Climate Action Plan, Zero Waste, and Net Zero~~ greenhouse gas emissions and resilience goals.

Clean transportation

- Support state investments to reduce transportation-related carbon emissions, including, but not limited to, vehicle and transit electrification, electric vehicle charging stations, and infrastructure that connects people by all modes of travel.
- Promote the adoption of policies that support a pathway toward reducing vehicle miles travelled (VMT) in alignment with Hennepin County's goal to reduce VMT per capita by 20% by 2040.

Energy efficiency and renewables

- Support the transition from using carbon intensive fuels to 100% carbon-free, reliable, affordable and renewable energy, including geothermal and solar by 2040.
- Promote weatherization and energy efficiency for homeowners and renters, including education and assistance.

Natural resources

- Support legislation and state funding for local governments to protect and enhance community forests to mitigate the effects of climate change, reduce air pollution and manage tree waste.
- Respond to the loss of trees due to emerald ash borer and other invasive pests and pathogens.
- Support state funding for local administration of soil and water conservation districts.
- Support the recommendations of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) to fund the County's proposal for long-term natural resources protection.
- Support policies that prevent pollution and protect the state's water resources.

Waste management

- Accelerate a zero-waste future to help the county meet its climate action goals and accelerate the timeline for closure of HERC between 2028 and 2040.
- ~~Adopt extended producer responsibility (EPR) for packaging.~~
- Fund a pre-processing facility in Hennepin County to recover reusable and recyclable materials from the trash before disposal.
- Support increased state funding for SCORE, expanding organics composting and anaerobic digestion initiatives, and promoting market development for recycled materials.
- Update e-waste and battery statutes to ensure cost coverage for collectors and to educate consumers on safe management.
- Adopt truth-in-labeling laws for recyclable products.

- Repeal the state preemption prohibiting local units of government from banning the use of single use plastic bags. Adopt a mandatory diversion requirement for construction and demolition (C&D) waste.
- Adjust pricing structures such as pay-as-you-throw to incentivize waste reduction, reuse, and recycling.
- Support the Partnership on Waste and Energy 2024 2025 legislative platform.
- Change organized collection process and hauler licensing.
- Adopt and enforce material bans at landfills for all materials that emit methane: food/organics, paper/cardboard, wood, and textiles.

General government

Partner with the State of Minnesota to improve government services delivery, reduce mandates on local government, re-prioritize government spending and promote effective management of county programs by allowing local control.

Elections

- Expand absentee voter outreach opportunities.
- Provide clarity and better access for absentee voting.
- ~~Amend absentee ballot reporting requirements passed last year in order to allow timely election night reporting of results~~
- Expand voter registration options for voters in jail or experiencing homelessness.
- ~~Modernize special election timelines for Hennepin County Commissioners to bring statutes in line with state law.~~
- Support state-level standards and equipment for ranked choice voting.
- Protect and strengthen election security and integrity measures, particularly for election workers and storage and counting of absentee ballots.
- Require a disclaimer for non-official election mailings.
- Support technical changes to campaign finance and candidate filing laws.

- Support the efforts of others to modernize election judge duties to allow flexibility in polling places, reviewing absentee ballots, and performing other critical functions.

Operations and administration

- Update and modernize marriage license application and reporting statute language; clarify marriage officiant requirements, standardize marriage certificate forms and allow deputy registrars to make technical corrections to marriage licenses.
- Support modifying or increasing certain marriage license, motor vehicle, watercraft, off road vehicle, and driver's license filing fees to make deputy registrars' offices more self-sufficient and reduce administrative burdens for local registrars.
- Make permanent the ability for people to remotely apply for marriage licenses.
- Support revenue sharing with the state's Driver and Vehicle Services for online transactions.
- ~~Support legislation to lower costs for e-materials purchased by public libraries to allow for continued and consistent access by residents.~~
- ~~Increase the amount of contracting and procurement the county does with small businesses and minority and women-owned companies by modifying set-aside contracting authority.~~

Data practices

- Oppose changes to the Minnesota Data Practices Act that require audit logs or audit trails that impose an undue financial or resource management burden on local units of government.
- Protect residents' personal information by making a person's address, phone number and email address private data.
- Support legislation that bases email retention policies on the information contained within the record and not on the file type to which it is stored; oppose legislation that requires government entities to retain emails that are not part of the official record and do not serve a business purpose.

- Update the Official Records Act to permit the digitization of all official records without prescribing the medium or technology.
- Support legislation changing notification of data breaches to only when the individual is at risk of harm. Reduce risk to counties by limiting monetary damages for alleged violations of the Data Practices Act to actual harm to an individual by an unauthorized disclosure of data.
- Protect data on minor children library users.

Broadband

- ~~Support changes to the state's Border-to-Border grant program to ensure that urban and suburban areas receive proportionate shares of state and federal broadband funding.~~
- ~~Ensure state-administered broadband programs improve speed of existing services and are affordable for all residents.~~
- Increase broadband access and digital equity by enhancing infrastructure; by expanding broadband services with the redefining of the duties, title and goals of the state's Office of Broadband Development; by expanding the Border-to-Border program to provide continued state and federal funding to Hennepin County; and by updating state broadband goals.

Hennepin Healthcare System

Ensure access to the full continuum of health care services for all by addressing racism as a public health crisis through policies that reduce health disparities, increase equity, support the capacity of the health-care workforce, and create financial stability for Hennepin Healthcare System as the state's safety-net provider.

Increase the financial stability of Hennepin Healthcare System

- Maximize Medicaid reimbursement and supplemental funding sources, ~~including maintaining Medicaid direct payments,~~ to support the largest Medicaid provider system and safety-net trauma hospital to manage the challenges of caring for a disproportionate share of medically and socially complex patients with unmet social needs.

- Strengthen value-based-payment arrangements, increase Medicaid direct payments, adjust rebasing and increase rates in Medicaid reimbursements, and protect the 340B drug discount program to that improve outcomes and manage higher care costs associated with serving a disproportionate number of Medicaid patients. ~~with unmet social needs.~~
- Preserve hospital capacity for patients who need inpatient care by ensuring patients can swiftly and safely discharge to an appropriate setting through streamlining processes and investing in the capacity of long-term care, children's and youth mental health services in the community, and other higher acuity mental health settings.

Increase health equity and improve population health through innovation and reform

- Support state investments to reduce health disparities in mental health and maternal health care, including supporting birthing people experiencing substance use disorder during pregnancy, and expanding trauma-responsive health care. Support innovative public health and health-care delivery models that address social drivers of health; expanding the definition of the ~~state plan benefit for~~ Community Health Worker care coordination under Medicaid and adding Collaborative Care through state plan amendments through Medicaid. ; ~~and ensuring Hennepin Emergency Medical Services are available to all residents.~~
- Promote efforts to address the state's opioid crisis, including increased access to medication-assisted therapy, alternative pain management therapies, peer recovery supports, and Medicaid coverage while detained pre-trial, and ensuring Hennepin Emergency Medical Services are available to all residents.
- Support the safety of our communities, employees, and patients through preventative workplace violence efforts; policies that support healing after violence; hospital-based violence intervention programs, and gun-violence prevention efforts through a state plan amendment to Medicaid to invest in sustainable funding for hospital- and community-based violence intervention programs. , ~~and penalties that~~

~~address workplace violence; increase the safety of our communities, employees, and patients.~~

Support the capacity of the health care workforce to ensure the delivery of exceptional care

- Promote policies that support increasing staff capacity in the health care workforce, including maintaining telehealth, improving licensing flexibilities and access to interpreters, and the licensure of Certified Midwives, and increasing loan forgiveness programs.
- Partner to ensure the evolution of academic medicine in Minnesota supports a strong health care ecosystem, creates a workforce reflective of patients, and addresses existing workforce and provider shortages in Minnesota, especially in the addiction and mental health-care system. Remove barriers to employment for justice-involved individuals and enact programs that create a pathway for youth of color to enter and stay in health-care professions.
- Support efforts to increase equitable access to medical education, including maintaining current state investment in Graduate Medical Education and health-care workforce development, including tax incentives for educators. ~~and continued funding for Project Echo for real-time learning for front-line providers.~~

Health and human services

Ensure that mental health, substance use disorder~~chemical health~~, and disability services, and safety net and public health systems work to improve outcomes for all residents, especially the most vulnerable. Reduce disparities by supporting preventative models of care and early intervention services to avoid over-reliance on crisis response. Advance new policies and funding mechanisms that recognize racism as a public health crisis.

Systems reforms

- Improve technological systems, ~~including METS, MAXIS/MEC², SSIS, PRISM, and MnCHOICES,~~ to streamline and provide efficiencies and simplification to Health and Human Services Program requirements.

- Support changes to align and simplify program access and program rules.
- Maintain state support for local public health capacity to address health crises.
- ~~Ensure payment parity in access and delivery of waiver-funded human services and health care programs when delivered virtually.~~
- ~~Expand health care access and coverage that promote and improve health outcomes by granting continuous eligibility for Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare for one year after eligibility is determined.~~
- ~~Support comprehensive and equitable capitation rates under Minnesota Health Care Programs by adding social risk factors and revenue risk score adjustments into the rate calculation.~~
- Support the sustainability of Personal Care Assistant (PCA) services to eliminate service disruptions and ensure around-the-clock access for eligible families.
- Increase state financial, technological, and administrative support to address caseload demands across the humandisability services continuum.
- Support legislation that bolsters supportive services for all veterans and their families.
- ~~Support technical fixes to 2023 cannabis legislation to fortify counties' public health role, including the logistics of monitoring, inspections, enforcement, regulation, and taxation.~~
- ~~Support reforms to 2023 cannabis legislation that promote the education, well-being, and behavioral health needs of youth in the context of legal adult use.~~
- Address the social determinants of health by expanding state support for the integration of programs within county affiliated structures. Oppose policies that fragment these services or otherwise create barriers to access.
- ~~Support legislation to align recreational cannabis use with existing regulations limiting secondhand commercial tobacco smoke in multi-unit housing.~~

Invest in children and families

- Address the significant cost burden of child care for working families, a key factor in preventing communities from building wealth.
- Support state investment in and for community-driven solutions to improve maternal health, birth outcomes, and public health programming (e.g., Children and Teen Checkups, targeted home visiting, doula care), especially for communities of color.
- Strengthen the Minnesota African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act and Indian Family Preservation Act and Advance legislation that reduces the disproportionate number of African American and American Indian children in the child protection system and increases frequency and timeliness of reunification.
- Support legislation to remove barriers created by current foster care licensing requirements that result in fewer kinship and culturally appropriate African American and American Indian foster families.
- Support stabilizing transition to adulthood from the child protection system for county youth.
- Ensure educational stability for youth in foster care or who may be unstably housed. Support the efforts of others to resolve structural deficits for school systems serving children with complex needs.

Invest in health through mental health and substance use disorder services access and improvements

- Increase state support to meet the needs of county residents with mental health and substance use challenges, including culturally responsive services, early crisis interventions, and services required for stabilizing residents in the community and primary care settings.
- Invest in preventive upstream services to reduce the harmful impact of substance use disorder and the opioid epidemic, including readily available opiate antagonists as an alternative to emergency crisis requests.

- Support efforts to integrate mental health, housing, substance use disorder ~~chemical health~~, and criminal justice interventions—~~especially data~~—, to improve residents' outcomes and reduce recidivism.
- Support integrated state-county funding and services model to comprehensively address the needs of children and families with complex behavioral health issues.
- ~~Support efforts for smokefree campuses for mental health and substance use disorder treatment providers.~~
- Support legislation to end the sale of all menthol and flavored commercial tobacco products statewide.
- ~~Support greater state investment in mental and chemical health services delivered in primary care settings.~~

Housing

Increase state resources to support safe and stable housing for all individuals and families.

- Increase accessible, affordable long-term housing for residents with ~~no~~ income up to 50% Area Median Income (AMI), prioritizing affordability up to 30% AMI.
- Increase housing and related services options for residents with disabilities exiting or diverting from institutional care who need on-site support to integrate their communities successfully.
- ~~Provide capital support and~~ sustainable operational funding to make safe, dignified, and housing-focused emergency shelters available to residents experiencing homelessness.
- Continue to reform the Housing Support Program to remove the financial disincentives that cause residents to choose unsheltered settings and ensure the program reflects real costs in the housing market.
- Support dedicated revenue to ~~and~~ reduce administrative burden on counties to meet affordable housing needs.

Law, safety and justice

Preserve and protect public safety through state-county partnerships that address funding challenges and support reform.

Increase funding

- ~~Promote fully funding the newly created~~ Protect the current community corrections formula allocation and promote fully funding the formula to ensure adequate and ongoing state funding for supervision of individuals under court jurisdiction in the community.
- Support investments in community providers necessary to support successful reintegration of individuals in the criminal legal system into the community.

Remove barriers

- Support the unique needs of those involved in the criminal legal system who are female identified and/or juveniles by strengthening collaboration with and funding for trauma-informed and culturally specific community-based programming in support of corrections systems.
- Support statutory changes to remove barriers in housing and employment for the survivors of human trafficking and those formerly involved in the criminal legal system.
- Expand expungement statute to support individuals with housing or employment barriers who have demonstrated a commitment to rehabilitation and community enhancement.
- Expand notification requirements for the automatic expungement of certain cannabis related offenses to include corrections agencies that are in possession of any related records.
- Support state leadership to integrate human-centered design principles and to coordinate the efficient administration of public safety answering points (PSAP's) across jurisdictional lines.
- ~~Ensure fully effective legal counsel by expanding information sharing of information for clients served by Adult Representation Services.~~

- Support efforts to ensure that non-citizen residents are assured due process in the legal system, are free from harassment, and assisted in their efforts to remain in Minnesota and contribute to community.

Improve outcomes

- Improve ~~Promote~~ licensing and certification rules for facilities and programs, in both human services and corrections, to advance reforms that strengthen the continuum of care and systems reforms to support healthy outcomes for youth and families involved in the criminal-legal system.
- Support a regional cost-effective evidence-based solutions that deliver better outcomes and lower recidivism for youth under correctional supervision supervised by probation. ~~Adopt recommendations from Working Group on Youth Interventions.~~
- Support legislation that creates a safer working environment for staff.
- Ensure expanded capacity and appropriate placement in state-funded facilities. ~~Further reforms to the "48-hour rule" to facilitate greater access to behavioral health services and reduce racial disparities in the public safety and health systems.~~

Taxes

Protect state funding for mandated services and assure flexibility to serve our residents without undue reliance on property taxes.

- Support County Program Aid (CPA) that funds county-mandated services and reduces reliance on property tax.
- Ensure veterans and their spouses/partners remain eligible for the veterans' property tax exclusion.
- Modernize property tax regulations to improve equity for vulnerable populations, reduce disparities, and close loopholes.
- Support legislation that promotes adoption of conservation easements.
- Update state assessor duties to reflect modern guidance and standards provided by the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) and allow assessors to access data to ensure accurate and transparent assessments.

- Support efforts to make the property tax system more equitable by expanding homestead market value exclusion, property tax refunds, and modifying classifications, modifying how special assessments are billed, and changing confession of judgment payment plan terms.
- Correct technical deficiencies in recently adopted Metro Housing Sales Tax.
- Repurpose Hennepin County Ballpark Sales Tax to support Hennepin County healthcare operations and facilities and long-term capital needs of Target Field.
- Modernize the Tax Court petition and appeals process to ensure counties can defend property valuations in court while still protecting private taxpayer data.
- Ensure tenants in exempt nonprofit housing are not personally responsible for property taxes and remain eligible for property tax refunds.

Transportation

Strengthen the long-term value of neighborhoods and communities through strategic public investments in infrastructure that improve mobility and safety, connect people to jobs, reduce disparities, and reduce transportation carbon emissions.

- Support State funding and regulatory changes to implement recommendations from the Blue Line Community Prosperity Working Group. Collaborate with corridor agency partners on an anti-displacement legislative package to aid in protecting and building equity for existing community members and businesses.
- Support legislation that promotes the advancement of the Blue Line Light Rail Transit Project. This includes, but is not limited to, right-of-way acquisition, insurance, liability, interjurisdictional coordination, federal regulatory requirements, and funding.

- Support the Metropolitan Council's implementation of Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (ABRT), ~~including fully funding ABRT project scope,~~ along various routes in Hennepin County to provide shorter transit times, increased ridership, and expanded mobility for communities along the proposed lines.
- Support state investments to implement and maintain infrastructure and Toward Zero Deaths initiatives that enable safe access for all users, including Active Transportation, Complete Streets and Green Streets, to provide modal options, improve quality of life and reduce unsafe driving practices that lead to traffic injuries and fatalities.
- Modify the special distribution of leased vehicle sales tax in the metro area to fairly include Hennepin and Ramsey counties.
- Oppose any increase in weight or size limits for commercial trucks and other motor vehicles.
- Support increased funding for the Local Bridge Replacement Program and the Local Road Improvement Program, including funding for the Hennepin Avenue Bridge reconditioning project.
- Support MnDOT's Corridor of Commerce program and funding to achieve the full corridor vision for projects in Hennepin County.
- Support state investments to reduce transportation carbon emissions, including, but not limited to, vehicle and transit electrification, electric vehicle charging stations, and infrastructure that connects people by all modes of travel.
- Support state investment in Advanced Transportation Management System including traffic management cameras, fiber optic communication, and advanced software.
- Support University of Minnesota's investment in safety improvements on Washington Avenue Bridge.

Workforce development

Meet the future workforce needs of Hennepin County and other employers and address persistent disparities by, with stronger state support, connecting well-trained and qualified individuals to high-demand jobs in our region.

- Support efforts to raise and protect wages for residents at the lowest income levels and industries most affected by the pandemic, including raising the minimum wage to provide a livable wage, and to reflect regional costs of living.
- Support a permanent increase in state funding for the Minnesota Youth Program (MYP).

Nonprofit requests

Support the following nonprofit organizations by serving as the fiscal agent for state bonding proceeds.

- Avivo—\$26.7 million
- St. David's YWCA Renovation - \$7 million

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PROPOSED-2025 State Legislative Priorities (October 22, 2024)

HENNEPIN COUNTY MINNESOTA

Platform priorities

Housing

Increase state resources to support safe and stable housing for all individuals and families.

Healthcare

Ensure all residents have access to high quality, accessible, and culturally competent healthcare. Promote long-term vitality and innovation at public safety net healthcare systems.

Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC) Reinventing Solid Waste

Promote a zero-waste future to help the county meet its climate action goals and to ensure the timeline for closure of HERC between 2028 and 2040.

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Board Action Request

24-0452

Item Description:

Amd 1 to Agmt PR00005722 with the Regents of the University of Minnesota to provide youth justice system research services, ext end date 06/30/26 and incr NTE \$192,544

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 to Agreement PR00005722 with the Regents of the University of Minnesota to provide youth justice system research services, extending the contract through June 30, 2026 and increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$192,544 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disperse the funds as directed.

Background:

In 2023, the HCAO was one of three jurisdictions in the country to be awarded funding through the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Juvenile Justice System Reform and Reinvestment Initiative. Through the grant, we are conducting analysis of youth diversion data, engaging community on youth justice related issues, and investing in new diversion approaches.

As a key part of accomplishing those goals, we're working with a research team from the University of Minnesota's Healthy Youth Development * Prevention Research Center. They are providing statistical analysis, research, and technical expertise to help us to better understand in a data-informed way young peoples' progression through the system, what happens at different decision points, outcomes of various responses, and the impacts of different types of diversion programming. All of this work is being done with an eye toward understanding where disparities may get exacerbated or reduced and how to improve and expand on existing youth diversion practices. This amendment would allow for continuation and expansion of that work that began in 2024.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0453

Item Description:

Amd 4 to Agmt PR00002848 with CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation Center for assessments of child sexual abuse victims and expert witness testimony, ext end date 12/31/25 and incr NTE to \$1,213,264

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 4 to Agreement PR00002848 with CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation Center to provide assessments of child abuse victims and expert witness testimony, extending the contract through December 31, 2025 and increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$245,732 to a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,213,264 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disperse the funds as directed.

Background:

CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation Center was founded in 1989 as an innovative way for Hennepin County to meet the needs of sexually abused children and vulnerable adults referred to Hennepin County Child Protection and the Minneapolis Police Department. The program:

- Provides prompt, objective, culturally sensitive and age-appropriate interviews and medical examinations by experienced professionals
- Centralizes and limits the number of interviews of children as much as possible in an environment which is child-friendly for young victims and their families
- Coordinates investigations among agencies mandated to respond to child sexual abuse
- Provides expert witness consultation and testimony as needed for cases being prosecuted by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office

CornerHouse has been jointly sponsored by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Hennepin Healthcare, the Minneapolis Police Department and the Minneapolis Children's Medical Center. An interagency case team comprised of the investigating police officers, prosecutors, examining pediatricians and interviewers review the completed interviews and coordinate the investigation and follow-up activities.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24-0454

Item Description:

Amds to three Agmts with local agencies to provide juvenile diversion services to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, ext end date through 06/30/25 and incr combined NTE to \$1,925,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendments to three Agreements with local agencies to provide juvenile diversion services to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, extending the contracts through June 30, 2025, and increasing the combined not-to-exceed amount to \$1,925,000 be approved:

- PR00002792 Center for Multicultural Mediation, Amendment 4 increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$35,000 to a new NTE of \$145,000
- PR00002794 Legal Rights Center Inc. Amendment 4 increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$55,000 to a new NTE of \$355,000
- PR00002793 Youable Emotional Health Services (formerly Headway), Amendment 5 increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$300,000 to a new NTE of \$1,425,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total combined funding available for the three contracts shall not exceed \$1,925,000; that the department will manage the contract expenditures with this funding allocation; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendments on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse the funds as directed.

Background:

The Center for Multicultural Mediation (CMM) provides culturally specific diversion services to youth from Somali and East African families. CMM provides programming for youthful offenders ages 10-17 that meet the Hennepin County Attorney's Office diversion eligibility criteria. Services include initial screening and assessment, and development and monitoring of a diversion contract that addresses the needs and risks of the youth with a restorative focus including restitution to any victims.

The Legal Rights Center, Inc. acts as the lead agency and fiscal agent for the Juvenile Restorative Justice Collaboration (JRJC), which is made up of non-profit juvenile restorative justice providers. Members of the JRJC are Community Mediation and Restorative Services Conflict Resolution Center; The Legal Rights Center; Restorative Justice Community Action; and Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership. The members provide restorative justice services for youthful offenders ages 10-17 through community reparative panels, outreach to crime victims and community directed service projects.

Youable Emotional Health Services provides juvenile diversion programming for youthful offenders ages 10-17 that meet the Hennepin County Attorney's Office diversion eligibility criteria. Services include initial screening and assessment, and development and monitoring of a diversion contract that addresses the needs and risks of the youth with a restorative focus including restitution to any victims.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

24-0455

Item Description:

Amds to six Agmts with local agencies to provide victim advocacy, legal representation, and intervention and prevention services for cases handled by the Domestic Abuse Service Center in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, ext end dates to 12/31/25 and incr combined NTE to \$1,916,222

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendments to the following Agreements to provide victim advocacy, legal representation, and intervention and prevention services for cases handled by the Domestic Abuse Service Center in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office extending the contracts dates from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025, and increasing the combined not-to-exceed amounts to \$1,916,222 be approved:

- PR00002843 Asian Women United of MN, Amendment 4 increasing the not-to-exceed from \$189,201 to \$242,501
- PR00002798 Central Minnesota Legal Services (CMLS), Amendment 5 increasing the not-to-exceed amount from \$430,743 to \$544,421
- PR00002839 Division of Indian Work (DIW), Amendment 4 increasing the not-to-exceed amount from \$189,201 to \$242,501
- PR00004276 Domestic Abuse Project (DAP), Amendment 3 increasing the not-to-exceed amount from \$125,998 to \$179,298
- PR00002797 Esperanza United, Amendment 4 increasing the not-to-exceed amount from \$375,000 to \$465,000
- PR00002842 with SEWA-AIFW, Amendment 5 increasing the not-to-exceed amount by from \$189,201 to \$242,501; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total combined funding available for the six contracts shall not exceed \$1,916,222; that the department will manage the contract expenditures with this funding allocation; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendments on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse the funds as directed.

Background:

The Domestic Abuse Services Center (DASC) serves as a place where victims can receive multiple services in one centralized location. DASC may provide services such as advocacy, filing orders for protection, connecting with a prosecution team, and legal consultation and representation from pro-bono attorneys. Additionally, DASC provides intervention and prevention services for those who use abusive behaviors.

Asian Women United of MN and SEWA-AIFW provide culturally specific services. Staff provide advocacy, assist with safety planning and filing Orders for Protection, accompany victims to court, help clients navigate the criminal justice system, and provide referrals to pro-bono attorneys.

CMLS provides legal consultation and representation to victims of domestic violence. CMLS strives to provide culturally responsive and trauma-informed lawyering. Referrals for representation are made by advocates located at DASC with priority given to cases where a respondent is represented by an attorney, where children

have been abused, where the petitioner has language and cultural barriers, or the petitioner has other high-risk factors in their case. This resource is offered to all clients regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, income or creed. The collaboration provides equal access to justice under the law.

DIW provides vendor advocacy services focused on the local Native American community. Staff from DIW provide advocacy, assist with safety planning and filing Orders for Protection, accompany victims to court, help clients navigate the criminal justice system, and provide referrals to pro-bono attorneys. In addition, DIW provides health services (doula care, etc.), teen pregnancy prevention and sexuality education, food shelf resources, senior services programing, and domestic violence counseling services.

DAP provides supportive services to end the domestic violence cycle, reduce disparities, and promote healthy families, partners, and parents. Supportive services include creation of non-violence plans and providing education on the negative impact domestic violence and a felony conviction can have on housing, employment, student loans, finances, voting, etc., for themselves, their family and their community. In addition, DAP provides community outreach, engagement, and education regarding domestic violence as well as resource referrals.

Esperanza United is one of four culturally specific and bilingual, bicultural service providers housed at DASC. Vendor advocacy services are focused on serving the Latina and Spanish speaking community. Staff from Esperanza United provide advocacy, assist with safety planning and filing Orders for Protection, accompany victims to court, and help clients navigate the criminal justice system. In addition, they provide referrals to pro-bono attorneys and community resources for programming, basic needs and financial assistance.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

24-0456

Item Description:

Agmts A2412529, A2412530, A2412531, A2412532 between the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and the Cities of Greenfield, Hanover, Medicine Lake, and Rockford, for the provision of patrol services, 01/01/25-12/31/26, \$891,586.99 (recv)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreements A2412529 with the City of Greenfield in the receivable amount of \$587,398.49, A2412530 with the City of Hanover in the receivable amount of \$220,274.43, A2412531 with the City of Medicine Lake in the receivable amount of \$41,957.03, and A2412532 with the City of Rockford in the receivable amount of \$41,957.03 for the provision of Hennepin County Sheriff's Office patrol services during the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreements on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to accept and disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The Sheriff's Office provides patrol services for the Cities of Greenfield, Hanover, Medicine Lake, and Rockford on a contract basis. Agreements A2412529, A2412530, A2412531, A2412532 provide the terms of service from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026. The Sheriff's Office established hourly rates for 2025 and 2026 to reflect expected costs, and the cities will be billed quarterly for these services.

Agreement A2412529 with the City of Greenfield - provides for 8 hours per day on average, for a total annual amount of \$289,358.86 in 2025, and \$298,039.63 in 2026.

Agreement A2412530 with the City of Hanover - provides for 3 hours per day on average, for a total annual amount of \$108,509.57 in 2025, and \$111,764.86 in 2026.

Agreement A2412531 with the City of Medicine Lake - provides 4 hours per week on average, for a total annual amount of \$20,668.49 in 2025, and \$21,288.54 in 2026.

Agreement A2412532 with the City of Rockford - provides 4 hours per week on average, for a total annual amount of \$20,668.49 in 2025, and \$21,288.54 in 2026.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0457

Item Description:

Neg Subordinate Funding Agmt A2412545 with Metropolitan Council for project staff services for the METRO Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit Project, 01/01/25-12/31/25, (est rcv \$1,270,142)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Subordinate Funding Agreement A2412545 with the Metropolitan Council for the reimbursement of dedicated county staff costs incurred for the METRO Blue Line Extension (capital project 1005877) for the positions of Deputy Project Director, Communications Administrator, Civil Design Manager, Utility and Civil Design Lead, Professional Engineer, and Principal Engineering Technician during the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, with an estimated receivable amount of \$1,270,142; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to accept and disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners authorized Master Funding Agreement A2110840 with the Metropolitan Council is an umbrella agreement to provide for activities performed by the county in connection with and in support of the METRO Blue Line Extension (Bottineau) Light Rail Transit Project (Resolution 21-0292). The Master Funding Agreement requires negotiation and execution of subordinate funding agreements for all county project activities.

Pursuant to that Master Funding Agreement, this resolution would authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement to reimburse the county for dedicated staff costs incurred for the project during the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. These costs are for county staff assigned to and imbedded into the project, serving in the roles of Deputy Project Director, Communications Administrator, Civil Design Manager, Utility and Civil Design Lead, Professional Engineer, and Principal Engineering Technician. The Metropolitan Council will reimburse the county for these costs based on actual payroll records and in accordance with the positions authorized. Staff costs will be reimbursed at each employee's actual rate of pay, plus usual and customary labor overhead additives and equipment fees, per Exhibit A of the Agreement.

The agreement authorized by this Resolution would replace Agreement A2311982, authorized on November 28, 2023, by Resolution 23-0462, which covered county staff costs incurred for the project during the period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

Current Request:

Authorization to negotiate and execute Subordinate Funding Agreement A2412545 with the Metropolitan Council to reimburse the county for dedicated staff costs incurred for the METRO Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit Project during the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, with an estimated receivable amount of \$1,270,142.

Impact/Outcomes:

This action supports the county's disparity reduction efforts by investing in transportation infrastructure that

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reduces climate impacts and gives people transportation choices and access to housing, jobs, schools, medical facilities, and other destinations of choice.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

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Item Description:

Neg grant agmts for Natural Resource Opportunity grant projects, 3-year periods, total combined NTE \$80,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate the following grant agreements to provide funding for Natural Resource Opportunity grant projects during a three-year period beginning on the date of execution:

- PR00006614 with the City of Eden Prairie in an amount not to exceed \$50,000;
- PR00006615 with the City of Plymouth in an amount not to exceed \$30,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the County Administrator be authorized to sign the agreements on behalf of the county; that costs incurred by the grantees after the board approval date be eligible for reimbursement upon execution of the agreements; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Natural Resources grants support Hennepin County partners and residents with the implementation of conservation practices that preserve and restore critical habitats, reduce erosion, protect groundwater, and improve water quality. Eligible applicants include landowners, businesses, government agencies, and other organizations. Since 2016, the program has invested more than two million dollars across the county, leveraging over \$13 million in other contributions from applicants and their partners.

Two types of grants are available through the Natural Resource grant program: Good Steward and Opportunity grants. Opportunity grants are intended for larger projects seeking to leverage multiple funding sources to improve water quality or habitat. Applicants are encouraged to use Opportunity grant funds as required match for other funding sources.

County staff promoted the opportunity through email lists, social media posts, and updates in Environment and Energy's e-newsletter, Green Notes. Twelve applications were submitted requesting nearly \$600,000 in funding for projects.

A panel was convened to review and rate each application based on strengths and weaknesses of the proposed project. The panel included staff from the Environment and Energy department and three external partners. The panel recommended eight projects for grant funding.

Board approval for the following two agreements is required because the county has agreements with these organizations that exceed \$100,000.

- PR00006614 with the City of Eden Prairie to improve habitat and address erosion along the overlook trail at Richard T. Anderson Conservation Area. The project will restore an existing stairwell, stabilize an adjacent drainageway and construct a pretreatment settling basin to protect a nearby stream, remove

invasive species, and relocate some remnant native prairie species within the park.

- PR00006615 with the City of Plymouth to construct a large rain garden at Parkers Lake Park to capture, infiltrate, and treat stormwater runoff before it reaches Parkers Lake. It is anticipated that the project will result in a reduction of phosphorus flowing to the lake by an estimated 1.1 pounds per year and reduce sediment by 196 pounds per year. Additionally, the rain garden will recharge local groundwater, re-establish wildlife habitat, and provide an important demonstration rain garden in a highly visible area of the park.

In addition to the agreements approved by county board, the following six Opportunity grants will be approved through administrative process:

- PR00006695 with Balance Properties, LLC (Minneapolis) in the amount of \$50,000 - The project will implement stormwater management practices, including installing a rooftop conveyance and cistern, and removing a portion of an impervious parking lot to convert into a rain garden.
- PR00006696 with Woodland Villas Home Owners Association (HOA) (Brooklyn Park) in the amount of \$50,000 - The HOA will improve water quality, restore a natural pond, and protect and restore wildlife habitat within a 7.32-acre common space.
- PR00006616 with Mayflower Community Congregational Church (Minneapolis) in the amount of \$29,100 - Mayflower Community Congregational Church will remove four parking stalls within its current lot and replace them with a rain garden planted with native pollinator plants to capture and infiltrate remaining parking lot runoff.
- PR00006697 with St. Alban's Mill Condominium Association (Minnetonka) in the amount of \$50,000 - The condo association will improve two rain gardens to reduce phosphorus and sediment pollution to Minnehaha Creek and reduce overall stormwater runoff draining from the site by 92%.
- PR00006617 with the City of Shorewood in the amount of \$50,000 - This project will restore an eroding channel from Shorewood Lane to a downstream wetland while enhancing water quality in the wetland and nearby Lake Minnetonka.
- PR00006698 with Timberland Outdoor Services, Inc. at Prairieview Center (Eden Prairie) in the amount of \$43,931 - Timberland Outdoor Services will construct five rain gardens to manage stormwater runoff from adjacent rooftops and parking lots and plant with native plants to reduce phosphorus and sediment pollution to Smetana Lake, Bryant Lake, and Riley Creek.

Funds for all eight Opportunity Grant agreements come from revenues within the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, which are generated by the sale of energy and recovered materials.

Current Request:

This request is to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate two agreements to provide funding for natural resource opportunity grant projects, during periods of three years, with the following organizations:

- PR00006614 with City of Eden Prairie in an amount not to exceed \$50,000
- PR00006615 with City of Plymouth in an amount not to exceed \$30,000

This request is also for the approval to reimburse costs incurred by the grantees after the board approval date and upon execution of the grant agreements.

Impact/Outcomes:

The Opportunity grants will provide funds to protect water quality, enhance natural resources, and mitigate and adapt to climate change countywide. These grants will help implement stormwater best management practices and protect remnant native prairie, natural streams, and other features that use native plants and slow water movement to naturally filter and retain water.

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This action supports the county's disparity reduction efforts by advancing equity in environmental quality. Two of the community-driven projects are in environmental justice areas. In addition, many of the projects include educational components and increase access to parks, conservation areas and other public spaces, which make natural areas more inclusive.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0459

Item Description:

Adjust county cost and recv for Agmt PW 23-11-24 with City of Edina (CP 2176600); no change to project budget

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement PW 23-11-24 with the City of Edina be modified to include an estimated county cost of \$4,197,358 and an estimated county receivable of \$1,718,626 for cost participation and maintenance responsibilities relating to the replacement of the Vernon Avenue bridge over the Canadian Pacific Railroad and intersection improvements on Vernon Avenue between Interlachen Boulevard and Trunk Highway 100, county project (CP) 2176600; and that following the review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county and that the Controller be authorized to receive and disburse funds as directed.

Background:

On May 14, 2024, the county board authorized the county administrator to negotiate Agreement PW 23-11-24 with the City of Edina at an estimated county receivable of \$1.5 million (Resolution 24-0195). The same resolution authorized the county administrator to negotiate PW 22-40-24 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the City of Edina at an estimated county cost of \$4,197,358 and estimated receivable of \$218,626. The combined estimated receivable amounts for PW 23-11-24 and PW 22-40-24 is \$1,718,626.

During negotiation of the two agreements, the state, city and county determined that the county's costs and receivables should be removed from Agreement PW 22-40-24 with MnDOT and the City of Edina and instead be added to Agreement PW 23-11-24 with the City of Edina. The combined change for the two agreements will be cost and revenue neutral.

Current Request:

This request is to modify Agreement PW 23-11-24 with the City of Edina to include an estimated county cost of \$4,197,358 and an estimated county receivable of \$1,718,626 for cost participation and maintenance responsibilities related to CP 2176600. The modification will have no impact to the project's budget.

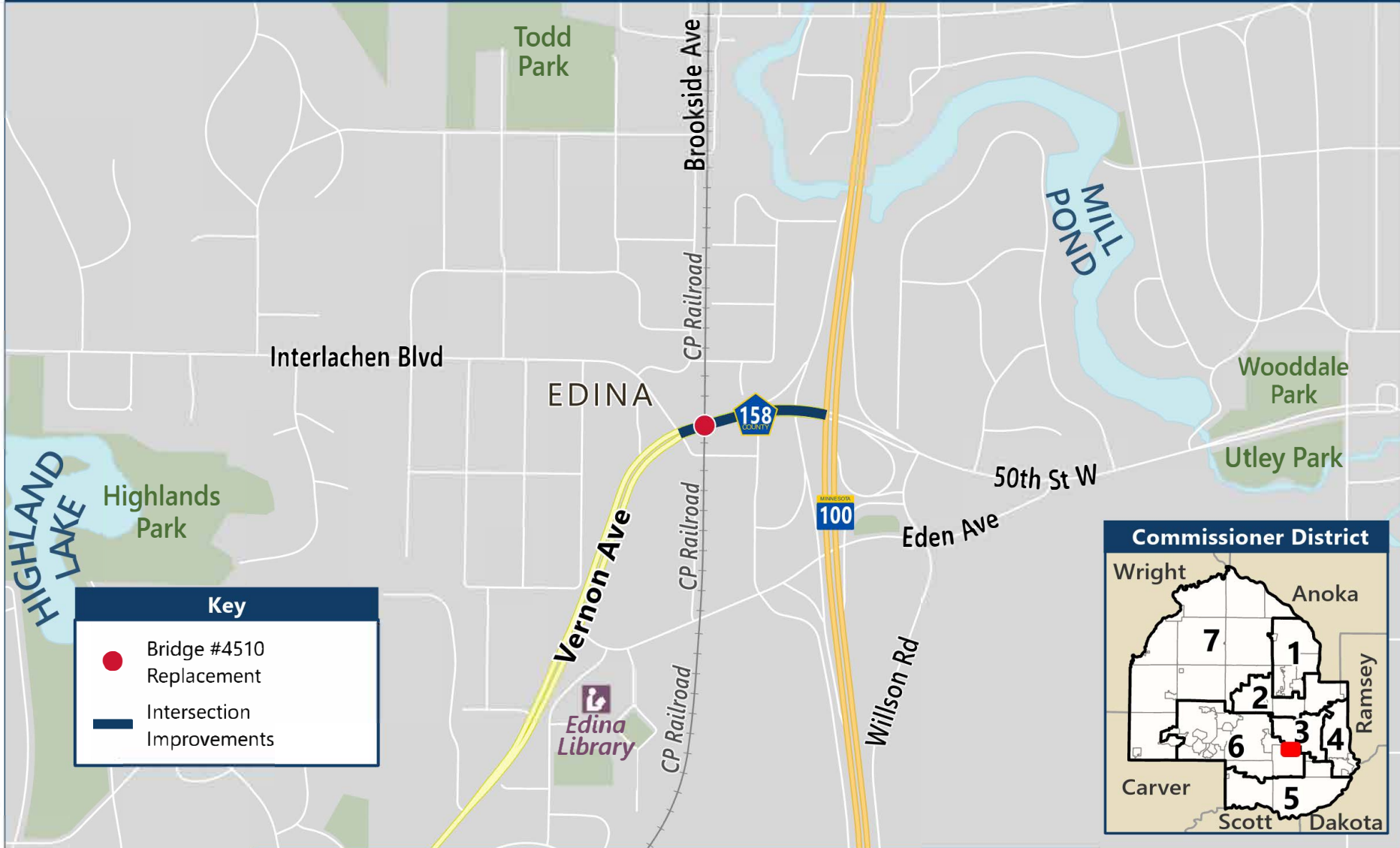
Impacts/Outcomes:

This action supports the county's Mobility 2040 goals by preserving and modernizing our transportation system and advances the county's climate action and disparity reduction efforts by improving accessibility and enhancing safety for multi-modal transportation users.

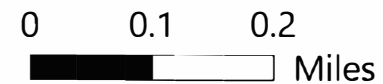
Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2176600 | Agreement PW 23-11-24 with City of Edina

CSAH 158 (Vernon Ave) Bridge #4510 Replacement and Intersection Improvements in Edina



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Board Action Request

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Item Description:

Amd 1 to Agmt PW 04-01-16 with Hopkins (CP 2142600); transfer funds (HNCTY 0039996 to HNPWT 2142600); (est county cost \$7,500,000 state aid, \$500,000 property tax and est recv \$75,000); no change to total project budget

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Amendment 1 to Agreement PW 04-01-16 with the City of Hopkins for the jurisdictional transfer and reconstruction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 20 (Blake Road) under county project (CP) 2142600, adding county cost participation in roadside enhancement, decreasing the county cost to not exceed \$8,000,000, increasing the estimated receivable to \$75,000, and adjusting the revocation of CSAH designation to be effective 30 days from execution of the amendment, be approved; that upon review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse and accept funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 30 days from execution of Amendment 1 to Agreement PW 04-01-16 the County State Aid Highway designation on CSAH 20 (Blake Road) in the City of Hopkins, described as follows, shall be revoked: Beginning at the intersection of the north line of County State Aid Highway 3 (Excelsior Boulevard) and the centerline of County State Aid Highway 20 (Blake Road North); thence northerly along the centerline of County State Aid Highway 20 to the south line of State Highway No. 7 and there terminating, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$500,000 in property tax revenue be transferred from HNCTY 0039996 - Transportation Revenue Suspense Project to HNPWT 2142600 - CSAH 20 Blake Road Reconstruction Project; that revenue from the City of Hopkins for CP 2142600 be increased by \$75,000; that revenue from state aid for CP 2142600 be decreased by \$575,000; that the total project budget for CP 2142600 remain unchanged at \$14,456,000; and that the Controller be authorized to transfer and disburse the funds as directed.

Background:

The City of Hopkins, in coordination with the county, Minnesota Department of Transportation, and the City of St. Louis Park, led a reconstruction project on Blake Road (CSAH 20) from Excelsior Boulevard (CSAH 3) to Trunk Highway 7. As part of the project, the city included the following landscape improvements that promote multimodal connections and complement the Green Line Extension light rail transit station located adjacent to the project area:

- Burial of overhead utilities
- Installation of street lighting
- Placement of streetscaping, brick pavers, and monuments

The improvements listed above are eligible for county cost participation through the county's Roadside

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Enhancement Partnership Program (REPP). Based on county staff's review of the landscape improvements with respect to the county's current Cost Participation and Maintenance Policies, \$486,827.25 in city costs are eligible for county cost participation through REPP.

Although landscape improvements are eligible for county cost participation through REPP, they are not eligible for state aid funding which represents the sole revenue source within the current project budget for CP 2142600. Therefore, a transfer of \$500,000 property tax from HNCTY 0039996 (Transportation Revenue Suspense Project) is being requested.

As part of the project, the county provided traffic signal equipment to ensure compatibility with the county's Advanced Transportation Management System. The city's estimated share in traffic signal equipment was \$75,000; therefore, an increase in revenue from the city is being requested.

The county previously entered into Agreement PW 04-01-16 with the City of Hopkins for the reconstruction and jurisdictional transfer of Blake Road (Resolution 16-0390R1). The proposed amendment to this agreement will authorize additional county cost participation through REPP, adjust the county costs and estimated receivables, and adjust the effective date of the jurisdictional transfer of Blake Road.

Current Request:

This request is to authorize the following:

- Negotiate Amendment 1 to Agreement PW 04-01-16 with the City of Hopkins, adding county cost participation through REPP, decreasing the county cost to not exceed \$8,000,000 and increasing the estimated receivables to \$75,000;
- Adjust the effective date for the revocation of the CSAH designation of Blake Road to be 30 days after the execution of the amendment; and
- Transfer \$500,000 in property tax revenue from HNCTY 0039996 (Transportation Revenue Suspense Project) to CP 2142600, increase revenue from the city by \$15,000 (from \$60,000 to \$75,000) within CP 2142600, and decrease state aid revenues by \$575,000 (from \$14,456,000 to \$13,881,000) within CP 2142600, with no change to the total project budget.

Impacts/Outcomes:

This action supports the county's Mobility 2040 goals, climate action, and disparity reduction efforts by improving accessibility and enhancing safety for people walking, biking, and rolling along and across Blake Road.

Budget Table 1: 2142600 CSAH 20 – Reconstruct Blake Road from TH 7 to Excelsior Boulevard

REVENUE	Budget To Date	Current Request	Future CIP Requests	Total
Property Tax	-	500,000	-	500,000
Mn/DOT State Aid – Regular	14,456,000	(575,000)	-	13,881,000
City of Hopkins	-	75,000	-	75,000
Total	14,456,000	-	-	14,456,000

EXPENSE	Budget To Date	Current Request	Future CIP Requests	Total
Right of Way	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000
Construction	10,380,000	-	-	10,380,000
Consulting	2,076,000	-	-	2,076,000
Contingency	-	-	-	-
Total	14,456,000	-	-	14,456,000

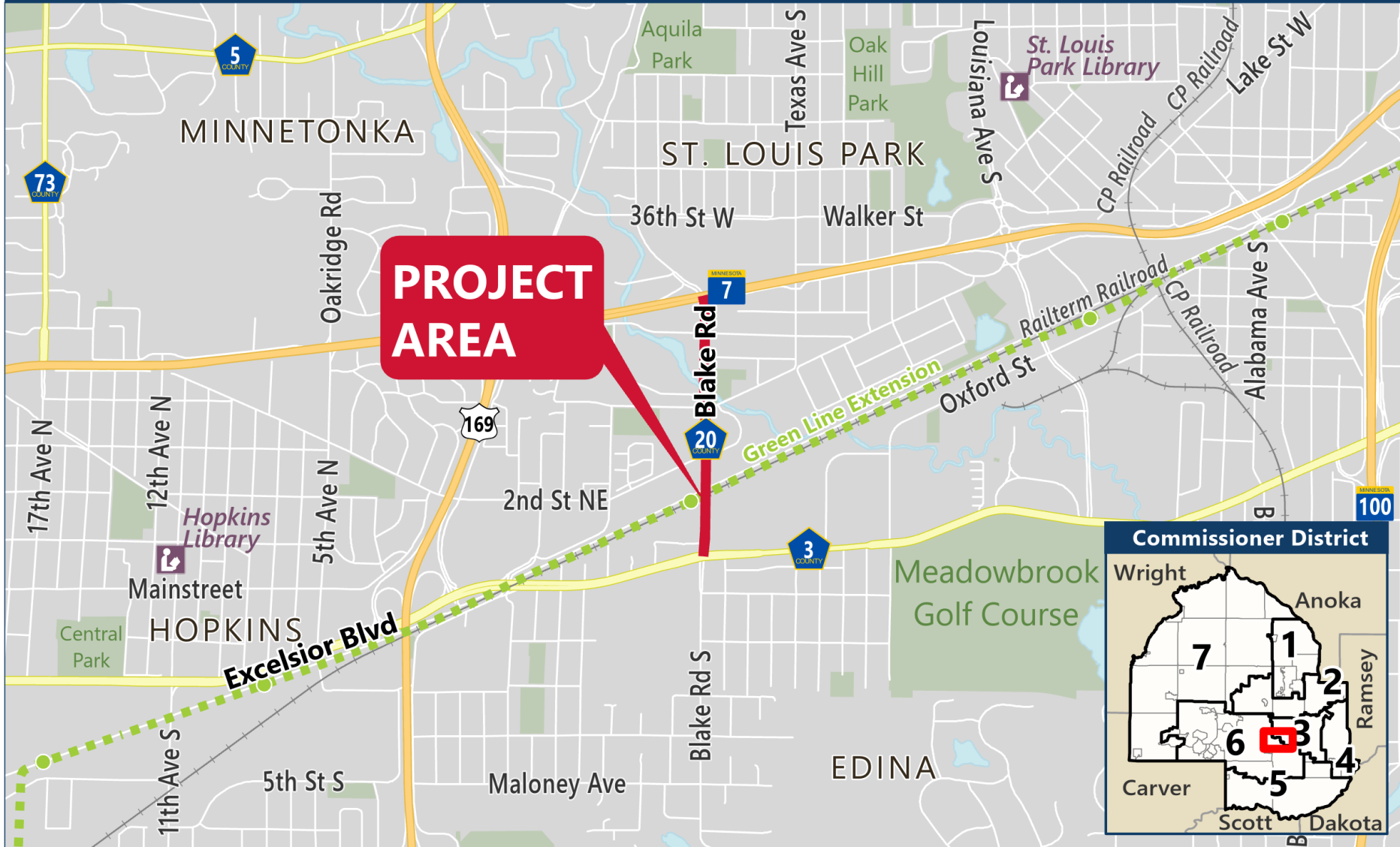
Budget Table 2: HNCTY 0039996 – Transportation Revenue Suspense Project

REVENUE	Budget To Date	Current Request	Future CIP Requests	Total
Property Tax	2,739,852	(500,000)	-	2,239,852
County Program Aid	18,210		-	18,210
Building and Land Sale	562,547		-	562,547
State Transp Construction	168,679		-	168,679
Local - Other	906,707		-	906,707
Miscellaneous	25,427		-	25,427
Total	4,421,423	(500,000)	-	3,921,423

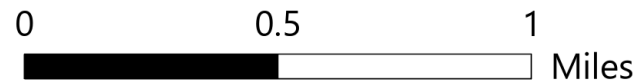
Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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CSAH 20 (Blake Rd) Reconstruction Project and Jurisdictional Transfer in the City of Hopkins



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Board Action Request

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Item Description:

Neg Agmt PW 28-73-24 with Wright County for routine and extraordinary maintenance on CSAH 157 and CR 139 in Minnetrista and Independence, 01/01/25-12/31/29 (est county cost: \$13,000 per year Operating Budget)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement PW 28-73-24 with Wright County for maintenance of Hennepin County State Aid Highway 157 in the cities of Minnetrista and Independence, and Hennepin County Road 139 (County Line Road) in the city of Independence, for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029, at an estimated Hennepin County cost of \$13,000 annually for routine maintenance and up to \$75,000 annually for extraordinary work/maintenance, be approved; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Historically, Hennepin County and Wright County have entered into a multi-year routine maintenance agreement for the following roadways:

- Hennepin County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 157 north of CSAH 6 in the cities of Minnetrista and Independence - 1.0 lane mile
- County Road (CR) 139 between Trunk Highway 12 and CSAH 50 in the city of Independence - 3.0 lane miles

Routine maintenance activities include pavement surface patching, joint and crack filling, slope repair, drainage, drainage pipes and related structure debris/sediment clearing, vegetation management, sweeping, roadside clean-up, roadway and intersection striping and signage, and snow and ice control. The geographic location of the county infrastructure is such that Wright County can provide maintenance services in a more timely and cost-effective manner.

Current Request:

Authorize the County Administrator to negotiate Agreement PW 28-73-24 with Wright County for maintenance of CSAH 157 and CR 139, during the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029, at an estimated \$13,000 annual cost to Hennepin County for routine maintenance and up to \$75,000 annually for extraordinary work/maintenance.

In accordance with the terms of Agreement PW 28-73-24, Hennepin County will reimburse Wright County an estimated annual amount of \$13,000 based on actual costs incurred by Wright County for the work specified. In addition, Hennepin County and Wright County staff may mutually agree in writing through a letter of agreement to additional extraordinary maintenance, betterment, construction, or reconstruction up to \$75,000 annually. Such work may include but is not limited to replacing culverts, upgrading railroad crossings, or spot multimodal safety improvements.

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The term of this agreement begins on January 1, 2025 and will remain in effect until December 31, 2029 with annual funding provided by the Transportation Operations Department operating budget.

Impact/Outcome:

This action supports the county's disparity reduction and climate action efforts by maintaining county roads located on the border of Hennepin County and Wright County in a timely and cost-effective manner to support a safe, accessible, and efficient multimodal transportation system.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Routine Maintenance Agreement PW 28-73-24

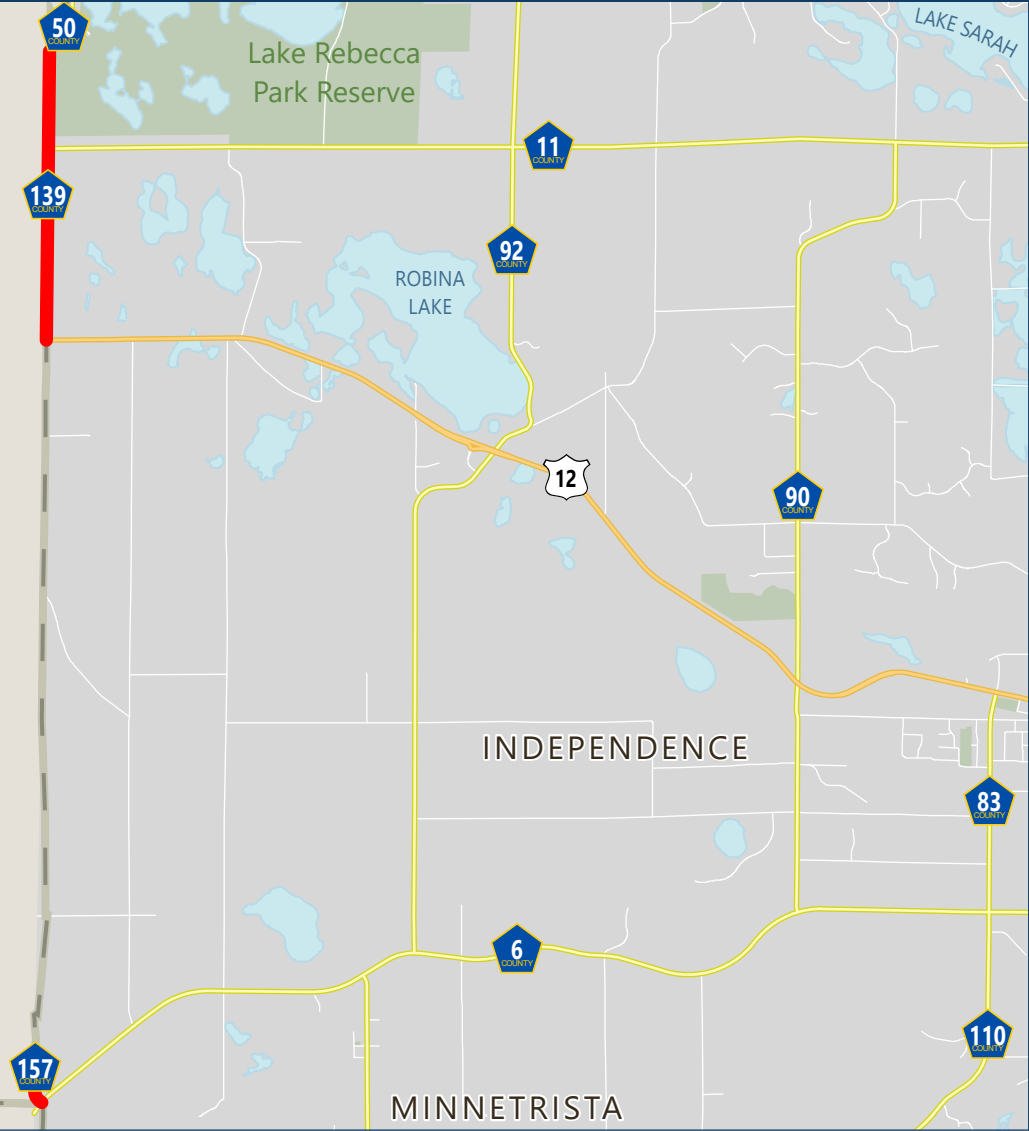
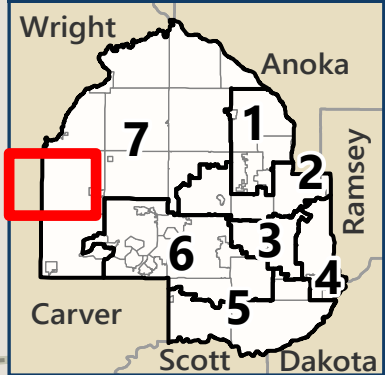
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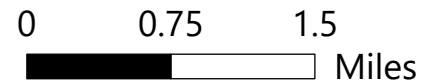
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Board Action Request

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Item Description:

Neg Agmt PW 01-07-24 with the City of Bloomington to provide signal operation and maintenance during the period 01/01/25-12/31/29 (est county cost \$19,700 per year - Operating Budget)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement PW 01-07-24 with the City of Bloomington for operation and routine maintenance of Hennepin County owned traffic signal systems located at various intersections on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 1 (24th Avenue South/Old Shakopee Road) for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029, at an estimated annual county cost of \$19,700, be approved; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Since 1992, Hennepin County has contracted with the City of Bloomington for operation and routine maintenance of county-owned traffic signal systems within the Airport South Area. Geographically, the Airport South Area is bound by Interstate 494 on the north, Trunk Highway 77 on the west and the Minnesota River on the southeast. The county and the city both have existing traffic signal systems in the Airport South Area and its immediate vicinity. Given the city's regular engagement in the Mall of America operations, and adjacent light rail transit operations, it is mutually beneficial for the city to continue to maintain, repair, time and coordinate all the city and county-owned traffic signal systems in this vicinity.

Current Request:

Authorize the negotiation of Agreement PW 01-07-24 with the City of Bloomington for operation and routine maintenance of county-owned traffic signal systems located at the following intersections:

- American Boulevard/East 80th Street
- Lindau Lane/East 81st Street
- East 82nd Street
- Transit Station (8300 24th Avenue South)
- Killebrew Drive/East Old Shakopee Road
- East 86th Street

The estimated total cost for the five-year maintenance agreement with the city is \$98,500. The term of this agreement begins on January 1, 2025 and will remain in effect until December 31, 2029, with annual funding provided by the Transportation Operations Department operating budget.

This agreement is similar in scope to current agreement PW 41-07-19 (Resolution 19-0415), which is set to expire on December 31, 2024.

Impact/Outcome:

This action will continue the routine maintenance of traffic signals along CSAH 1 in the Airport South Area of

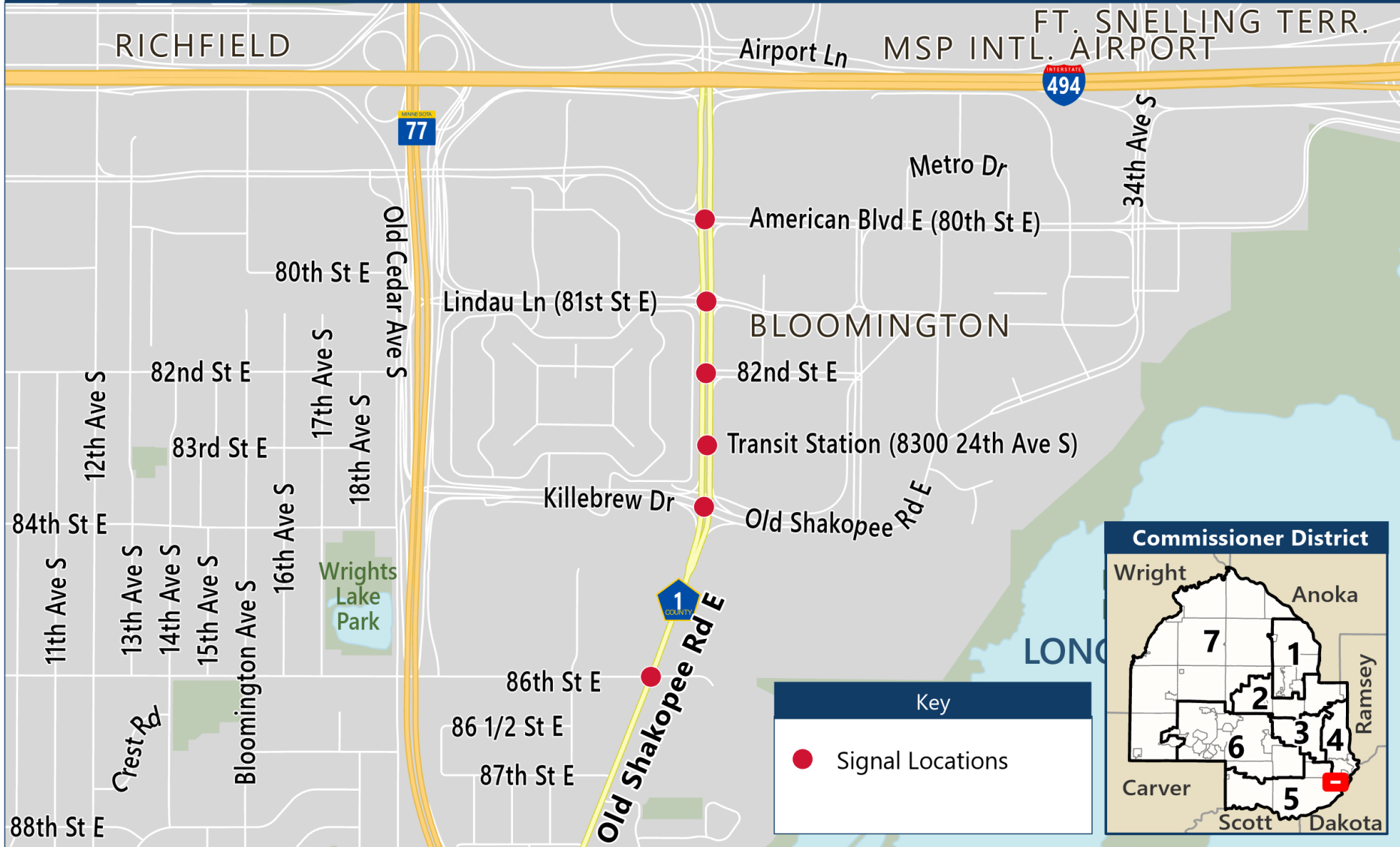
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Bloomington in a timely and cost-effective manner, which supports a safe, accessible, and efficient multimodal transportation system.

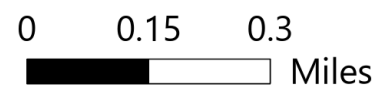
Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

PW 01-07-24

Traffic Signal Maintenance along CSAH 1 (Old Shakopee Rd/24th Ave) in the City of Bloomington



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Board Action Request

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Item Description:

Neg Agmt PW 34-00-24 with MnDOT and the City of Minneapolis for pavement preservation, traffic signal and accessibility upgrades on CSAH 22 from 56th Street to 58th Street W (CP 2201000); est county cost \$726,317 State Aid

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate PW 34-00-24 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the City of Minneapolis for pavement preservation, traffic signal and accessibility upgrades on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 22 from 56th Street to 58th Street W, county project (CP) 2201000, at an estimated cost of \$726,317; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

MnDOT, in collaboration with the City of Minneapolis and the county, is leading a pavement preservation project on Trunk Highway 121 and CSAH 22 that will include safety and accessibility improvements at the intersection of 58th Street W. The project, scheduled to begin construction in spring 2025, includes a traffic signal replacement; pedestrian crossing enhancements; improvements to pavement, grading, and drainage; and striping modifications.

The agreement identifies MnDOT as the lead agency to design and deliver the project and assigns maintenance responsibilities after project completion. The county's cost participation is estimated at \$726,317, with funding available in CP 2201000 - Safety and Asset Management with expenses tracked in its associated sub-project CP 2201004 - CSAH 22 fr 58th St to 56th St.

Current Request:

This request seeks authorization to negotiate Agreement PW 34-00-24 with MnDOT and the City of Minneapolis for accessibility and traffic signal upgrades in conjunction with a pavement preservation project on CSAH 22 and Trunk Highway 121, at an estimated county cost of \$726,317, CP 2201000.

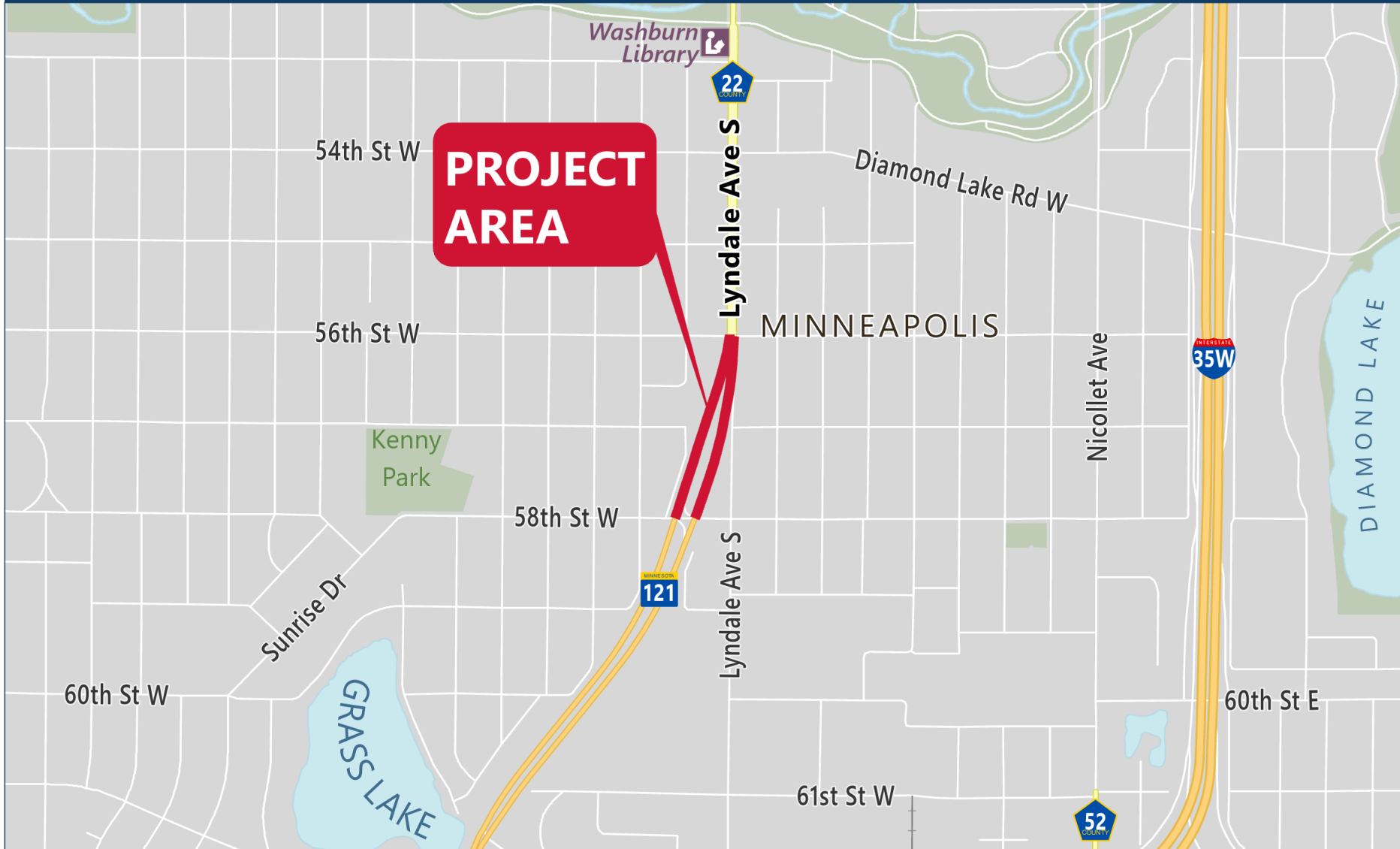
Impacts/Outcomes:

These improvements will support the county's Mobility 2040 goals, climate action and disparity reduction efforts by improving accessibility, mobility, and safety for multimodal transportation.

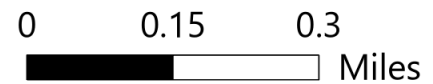
Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2201004 | PW 34-00-24

Participation in MnDOT's TH 121 Preservation Project along CSAH 22 in Minneapolis



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Board Action Request

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Item Description:

Neg Agmt PW 31-85-24 with CP Railway for replacement of the railroad crossing surface on Old Shakopee Road (CSAH 1) in Bloomington (CP 2201100), (est county cost: \$80,000 Property Tax)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement PW 31-85-24 with Canadian Pacific Railway for construction and maintenance of a new concrete crossing surface on County State Aid Highway 1 (Old Shakopee Road) between Hampshire Avenue and Brunswick Road (DOT #854258-B) in the city of Bloomington (Capital Project 2201100), at an estimated county cost of \$80,000; and that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Canadian Pacific Railway (CP Railway) operates a freight transportation system serving the Minneapolis and St. Paul area. The railway's tracks cross County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 1 (Old Shakopee Road) between Hampshire Ave and Brunswick Rd in the city of Bloomington. The crossing surface has deteriorated and has been identified as needing replacement.

CP Railway will install a new concrete crossing surface on Old Shakopee Road in construction season 2025. The new crossing surface will adequately cover all vehicular driving lanes and all sidewalks. The county will detour vehicular and pedestrian traffic during construction and repair and replace the sidewalk and bituminous roadway surface up to the edge of the new crossing surface.

Funding for the project is available in the CP 2201100 - Cost Participation and Partnerships 2024-2028, with expenses tracked in its associated subproject CP 2201116.

Current Request:

This request seeks authorization to negotiate and execute Agreement PW 31-85-24 with CP Railway for construction and maintenance of a new concrete crossing surface on Old Shakopee Road between Hampshire Ave and Brunswick Rd (DOT #854258-B) in the city of Bloomington, at an estimated county cost of \$80,000.

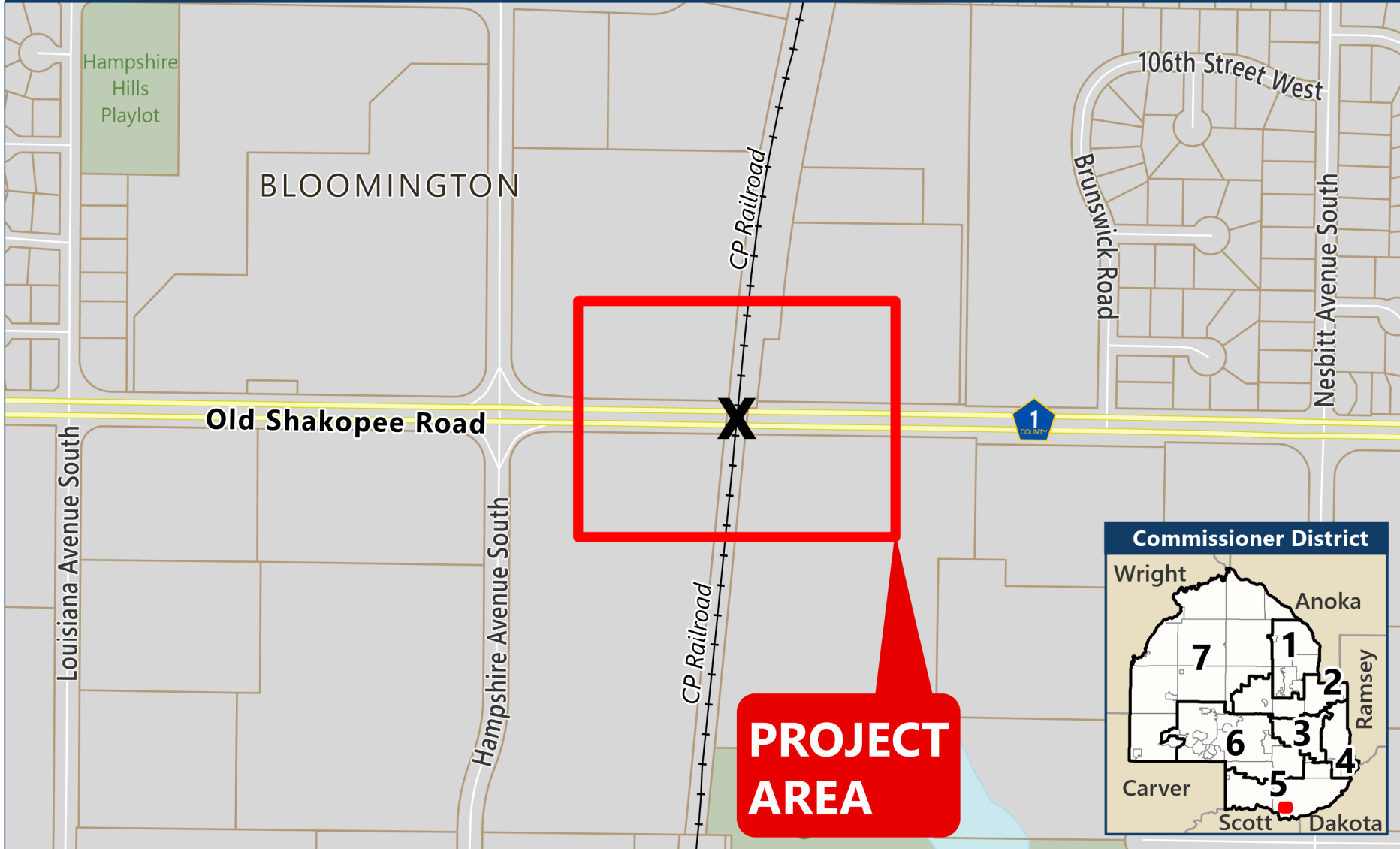
Impact/Outcomes:

Approval of this action supports the county's disparity reduction efforts and climate action goals by enhancing accessibility, safety and mobility along Old Shakopee Road for all people using this crossing to reach their destinations.

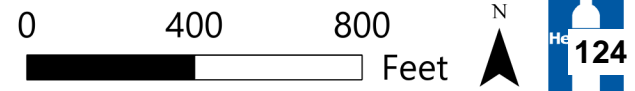
Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Agreement PW 31-85-24

CSAH 1 CPKC Railroad Crossing Replacement | Hennepin County Public Works



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Board Action Request

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Item Description:

Neg Agmt PR00006236 with BFI Waste Systems of North America, LLC for the operation of the county's HHW permanent facilities and collection events, for a period of up to five years beginning 01/01/25, NTE \$15 million

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement PR00006236 with BFI Waste Systems of North America, LLC, for the operation of the county's household hazardous waste (HHW) permanent facilities and HHW collection events, for a period of up to five years beginning on January 1, 2025, in an amount not to exceed of \$15 million, be approved; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the County Administrator be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Hennepin County owns two facilities, located in the cities of Bloomington and Brooklyn Park, where residents drop off HHW such as chemicals and paint, as well as problem materials such as appliances, electronics and tires. Additionally, the county sponsors an average of four HHW-only event collections per year in various municipalities. The county contracts for HHW handling services to operate these facilities and HHW collection events.

Currently, BFI Waste Systems of North America, LLC (BFI) provides HHW services at the facilities and event collections under Agreement PR00001525 with the county. The current agreement will expire on December 31, 2024.

BFI has provided a high level of customer service and value for the county, which encourage participation in the HHW and other environmental programs. In 2023, BFI served 140,659 residents at the facilities and event collections. The HHW and problem materials programs have been very successful, collecting over 2.5 million pounds of HHW and over 1 million pounds of problem materials in 2023. After collection, the county uses other state-contracted vendors to recycle or properly dispose of HHW and other problem materials.

Current Request:

This request is for authorization for the County Administrator to negotiate Agreement PR00006236 with BFI for the operation of the county's HHW permanent facilities and HHW collection events, for a period of up to five years beginning on January 1, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$15 million.

Approximately 75% of the cost will be staffing and the remaining 25% will be supplies and materials used to prepare and package the waste for shipment to recycling or disposal facilities.

Impact/Outcomes:

The authorization of Agreement PR00006236, will provide uninterrupted HHW services at the drop-off facilities and HHW collection events. Providing convenient drop-off facilities and excellent customer service to collect HHW and problem materials from residents keeps hazardous items out of the trash and protects human health and the environment.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24-0466

Item Description:

Neg Agmt with Kidzibits, Inc. to provide early literacy play structures at library project sites, 10/30/24-10/29/30, NTE \$1,500,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate an Agreement with Kidzibits to design, fabricate, install and maintain early literacy play structures and spaces at Hennepin County Library sites, during the period of October 30, 2024 through October 29, 2030, in the not to exceed amount of \$1,500,000 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the county, and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The Hennepin County Library (HCL) in partnership with Hennepin County Facility Services published a Request For Proposals (RFP) for Early Literacy Play Structures and jointly evaluated all proposals.

The Hennepin County Library Capital Plan calls for remodeling up to 14 libraries of various sizes across the county over the next six years. As library spaces are redesigned or built, HCL is committed to including creative and fun literacy and learning play spaces that support early learning and school readiness. Our early learning play spaces connect to the mission and vision of Hennepin County Library: to inspire, facilitate, and celebrate lifelong learning. Our early learning spaces are a shared space for enrichment and connection.

The RFP was written and evaluated in collaboration with the Facility Services Library Projects Manager. Funding for the early literacy play structures that will be completed as a result of this Agreement is sourced from the capital project budgets allotted to Facility Services for library building renovation and construction. Facility Services supports the projected budget amounts and totals as outlined below within the context of these projects as an appropriate portion for early literacy play structures. The intent of the Library and Facility Services is to follow the attached budget plan as listed, however, changes to the order of the libraries or amounts identified may occur based on new circumstances.

As library spaces are redesigned or built, this contract will provide needed expertise in supporting and developing the highest quality early literacy structures ensuring that Hennepin County Library:

- Provides creative and engaging early learning play structures that stimulate and support early learning and school readiness skills.
- Creates hands on early learning play environments that support family and community bonding.
- Encourages a love of reading and learning.
- Provides welcoming spaces in our buildings for children and their caregivers.
- Delivers early learning spaces that encourage curiosity, inquisitiveness, and sustained play.
- Supports healthy social emotional skills such as self-confidence, genuine happiness, curiosity, decision making, and more.

Background information on Early Learning and Play

Public libraries are positioned to be a part of the community to model and support playful learning. Play is essential to early literacy as it encompasses the five early literacy practices of talk, read, write, sing and play.

For those without access to preschool programs, libraries fill gaps in their access to guided and research based early learning experiences. (Harvard Research Project).

Research suggests that social imaginative play-often what you see happening in the library play spaces-helps a child learn about cooperation, empathy, reduced aggression, and better overall emotional and social health.

Five proven benefits of play:

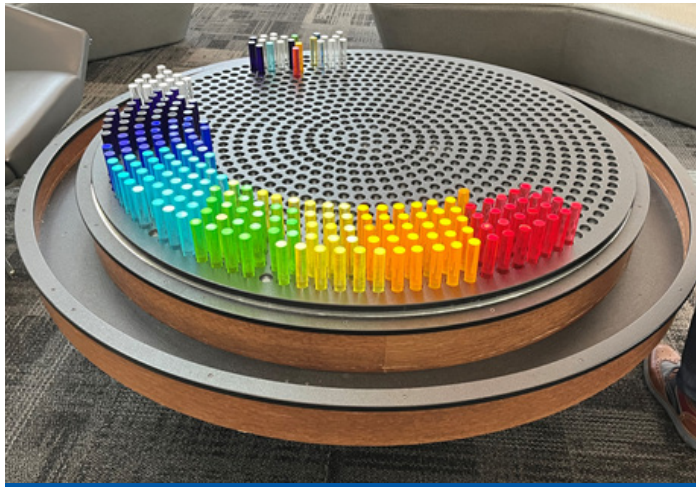
1. Play is essential for healthy brain development.
2. Play reduces obesity and associated diseases.
3. Play helps manage stress and recover from trauma.
4. Play helps families bond.
5. Play contributes to academic success.

These spaces are used by families, community groups, and other Hennepin County departments. Child Well Being uses these spaces for supervised visitations or to meet families in a space that may be close to them and feels comfortable and welcoming. The Hennepin Health Nurses who do home visiting also model early literacy and connection to library and community resources by meeting families in our libraries and using the play spaces.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

	Library	Gross Square Feet	Usable Square Feet	Cost Summary
Current CIP 2025-2028				
	Westonka	11,982	10,804	\$ 100,000
	Southdale	43,989	37,369	\$ 150,000
	Augsburg Park	16,776	12,889	\$ 55,000
	Northeast	16,222	11,813	\$ 55,000
	Brookdale	68,717	56,657	\$ 200,000
	Penn Lake	14,909	12,664	\$ 100,000
	Walker	29,701	12,640	\$ 55,000
	East Lake	18,058	13,612	\$ 75,000
	Linden Hills	8,288	5,715	\$ 55,000
	Champlin	8,966	7,340	\$ 55,000
Future CIP 2029-2030				
	Washburn	18,482	14,655	\$ 75,000
	Minnetonka	4,572	3,589	\$ 30,000
	St. Anthony	5,119	4,654	\$ 30,000
	Franklin	TBD	TBD	\$ 100,000
	Minneapolis Central	539,487	239,855	\$ 215,000
	Contingency			\$ 100,000
	Maintenance			\$ 50,000

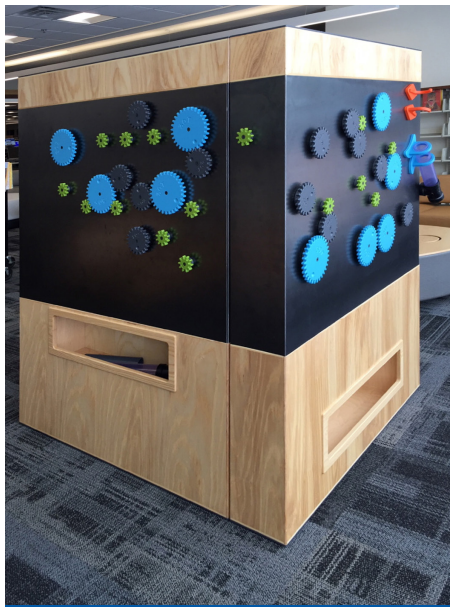
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LIGHT TABLE, MULTIPLE LIBRARIES



DUPLO CONSTRUCTION, MULTIPLE LIBRARIES



FREE-STANDING MAGNETIC WALLS, MULTIPLE LIBRARIES

Play is our
brain's favorite
way of learning.

DIANE ACKERMAN
AUTHOR



RIDGEDALE LIBRARY, MINNETONKA



Hennepin County Library Early Learning Play Spaces

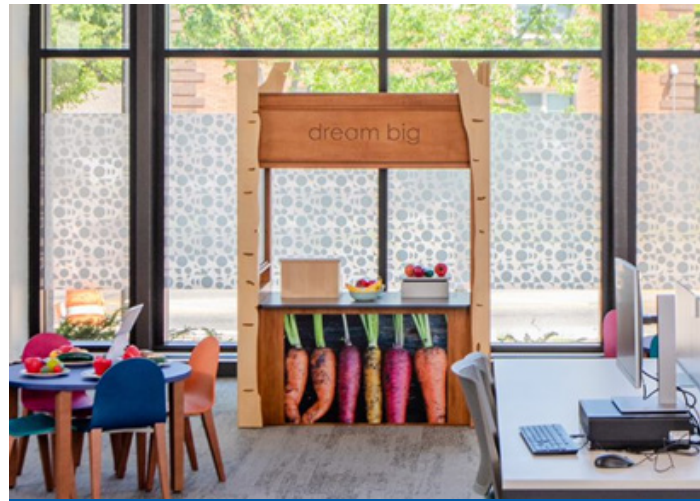
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SEPTEMBER 2024



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Early Learning Play Spaces

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NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY, MINNEAPOLIS



OXBORO LIBRARY, BLOOMINGTON



RIDGEDALE LIBRARY
MINNETONKA

Play helps a child learn:

- cooperation
- empathy
- impulse control
- reduced aggression

resulting in better emotional and social health.

Play contributes to academic success.

Our early learning play spaces connect to Hennepin County Library's mission and vision:

TO INSPIRE, FACILITATE, AND CELEBRATE LIFELONG LEARNING.

These areas are a shared space for enrichment and connection.

Our strategic plan priorities closely align to our early learning play spaces:

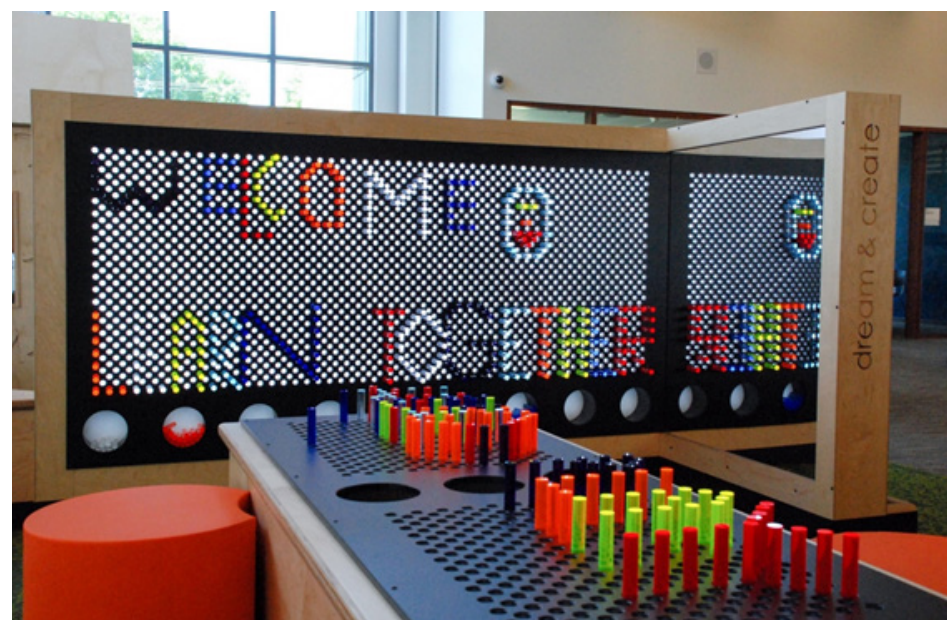
- Uphold free access to a broad spectrum of ideas
- Champion the aspirations of residents with learning, literacy, and enrichment
- Create inviting, inclusive, accessible, and safe public spaces
- Deliver a positive and equitable experience to every patron

Our early learning play space goals:

- Increase library usage
- Support literacy and education
- Ensure a positive patron experience



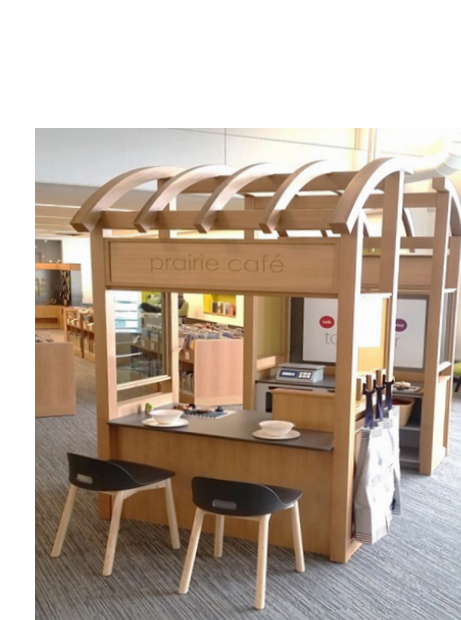
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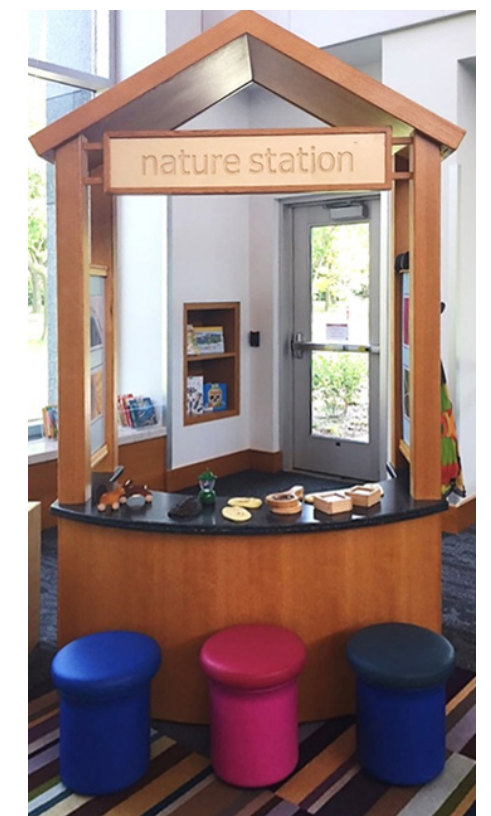
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EDEN PRAIRIE LIBRARY
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WEBBER PARK LIBRARY
MINNEAPOLIS

Board Action Request

24-0467

Item Description:

Commendation of Catherine Johnson, Director of the Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation - offered by Commissioner Lunde

WHEREAS, Catherine "CJ" Johnson came to Hennepin County in 2017, after a long and decorated career in law enforcement to her new role as the Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCCR) Director. CJ brought knowledge of our community and issues facing public safety agencies; and

WHEREAS, CJ built on DOCCR's rich history of diversity and inclusion, implementing programming and hiring decisions reflecting a strong commitment to representation and disparity reduction principles; and

WHEREAS, CJ holds herself and staff to high ethical standards and genuinely cares about employees and staff morale. During her tenure, CJ worked to reduce caseloads and create opportunities for others in DOCCR to have a voice in shaping the department, resulting in spaces like the Equity Strategy Team and Policy Team; and

WHEREAS, CJ demonstrated her commitment to public engagement by creating the Community Corrections Coalition - a group of community members who meet regularly to provide input and direction on DOCCR's policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, CJ is a forward-thinking leader, balancing disparity reduction, system improvements, client outcomes and community needs. She thoughtfully questions current processes to ensure they contribute to organizational progress; and

WHEREAS, CJ effectively guided the department through the COVID-19 pandemic, protecting staff, clients and facility residents under their care; and

WHEREAS, under CJ's direction, the department implemented several programs, including: continued investment in community-based services and treatment options for young people, expanded employment and education pathways for clients, deployment of staff body cameras at the Adult Corrections Facility and Juvenile Detention Center, a grant-funded family visitation project at the Adult Corrections Facility, and a sweat lodge for indigenous residents of the Adult Corrections Facility; and

WHEREAS, CJ served as President of the Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act Counties. Her work on updating the state's funding formula for community corrections agencies resulted in additional funding for agencies across Minnesota, including an extra \$7 million for Hennepin County.

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners acknowledges Catherine Johnson's many accomplishments, thanks her for her years of dedicated service to the county, and wishes her well in her new endeavors.

24-0467

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24-0427

Item Description:

Claims Register for the period ending October 4, 2024

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the claims register for the period ending October 4, 2024, be ratified.

Background:

Resolution 07-4-154R1 delegated to the County Administrator and County Controller the authority to pay all claims of the County with subsequent ratification by the Board of Commissioners. Pursuant to Resolution 07-4-154R1 and Minnesota Statute 375.18, the list of all claims paid since the last regularly scheduled Board meeting is now presented to the Board for informational purposes and ratification. The Claims Register is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24-0428

Item Description:

Claims Register for the period ending October 11, 2024

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the claims register for the period ending October 11, 2024, be ratified.

Background:

Resolution 07-4-154R1 delegated to the County Administrator and County Controller the authority to pay all claims of the County with subsequent ratification by the Board of Commissioners. Pursuant to Resolution 07-4-154R1 and Minnesota Statute 375.18, the list of all claims paid since the last regularly scheduled Board meeting is now presented to the Board for informational purposes and ratification. The Claims Register is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24-0429

Item Description:

Claims Register for the period ending October 18, 2024

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the claims register for the period ending October 18, 2024, be ratified.

Background:

Resolution 07-4-154R1 delegated to the County Administrator and County Controller the authority to pay all claims of the County with subsequent ratification by the Board of Commissioners. Pursuant to Resolution 07-4-154R1 and Minnesota Statute 375.18, the list of all claims paid since the last regularly scheduled Board meeting is now presented to the Board for informational purposes and ratification. The Claims Register is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24-0430

Item Description:

Claims Register for the period ending October 25, 2024

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the claims register for the period ending October 25, 2024, be ratified.

Background:

Resolution 07-4-154R1 delegated to the County Administrator and County Controller the authority to pay all claims of the County with subsequent ratification by the Board of Commissioners. Pursuant to Resolution 07-4-154R1 and Minnesota Statute 375.18, the list of all claims paid since the last regularly scheduled Board meeting is now presented to the Board for informational purposes and ratification. The Claims Register is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24-0403

Item Description:

Neg Amd 2 to Lease Agmt A040146 with RV & PD Investments, LLC, for rental space at 9325 Upland Lane North, Maple Grove, extend end date to 05/31/30 (\$302,075 first year rent and operating costs)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 2 to Lease Agreement A040146 with RV & PD Investments, LLC for 9,243 square feet of rental space at 9325 Upland Lane North, Maple Grove, extending the contract period from June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2030, in the estimated amount of \$302,075 first year rent and operating costs, be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to receive and disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The Service Centers Department has operated the Maple Grove Service Center in 9,243 square feet of leased space located at 9325 Upland Lane North, Maple Grove since 2005. The current lease term ends on May 31, 2025. Amendment 2 to Lease Agreement A070387 with RV & PD Investments, LLC will extend the lease for five (5) years from June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2030. Amendment 2 will also provide the County with up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) of tenant improvement work for renovations performed and paid for by the Landlord. The County will retain the right to cancel the lease with no penalty at any time during the five (5) year extension period with 365 days' written notice to the landlord.

Base rent will decrease from the current rate of \$24.00 per square foot (\$221,832 annual) to \$19.00 per square foot (\$175,617 annual) in the first year of Amendment 2, with annual increases of three percent (3%) thereafter during the five-year renewal period. Operating expenses are estimated to be \$13.68 per square foot (\$126,458 annual) for the first year and will be adjusted annually to reflect actual costs. Operating expenses include common area maintenance, insurance, utilities, janitorial services, and applicable taxes.

Current Request:

Authorization to negotiate Amendment 2 to Lease Agreement A040146 with RV & PD Investments, LLC for 9,243 square feet of space located at 9325 Upland Lane North, Maple Grove, extending the contract period from June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2030, in the estimate amount of \$302,075 first year rent and operating costs is requested.

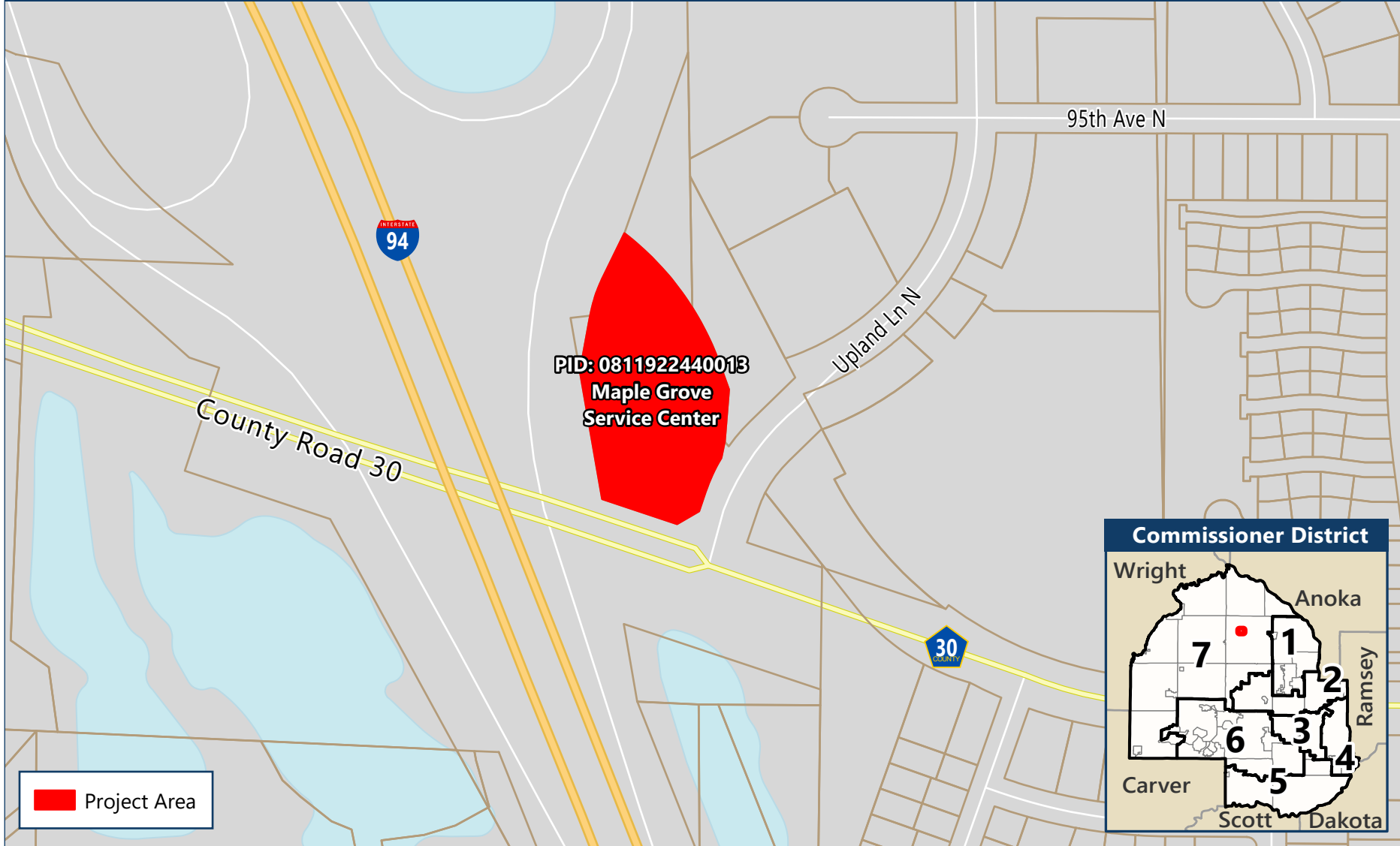
Impact/Outcomes:

Approval of Amendment 2 to Lease Agreement A040146 will allow the County to continue to provide residents with convenient access to services at the Maple Grove Service Center.

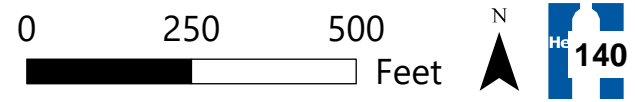
Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Amendment 2 to Lease Agreement A040146

9325 Upland Lane North, Maple Grove



BAR map date:
9/23/2024



Board Action Request

24-0404

Item Description:

Neg Amd 4 to Lease Agmt A2110797 with American Indian Community Development Corporation for rental space at 1800 Chicago Avenue in Mpls, ext end date to 12/31/26 with no change to contract amt

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Amendment 4 to Lease Agreement A2110797 with American Indian Community Development Corporation for leased space at 1800 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, expanding the rental space from approximately 755 square feet to 18,450 square feet, and extending the lease through December 31, 2026 with no change to the estimated receivable amount of \$234,869 for first year rent and operating expenses; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to accept and disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The American Indian Community Development Corporation (AICDC) has been the county service provider for withdrawal management/detoxification services at 1800 Chicago since 2002. AICDC currently leases 17,695 square feet at 1800 Chicago in which it operates 65 beds through Lease Agreement A2110797. The current lease is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2024. Services provided by AICDC are funded in part by a county Human Services contract.

The Fourth Amendment to Lease Agreement A2110797 will extend the lease term by two (2) years from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026. The Fourth Amendment will also increase the size of the leased space by approximately 755 square feet, from the current size of 17,695 square feet to the new size of 18,450 square feet. The additional ~755 square feet will be for administrative offices and will not increase the number of beds. The rent structure will remain unchanged with AICDC paying its pro-rata share of operating expenses, which are estimated at \$234,869 for the first year. In addition, AICDC may pay up to \$147,600 (\$8.00 per square foot) annual Base Rent as determined at the end of each calendar year should funding received from the State of Minnesota exceed AICDC's actual operating expenses for the withdrawal management services. Both the County and AICDC will continue to have the right to cancel the lease by providing written notice at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the effective date of cancellation.

Current Request:

Authorization to negotiate Amendment 4 to Lease Agreement A2110797 with American Indian Community Development Corporation to extend the lease two (2) years through December 31, 2026, in the estimated receivable amount of \$234,869 for the first year is requested.

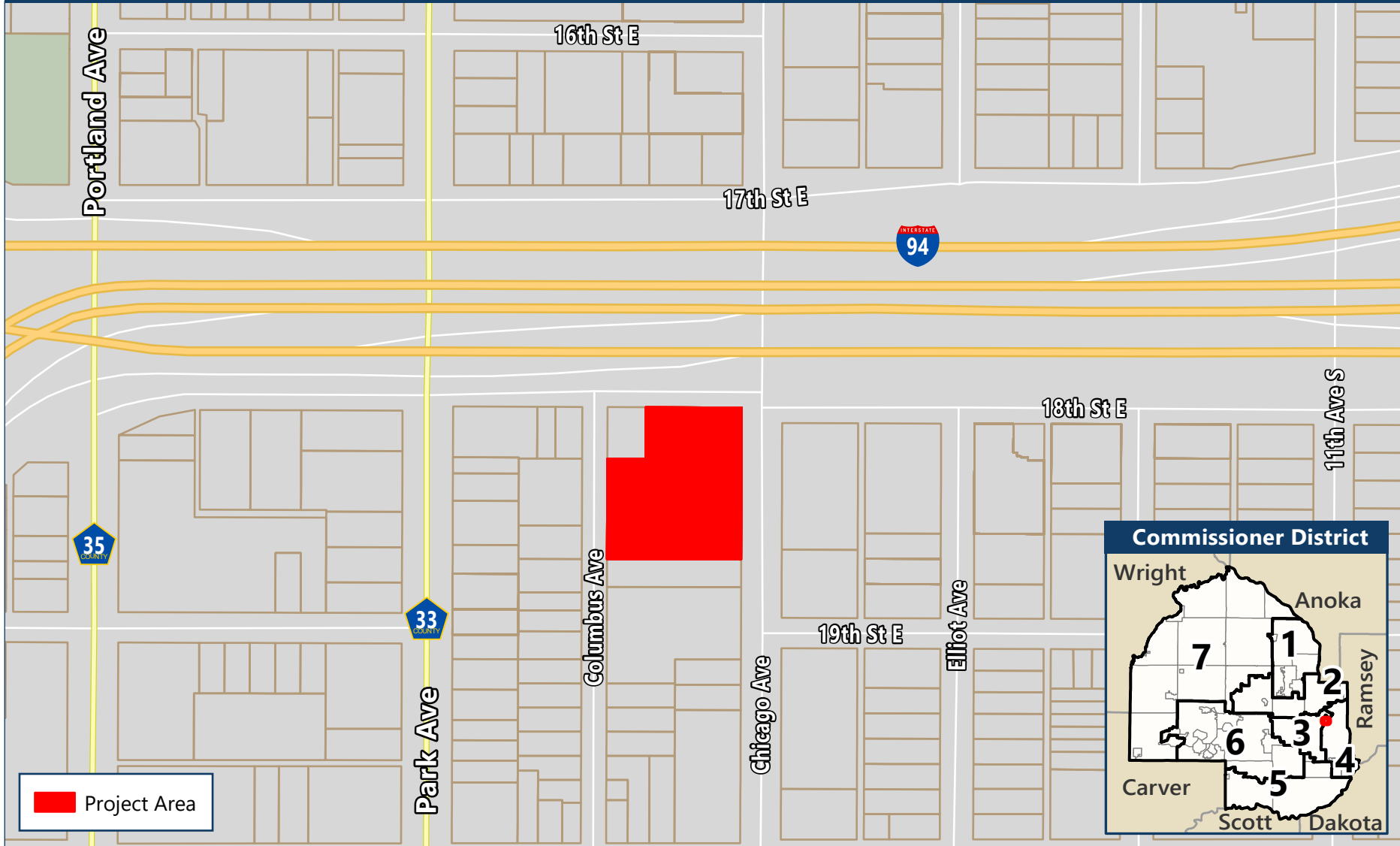
Impact/Outcomes:

Approval of Amendment 4 to Lease Agreement A2110797 will allow AICDC to continue to provide withdrawal/detoxification services at 1800 Chicago Avenue.

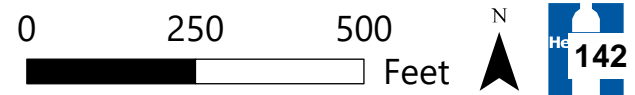
Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Amendment 4 to Lease Agreement A2110797

1800 Chicago Ave, Minneapolis



BAR map date:
9/9/2024



Board Action Request

24-0405

Item Description:

Receive \$400,000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for the 625 Building

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board be authorized to approve receipt of \$400,000 and execute a settlement agreement with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in resolution of a claim related to the condition of the 625 Building.

Background:

The county purchased the building located at 625 4th Avenue South ("625 Building") from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans ("Thrivent") in 2018. The county took possession of the 625 Building in 2020 and corrected water intrusion issues in the building. Thrivent is reimbursing the county for a portion of that cost.

Current Request:

Approval of receipt of \$400,000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for reimbursement of water infiltration work is requested.

Impact/Outcomes:

This action will reimburse the county for work completed at the 625 Building.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0406

Item Description:

Amd 5 to Agmt PR00003112 with Hive Blaine, LLC for the provision of academic tutoring services, ext end date to 12/31/25 and incr NTE by \$742,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 5 to Agreement PR00003112 with Hive Blaine, LLC for the provision of academic tutoring services, extending the contract term to December 31, 2025 and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$742,000 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$2,667,000, be approved; that the Chair of the County Board be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Resolution 200340 authorized the county administrator to negotiate an agreement with Hive Blaine, LLC (Huntington Learning Centers), beginning January 1, 2021, to provide tailored individualized tutoring services to youth served by Education Support Services in the Disparity Reduction Line of Business.

Amendments 1 through 4 to Agreement PR00003112 with Hive Blaine, LLC extended the contract term and increased the not-to-exceed amounts, year by year, \$1,925,000.

Hive Blaine, LLC (Huntington Learning Centers) services continue to include:

- Assessment of students and recommendations for appropriate academic support programming for students and families identified by Hennepin County.
- Scheduling virtual tutoring with Educational Support Specialist/cases worker, student, and family.
- Conducting tutoring sessions, depending on initial assessments, ages of students and other relevant considerations.
- Reassessment of student progress occurs at every 30-50 hour interval and at the end of recommended programming.

As of September 2024, 590 students have received tutoring services through Hive Blaine, LLC (Huntington Learning Centers) with a total of 31,882.25 tutoring hours completed. Demand for this program continues to increase, as additional academic support outside the classroom is needed to reduce learning loss experienced by youth connected to county services during the pandemic.

Significant academic outcomes for students served by tutoring include:

- Students testing below grade level in reading are starting up to 3.5 grade levels behind. On average, students are improving 1.7 grade level equivalencies in reading after engaging in tutoring.
- For our youngest students and early readers, 95% increased their skills in phonics/building blocks of reading scores, with an average improvement of 45% after several months of tutoring. These skills are the foundations of reading and incredibly important to future academic success.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0407

Item Description:

Amd 3 to Agmt A101667 with OneNeck IT Solutions LLC for colocation data center services and managed services, ext end date to 10/31/29, incr NTE by \$4,042,800

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 3 to Agreement A101667 with OneNeck IT Solutions LLC for colocation data center and managed services, extending the contract period through October 31, 2029, and increasing the contract amount by \$4,042,800 for a new not to exceed total of \$17,530,256 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

In 2010, the county executed an agreement with Visi Inc. to lease data center space at Visi's Eden Prairie facility and receive managed services. In 2015, the agreement was assigned following Visi Inc.'s acquisition by OneNeck IT Solutions LLC. Since 2010, the county has contracted for cost-effective colocation cabinets, primary and redundant power with onsite generators, fiber cross connections, industry standard security controls, remote support and 24/7 staff access to the secure and controlled Eden Prairie facility. Colocation is a critical extension of Hennepin County's data center; it is crucial for Hennepin County to have automated failover capabilities between this site and the Government Center data center to ensure the continuous, uninterrupted operation of mission-critical services. Additionally, OneNeck IT Solutions LLC provides the county with managed services including after-hours support desk services and monitoring of applications, servers, and the network.

Agreement A101667 was approved previously by the county board through Resolutions 10-0478, 15-0524 and 21-400. This technology request has been reviewed and approved by the office of the Hennepin County CIO.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0408

Item Description:

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2415

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the contracts, contract amendments and administrative actions of the Human Services & Public Health Department and Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation made pursuant to chapters 256E and 393 of Minnesota Statutes, as detailed in Human Services & Public Health Contract Report 2415 be approved; that the report be filed in Contract Management Services; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the contracts, contract amendments, and administrative actions on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed. Such contracts are subject to ministerial adjustment when such adjustments are done within the constraints of the approved Hennepin County Budget and when signed by the County Department Director or Designee.

Background:

The contracted dollar amounts are based on estimates of program costs and/or utilization during prior periods. Funding for each contract is provided for within service categories in the Human Services & Public Health Department and Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation approved annual budgets. Occasionally new services are implemented which are not in the budget, but which are fully funded under state or federal grants or other new funding.

Contracted dollar estimates are based upon prior year usage and are subject to fluctuation in placement patterns, service need, and cost shifts. Therefore, it may be necessary to process ministerial adjustments to contracts to increase or decrease contract amounts or to make minor service changes consistent with the department budget and strategic plan. Placement agreements are also processed administratively.

Contracts include services in the following areas: adult mental health; developmental disabilities; chemical health; adult housing; early intervention and family intervention services, interpreter services, health services, welfare advocacy, and various other human services. Expectations for ongoing outcome measurement are included in all new, renewal, or extended contracts. Outcome measures, which are developed by the county and contracted providers, assess the effectiveness of a service and its impact on an eligible recipient's condition or functioning level. Outcome information is used to modify or improve programs as well as to evaluate effectiveness of different types of intervention and providers. A detailed listing of the specific actions requested by this BAR and an explanation of all unusual items is reflected in the summary of the report.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

HENNEPIN COUNTY MINNESOTA

Human Services and Public Health Contract Report #2415

Date: 10/03/2024
To: Clerk of the County Board
From: Human Services and Public Health
Subject: BAR Number 24-0408
Board Action Date: 010/29/2024

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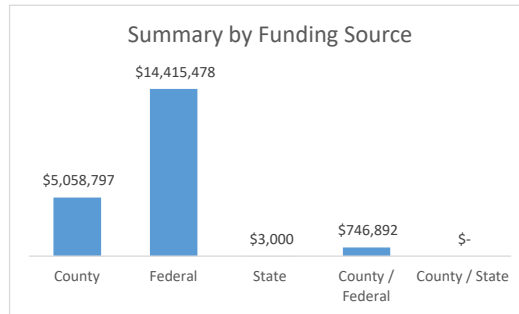
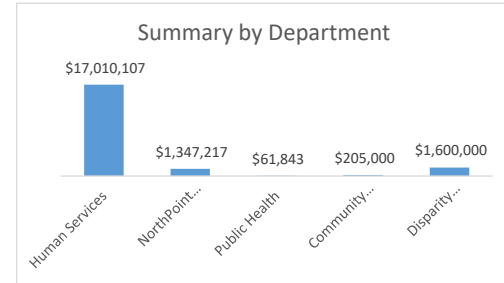
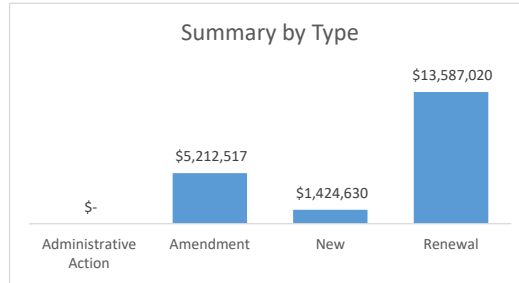
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Summary of Contract Actions

Action Type/Department/Service Area	# of Actions	Action Total
Administrative Action		\$0
Amendment	33	\$5,212,517
Human Services	24	\$2,001,457
NorthPoint Health and Wellness	4	\$1,347,217
Public Health	2	\$58,843
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	1	\$205,000
Disparity Reduction Administration	2	\$1,600,000
New	3	\$1,424,630
Human Services	2	\$1,421,630
Public Health	1	\$3,000
Renewal	17	\$13,587,020
Human Services	17	\$13,587,020
Grand Total	53	\$20,224,167



HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

Human Services and Public Health Contract Report #2415

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Summary of Contract Actions

New Contracts		
Department	Number	Amount
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	0	\$ -
Hennepin Health	0	\$ -
Human Services	2	\$ 1,421,630
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	0	\$ -
Public Health	1	\$ 3,000
Total	3	\$ 1,424,630

Renewed Contracts		
Department	Number	Amount
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	0	\$ -
Hennepin Health	0	\$ -
Human Services	17	\$ 13,587,020
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	0	\$ -
Public Health	0	\$ -
Total	17	\$ 13,587,020

Amended Contracts		
Department	Number	Amount
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	1	\$ 205,000
Hennepin Health	0	\$ -
Human Services	24	\$ 2,001,457
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	4	\$ 1,347,217
Public Health	2	\$ 58,843
Total	31	\$ 3,612,517

Administrative Actions Description	Contract #
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Vendor	Contract #	Service/Outcome	Service Area	Department	Contract Begin Date	Contract End Date	Previous Contract NTE	New Contract NTE	Funding Source	Notes
New Contracts										
American Indian Community Development Corporation	HS00001821	Overnight drop-in center for residents experiencing homelessness ages 18 and up.	Housing Stability	Human Services	10/16/2024	10/15/2025	\$0	\$746,892	County / Federal	City of Minneapolis Housing and Urban Development Emergency Solutions Grant funds.
Intermediate School District 287 - ISD 287	PR00006527	Staff wellness / lactation room.	Public Health Strategic Initiatives	Public Health	9/1/2024	9/30/2025	\$0	\$3,000	State	Statewide Health Improvement Partnership grant.
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Centers, Inc.	HS00001816	Employment and training services for Minnesota Family Investment Program participants.	Well-Being	Human Services	1/1/2025	12/31/2029	\$0	\$674,738	Federal	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds.
Renewed Contracts										
Avivo	HS00001784	Diversions work plan services for Minnesota Family Investment Program applicants.	Well-Being	Human Services	1/1/2025	2/28/2026	\$0	\$306,800	Federal	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds.
Avivo	HS00001814	Employment and training services for Minnesota Family Investment Program participants.	Well-Being	Human Services	1/1/2025	12/31/2029	\$0	\$2,698,952	Federal	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds.
Project for Pride in Living, Inc.	HS00001819	Employment and training services for Minnesota Family Investment Program participants.	Well-Being	Human Services	1/1/2025	12/31/2029	\$0	\$674,738	Federal	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds.
Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis	HS000001815	Employment and training services for Minnesota Family Investment Program participants.	Well-Being	Human Services	1/1/2025	12/31/2029	\$0	\$1,484,423	Federal	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds.
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota	HS00001813	Employment and training services for Minnesota Family Investment Program participants.	Well-Being	Human Services	1/1/2025	12/31/2029	\$0	\$1,079,580	Federal	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds.
Episcopal Group Homes Inc.	HS00001714	Semi-independent living services for persons with developmental disabilities or related conditions.	Long-Term Services and Supports & Adult Protection	Human Services	1/1/2025	12/31/2027	\$0	\$0	County / State	Semi-Independent Living Services funds.
Mains'l Services, Inc.	HS00001711	Semi-independent living services for persons with developmental disabilities or related conditions.	Long-Term Services and Supports & Adult Protection	Human Services	1/1/2025	12/31/2027	\$0	\$0	County / State	Semi-Independent Living Services funds.
Meridian Services, Inc.	HS00001710	Semi-independent living services for persons with developmental disabilities or related conditions.	Long-Term Services and Supports & Adult Protection	Human Services	1/1/2025	12/31/2027	\$0	\$0	County / State	Semi-Independent Living Services funds.
Mount Olivet Rolling Acres, Inc.	HS00001709	Semi-independent living services for persons with developmental disabilities or related conditions.	Long-Term Services and Supports & Adult Protection	Human Services	1/1/2025	12/31/2027	\$0	\$0	County / State	Semi-Independent Living Services funds.
Opportunity Partners, Inc.	HS00001708	Semi-independent living services for persons with developmental disabilities or related conditions.	Long-Term Services and Supports & Adult Protection	Human Services	1/1/2025	12/31/2027	\$0	\$0	County / State	Semi-Independent Living Services funds.
African Community Services in MN	HS00001810	Employment and training services for Minnesota Family Investment Program participants.	Well-Being	Human Services	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$0	\$674,738	Federal	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds.
Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio	HS00001817	Employment and training services for Minnesota Family Investment Program participants.	Well-Being	Human Services	1/1/2025	12/31/2029	\$0	\$674,738	Federal	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds.
Emerge Community Development	HS00001783	Diversions work plan services for Minnesota Family Investment Program applicants.	Well-Being	Human Services	1/1/2025	4/30/2026	\$0	\$191,750	Federal	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds.
Emerge Community Development	HS00001812	Employment and training services for Minnesota Family Investment Program participants.	Well-Being	Human Services	1/1/2025	12/31/2029	\$0	\$1,079,581	Federal	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds.
Goodwill Industries, Inc.	HS00001818	Employment and training services for Minnesota Family Investment Program participants.	Well-Being	Human Services	1/1/2025	12/31/2029	\$0	\$1,079,580	Federal	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds.
HIRED	HS00001782	Diversions work plan services for Minnesota Family Investment Program applicants.	Well-Being	Human Services	1/1/2025	4/30/2026	\$0	\$268,450	Federal	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds.
HIRED	HS00001811	Employment and training services for Minnesota Family Investment Program participants.	Well-Being	Human Services	1/1/2025	12/31/2029	\$0	\$3,373,690	Federal	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds.
Amended Contracts										
Canvas Health, Inc.	HS00001503	Functional Family Therapy for Hennepin County residents ages 12 through 18, under the supervision of the Hennepin County Juvenile Court, and be in need of community-based intervention as determined by DOCCR.	Behavioral Health	Human Services	1/1/2024	12/31/2027	\$606,303	\$1,273,489	County	Adds 2025 budget and NTE.
Catholic Charities of The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis	HS00000460	Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports Day Treatment for residents 18 and under with a Severe Emotional Disturbance Diagnostic Assessment.	Behavioral Health	Human Services	1/1/2020	12/31/2026	\$375,000	\$450,000	County	Extends to 12/31/26 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.

Vendor	Contract #	Service/Outcome	Service Area	Department	Contract Begin Date	Contract End Date	Previous Contract NTE	New Contract NTE	Funding Source	Notes
Catholic Charities of The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis	HS00000586	Permanent supportive housing and service for single adults experiencing homelessness, with barriers to housing, behavioral health, or other health conditions.	Housing Stability	Human Services	1/1/2021	12/31/2027	\$764,388	\$955,485	County	Extends to 12/31/27 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, Inc.	HS00000345	Temporary medical staffing for NorthPoint patients.	NorthPoint Health & Wellness	NorthPoint Health and Wellness	7/1/2019	12/31/2024	\$2,486,531	\$2,775,298	County	Extends to 12/31/25 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, Inc.	HS00000346	Integrated services for NorthPoint participants.	NorthPoint Health & Wellness	NorthPoint Health and Wellness	7/1/2019	12/31/2025	\$1,412,765	\$1,711,681	County	Extends to 12/31/25 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, Inc.	HS00000344	Food shelf and intake service at NorthPoint.	NorthPoint Health & Wellness	NorthPoint Health and Wellness	7/1/2019	12/31/2025	\$4,492,212	\$5,251,746	County	Adds 2025 budget and NTE.
American Indian Community Development Corporation	HS00001346	Rapid Rehousing services for low-income families, single adults, and youth who reside in Hennepin County and are homeless.	Housing Stability	Human Services	10/1/2023	9/30/2025	\$363,477	\$363,477	State	Updates insurance clause and program budget. Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program funds.
Missions, Inc. Programs	HS00000499	Withdrawal management and detoxification services for Eligible Persons.	Behavioral Health	Human Services	1/1/2020	12/31/2025	\$1,870,203	\$2,140,203	County	Extends to 12/31/25 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
People Incorporated	PR00003033	Training for contracted shelter staff people serving single adults.	Housing Stability	Human Services	2/1/2021	12/31/2025	\$166,900	\$166,900	County	Extends to 12/31/25.
Regents of the University of Minnesota	HS00000317	Children's Mental Health Targeted Case Management Services.	Behavioral Health	Human Services	7/1/2019	12/31/2025	\$0	\$0	County	Extends to 12/31/25.
Pillsbury United Communities	HS00001697	Cardiovascular and diabetes health support services for people at high risk for heart disease, diabetes, and related cardiac events.	Public Health Strategic Initiatives	Public Health	5/1/2024	12/31/2025	\$25,000	\$63,843	County	Extends to 12/31/25 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
Goodwill Industries, Inc.	HS00000957	Employment and training services for single adults over the age of 18 without children and who are experiencing homelessness.	Workforce Development	Disparity Reduction Administration	11/1/2021	12/31/2025	\$1,367,975	\$2,167,975	County	Extends to 12/31/25 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
American Indian OIC, Inc.	HS00000956	Employment and training services for single adults over the age of 18 without children and who are experiencing homelessness.	Workforce Development	Disparity Reduction Administration	11/1/2021	12/31/2025	\$1,360,300	\$2,160,300	County	Extends to 12/31/25 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
Fraser Child and Family Center	HS00000461	Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports Day Treatment for residents 18 and under with a Severe Emotional Disturbance Diagnostic Assessment.	Behavioral Health	Human Services	1/1/2020	12/31/2026	\$278,000	\$318,000	County	Extends to 12/31/26 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
Washburn Center for Children	HS00000321	Children's Mental Health Targeted Case Management Services.	Behavioral Health	Human Services	7/1/2019	12/31/2025	\$0	\$0	County	Extends to 12/31/25.
Washburn Center for Children	HS00000464	Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports Day Treatment for residents 18 and under with a Severe Emotional Disturbance Diagnostic Assessment.	Behavioral Health	Human Services	1/1/2020	12/31/2026	\$367,400	\$422,400	County	Extends to 12/31/26 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
Youable Emotional Health Services	HS00000310	Children's Mental Health Targeted Case Management Services.	Behavioral Health	Human Services	7/1/2019	12/31/2025	\$0	\$0	County	Extends to 12/31/25.
Youable Emotional Health Services	HS00000462	Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports Day Treatment for residents 18 and under with a Severe Emotional Disturbance Diagnostic Assessment.	Behavioral Health	Human Services	1/1/2020	12/31/2026	\$710,000	\$790,000	County	Extends to 12/31/26 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
Youable Emotional Health Services	HS00000481	Fiscal agent for Basic Supplemental Needs and Incentives for youth and adults under Hennepin County probation supervision.	Children & Family Services	Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	1/1/2020	12/31/2026	\$791,000	\$996,000	County	Extends to 12/31/26 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
Partnerships for Permanence	PR00004703	Coordination of Youth Advisory Council to provide input on issues of foster care placement and adoption.	Children & Family Services	Human Services	11/1/2022	12/31/2024	\$124,000	\$124,000	County	Revises service deliverables and budget.
The Doorstep Foundation L.L.C.	HS00001237	Culturally specific mentoring program for African American boys ages 8-18, who have been identified as having behavioral and/or emotional support needs.	Children & Family Services	Human Services	1/1/2023	12/31/2026	\$147,165	\$222,165	County	Extends to 12/31/26 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
Young Men's Christian Association of the North	PR00004147	Coordination of Youth Advisory Board to provide input on issues of foster care placement and adoption.	Children & Family Services	Human Services	2/1/2022	12/31/2025	\$82,016	\$109,780	County	Extends to 12/31/25 and increases NTE.
Smart Data Solutions, LLC	PR00003032	Develop and maintain an interface for health insurance agencies to facilitate claims payment.	Financial Analysis & Accounting	Human Services	1/1/2021	12/31/2026	\$288,750	\$288,750	County	Extends to 12/31/26.

Vendor	Contract #	Service/Outcome	Service Area	Department	Contract Begin Date	Contract End Date	Previous Contract NTE	New Contract NTE	Funding Source	Notes
Convenc	PR00004754	Planning, monitoring, and evaluation of processes and best practices for the local Coordinated Entry System.	Housing Stability	Human Services	1/1/2023	12/31/2025	\$177,440	\$266,160	Federal	Extends to 12/31/25 and increases NTE. Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care grant.
Edith's House, Inc.	HS00001355	Rapid Rehousing services for low-income families, single adults, and youth who reside in Hennepin County and are homeless.	Housing Stability	Human Services	10/1/2023	9/30/2025	\$413,671	\$413,671	State	Updates insurance clause. Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program funds.
Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors Program	HS00000756	Enhance the lives of community elders 65 years of age and older by utilizing volunteers and professional staff to help seniors remain safely in their homes.	Initial Contact and Access	Human Services	1/1/2021	12/31/2025	\$88,000	\$110,000	County	Extends to 12/31/2025 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
Nokomis Healthy Seniors	HS00000757	Enhance the lives of community elders 65 years of age and older by utilizing volunteers and professional staff to help seniors remain safely in their homes.	Initial Contact and Access	Human Services	1/1/2021	12/31/2025	\$88,000	\$110,000	County	Extends to 12/31/2025 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
Senior Community Services	HS00000507	Outreach services, service coordination, group activities, and case management for adults 55 years and older who are not eligible for waiver services.	Initial Contact and Access	Human Services	1/1/2020	12/31/2025	\$1,113,450	\$1,336,140	County	Extends to 12/31/25 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
RevSpring Inc.	PR00002682	Patient statement processing to benefit patients of NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center.	NorthPoint Health & Wellness	NorthPoint Health and Wellness	3/1/2021	12/31/2026	\$250,000	\$250,000	County	Extends to 12/31/26.
Youth Determined To Succeed	HS00001692	Cardiovascular and diabetes health support services for people at high risk for heart disease, diabetes, and related cardiac events.	Public Health Strategic Initiatives	Public Health	5/1/2024	12/31/2025	\$17,462	\$37,462	County	Extends to 12/31/25 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
Community Partnership Collaborative 2.0	PR00005435	Anti-Hate education and outreach for Hennepin County BIPOC youth.	Safe Communities	Human Services	7/1/2023	12/31/2025	\$100,000	\$150,000	County	Extends to 12/31/25 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
Jewish Community Action	PR00005434	Anti-Hate education and outreach for Hennepin County BIPOC youth.	Safe Communities	Human Services	7/1/2023	12/31/2025	\$115,000	\$165,000	County	Extends to 12/31/25 and adds 2025 budget and NTE.
A CHANCE TO GROW, INC.	HS00000976	Transportation services for teen parents and their children who are enrolled in school / training programs.	Well-Being	Human Services	1/1/2022	12/31/2025	\$195,000	\$260,000	Federal	Extends to 12/31/25 and adds 2025 budget and NTE. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds.

Administrative Actions

None

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Board Action Request

24-0409

Item Description:

Amd 1 to Agmt A2311986 with the MN Dept of Human Services for the Child and Teen Checkups Program, 01/01/25-12/31/25, \$2,489,118(recv)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 to Agreement A2311986 with the Minnesota Department of Human Services for the Child and Teen Checkups (C&TC) Program during the period January 01, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the receivable amount of \$2,489,118 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that acceptance of grant funding for the program by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program when grant funds are no longer available.

Background:

The Child and Teen Checkups (C&TC) Program is Minnesota's Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment Program, which is federally required through 1989 amendments to the Social Security Act and is administered by the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS).

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit is a federal mandate that provides comprehensive and preventive health care services for children under age 21 who are enrolled in Medicaid. States are required to provide comprehensive services and furnish all Medicaid coverable, appropriate, and medically necessary services needed to correct and improve health conditions, based on certain federal guidelines. This amendment will fund year two of the agreement. The first year of funding provided the C&TC Program the ability to accomplish the following:

- Mailed over 63,000 letters to C&TC eligible families/youth to inform them about C&TC and remind that their children are due for a regular checkup
- Made over 33,000 phone calls to C&TC eligible families/youth to explain C&TC and help with accessing health and dental care
- Assisted over 3,500 families/youth by finding medical and dental clinics, scheduling appointments, arranging transportation and interpreters, and connecting them with other county resources and supports
- Coordinated and participated in 103 community outreach events; 19 of them were collaborative efforts with other Hennepin County programs. 3,600 families on Medical Assistance and 420 community partner staff were engaged during these events.

This action supports the county's disparity reduction efforts in the health domain by providing comprehensive and preventive health care services for children under the age of 21 enrolled in Medicaid.

APEX Coding:

24-0409

Dept. ID: 531299

Project ID: 1000390

Account: 42067, 42360

Amount: \$2,489,118

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

HENNEPIN COUNTY

300 South Sixth Street
Minneapolis, MN
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MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24-0412

Item Description:

Agmt A2412548 with the U.S. Attorney, Metropolitan Police Dept. for reimbursement of expenses incurred in providing security for the 60th Presidential Inaugural events, 01/17/25-01/21/25, \$110,000 (est recv)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A2412548 between the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington D.C., and Hennepin County for reimbursement of Sheriff's Office expenses incurred in providing security for the 60th Presidential Inaugural events during the period January 17, 2025 through January 21, 2025, with an estimated receivable amount of \$110,000 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to accept and disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) has provided deputies for the past five presidential inaugurations to provide security services during the inauguration events.

Sheriff's Office deputies will be federally deputized by the U.S. Marshals Service to perform necessary law enforcement steps to keep the peace of the United States, enforce federal law, protect visiting foreign officials and official guests, take necessary law enforcement steps to prevent violations of federal law, and enforce District of Columbia law.

Deputies will work in partnership with uniformed officers from the Metropolitan Police to aid in crowd control along the parade route, the Inaugural Balls and other critical sites around the city. Reimbursement for personnel costs (salaries, overtime payments, and other reimbursable such as travel, food and lodging) will be made by the District of Columbia and funded by the United States. HCSO employees acting within the course and scope of their official duties and assignments may be considered an "employee" of the U.S. Government pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24-0413

Item Description:

Agmt PR00006639 with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota to provide professional Health Care Agent Services, 11/01/24-12/31/25, NTE \$60,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement PR00006639 with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota to provide professional Health Care Agent services to vulnerable adults who are receiving supported decision-making advice and services during the period November 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, be approved; and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Adult Representation Services (ARS) received a grant from the state of Minnesota to promote the use of Supported Decision-Making tools to try and avoid unnecessary guardianship orders for individuals experiencing indigency in Hennepin County. One such tool designed to help individuals avoid legal guardianship is a Health Care Agent. Many of our clients do not have a trusted adult to serve in this capacity. We are contracting with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota who will provide a professional Health Care Agent for ARS clients at risk of a guardianship order, but for whom the cost of hiring a professional organization is prohibitive. Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is a well-respected organization in the community and has decades of experience providing this service, among others, in support of individuals who face financial barriers.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24-0414

Item Description:

Authorization to submit a grant application under USDOT's FY 2025 Bridge Investment Program for Hennepin Avenue Bridges Reconditioning (CP 2164000)

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has given notice that discretionary funding through the Bridge Investment Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 - 2026 is available for Planning, Bridge, and Large Bridge Projects.

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to submit an application for the FY 2025 United States Department of Transportation Bridge Investment Program (USDOT BIP) grant for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 52 (Hennepin Avenue) Bridges Reconditioning Project (County Project 2164000); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of grant funding for this project by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued funding commitment by the county for this project when grant funds are no longer available.

Background:

The USDOT BIP discretionary grant program has made \$9.6 billion available for grant applications in federal FY 2023 - 2026. Applications for FY 2025 funding are due November 1, 2024. Awards will be made on a competitive basis according to the established program criteria.

BIP discretionary grant awards range from \$2.5 million to \$80 million per project. A minimum local match is required for projects. The county's grant application is anticipated to request \$50.5 million in federal funds. The non-federal project funding is anticipated to include the following:

- \$12.7 million in state aid

The Hennepin Avenue Bridges Reconditioning Project reflect the county's priorities for asset condition, safety, and accessibility. In addition, this project will complement a major regional transit investment, the E Line Arterial Bus Rapid Transit service.

Current Request:

This request seeks to authorize the county administrator to apply for a USDOT's federal discretionary BIP grant for fiscal year 2025 for the Hennepin Avenue Bridges Reconditioning Project, CP 2164000.

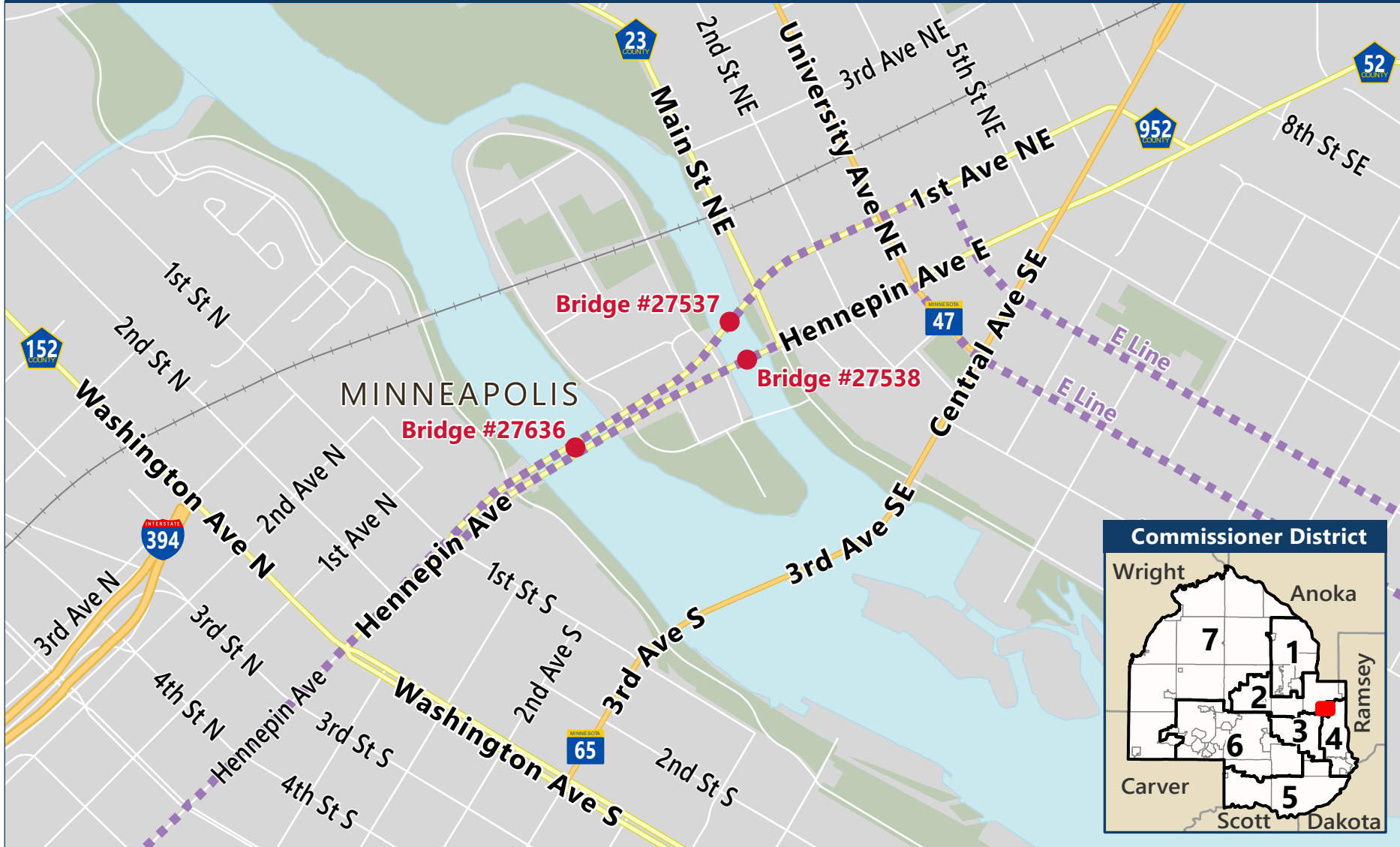
Impacts/Outcomes:

Federal discretionary funding through the USDOT's BIP will support the county's transportation needs, disparity reduction efforts, and climate action goals through the timely preservation of the nationally significant Hennepin Avenue bridges.

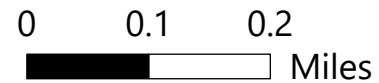
Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2164000 | 2025 Bridge Investment Program

Hennepin Avenue (CSAH 52) Bridges Reconditioning Project



BAR map date:
9/9/2024



MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24-0415

Item Description:

Neg Agmt PW 39-84-24 with BNSF for replacement of the railroad crossing surface on 93rd Avenue (CSAH 30) in Maple Grove (CP 2201100), (est county cost: \$190,000 Property Tax)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement PW 39-84-24 with BNSF Railway Company for construction and maintenance of a new concrete crossing surface on County State Aid Highway 30 (93rd Avenue) between Forestview Lane and County Road 81 (DOT # 095646-D) in the city of Maple Grove (Capital Project 2201100), at an estimated county cost of \$190,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

BNSF Railway Company operates a freight transportation system serving the Minneapolis and St. Paul area. BNSF's tracks cross County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 30 (93rd Avenue) between Forestview Lane and County Road 81 in the city of Maple Grove. This 176-foot crossing surface has deteriorated and has been identified as needing replacement.

BNSF will install a new concrete crossing surface on 93rd Avenue in the 2025 construction season. The new crossing surface will adequately cover all vehicular driving lanes and all sidewalks. The county will detour vehicular and pedestrian traffic during construction, and repair and replace the sidewalk and bituminous roadway surface up to the edge of the new crossing surface.

Funding for the project is available in the CP 2201100 - Cost Participation and Partnerships 2024-2028, with expenses tracked in its associated subproject CP 2201119.

Current Request:

This request seeks authorization to negotiate and execute Agreement PW 39-84-24 with BNSF for construction and maintenance of concrete crossing surface on 93rd Avenue between Forestview Lane and County Road 81 (DOT # 095646-D) in the city of Maple Grove at an estimated county cost of \$190,000.

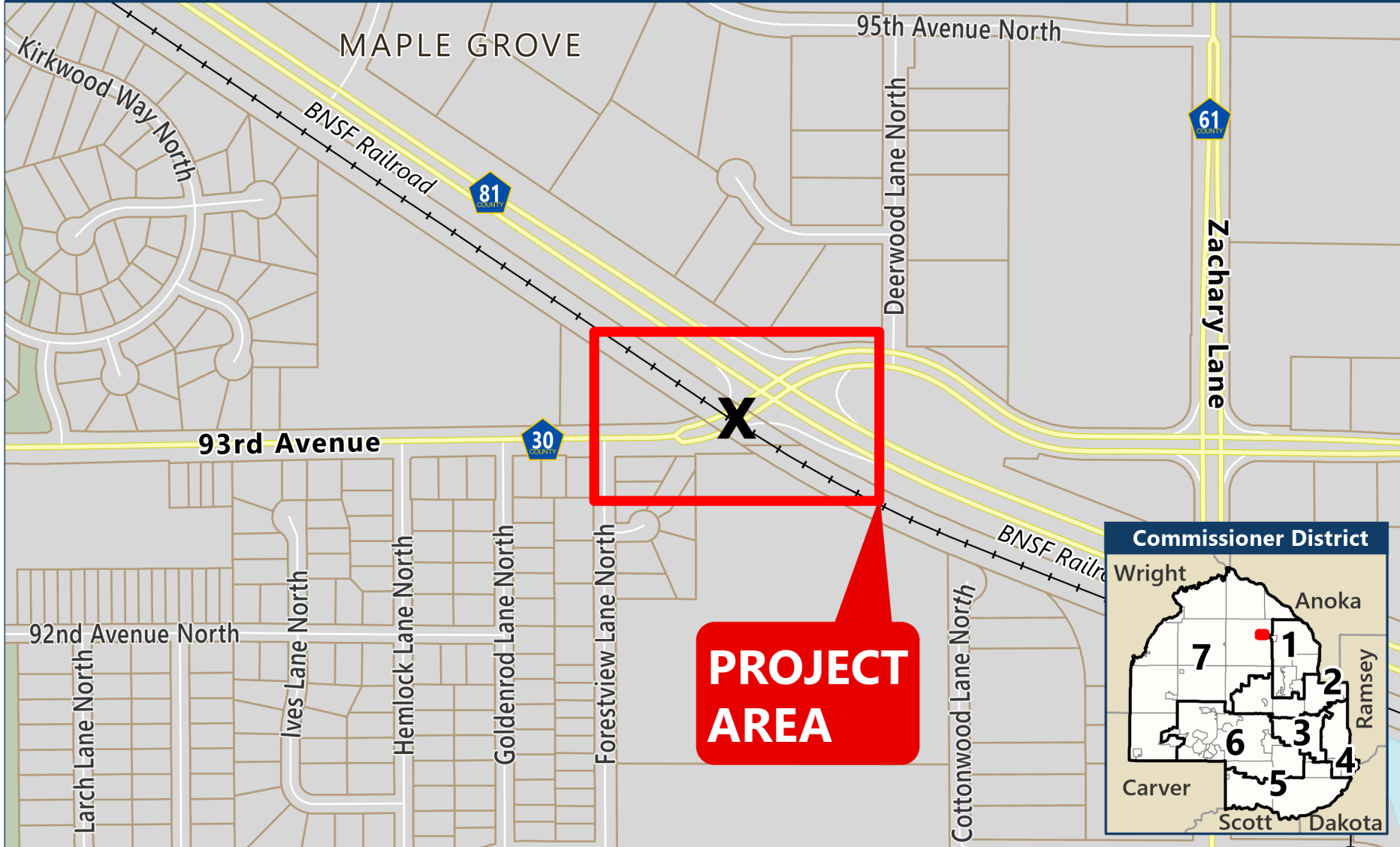
Impact/Outcomes:

Approval of this action supports the county's disparity reduction efforts and climate action goals by enhancing accessibility, safety, and mobility along 93rd Avenue for all people using this crossing to reach their destinations.

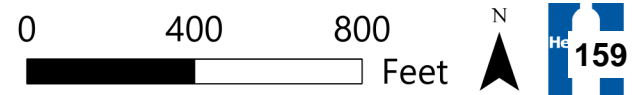
Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Agreement PW 39-84-24

CSAH 30 BNSF Railroad Crossing Replacement | Hennepin County Public Works



BAR map date:
9/12/2024



MINNESOTA

Board Action Request

24-0416

Item Description:

Neg Agmt PW 60-13-23 with Golden Valley for pedestrian improvements along Winnetka Avenue (CSAH 156); accept conveyance of easements and interests; incr 2024 capital budget for CP 2183300 (est county cost \$200,400 - city)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that at the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement PW 60-13-23 with the City of Golden Valley for pedestrian improvements and cost participation and maintenance responsibilities for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 156 (Winnetka Avenue) generally between Trunk Highway (TH) 55 and Orkla Drive, county project (CP) 2183300, at an estimated cost of \$200,400 and estimated receivable of \$200,400; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to accept conveyance of permanent easements and interest over the railroad necessary for this project from the City of Golden Valley (Agreement PW 60-13-23) through a quit claim deed; and that the County Administrator be authorized to sign any instruments of conveyance of such easements and interests from the City of Golden Valley for this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to receive and disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2024 capital budget for CP 2183300 be increased by \$200,400.

Background:

The county, in collaboration with the city, is leading an improvement project along Winnetka Avenue from Trunk Highway 55 to Orkla Drive with accessibility, traffic signal, and pedestrian facility upgrades. New sidewalk will be constructed to close an existing gap. The project is scheduled to begin construction in spring 2025.

Agreement PW 60-13-23 identifies the county as the lead agency for construction, assigns maintenance responsibilities after project completion, and conveys permanent easements along Winnetka Avenue and the interest in the road over the railroad from the city to the county through a quick claim deed.

Funding for the project is available in CP 2183300 - Safety and Asset Management, with expenses tracked in its associated subproject CP 2183346 - 2023 Americans with Disability Act Program Phase 6.

Current Request:

This request seeks authorization to negotiate Agreement PW 60-13-23 with Golden Valley for pedestrian improvements and cost participation and maintenance responsibilities for Winnetka Avenue between Trunk Highway 55 and Orkla Drive (CP 2183300). The county will install new sidewalk and provide construction engineering services at an estimated cost of \$200,400, which will be reimbursed by the city. This request also seeks authorization to transfer permanent easements and interest in the road over the railroad from the city to

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the county through a quick claim deed. Additionally, this request seeks authorization to increase the 2024 capital budget for CP 2183300 by \$200,400.

Impacts/Outcomes:

These improvements will support the county's Mobility 2040 goals, climate action and disparity reduction efforts by improving accessibility, mobility, and safety for multimodal transportation.

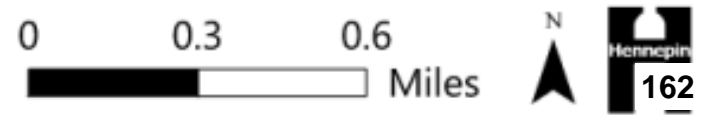
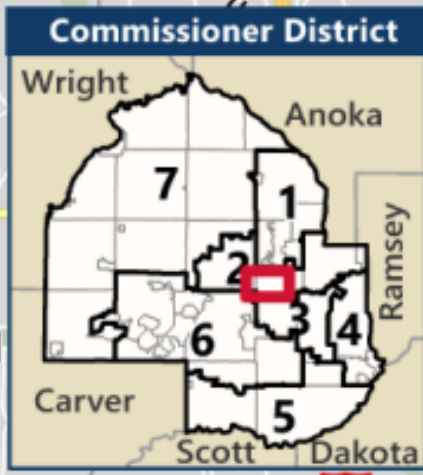
Budget table: CP 2183300 Safety and Asset Management 2019-2023

Revenues:	Budget to Date	Current Request	Total Project
Property Tax	995,000		995,000
Wheelage Tax	186,515		186,515
County Bonds	17,231,260		17,231,260
Federal (CRRSAA)	2,508,388		2,508,388
Mn/DOT State Aid - Regular	16,007,714		16,007,714
Golden Valley		200,400	200,400
Minnetonka	80,000		80,000
Plymouth	350,000		350,000
Ramsey County	84,000		84,000
Wright County	376,000		376,000
Total	37,818,877	200,400	38,019,277
Expenditures:			
Construction	36,999,877	183,700	37,183,577
Consulting	524,000	16,700	540,700
Contingency	295,000		295,000
Total	37,818,877	200,400	38,019,277

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2183346

Winnetka Ave (CSAH 156) | ADA Project Location



Board Action Request

24-0417

Item Description:

Agmt PR00006562 with Alliant Engineering, Inc. for preliminary design engineering and professional services for reconstruction of Minnetonka Boulevard (CSAH 5) in St. Louis Park (CP 2168000), 10/29/24-12/31/27; transfer funds from CP 2183400 to CP 2168000 & incr budget of CP 2168000; (county cost: NTE \$1,600,000 state aid)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to execute Agreement PR00006562 with Alliant Engineering, Incorporated to provide preliminary design engineering and professional services for the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5 (Minnetonka Boulevard) from Xylon Avenue to Vernon Avenue S in the city of Saint Louis Park, county project (CP) 2168000, during the period October 29, 2024 through December 31, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the revenues for CP 2168000 be increased by \$200,000 using State Aid Regular funding transferred from CP 2183400 (Project Delivery TSCA 1st Gen); that the overall project budget for CP 2168000 be increased by \$200,000 (from \$30,500,000, as proposed in the 2025-2029 Capital improvement Program, to \$30,700,000); and that the Controller be authorized to accept, transfer, and disburse funds as directed.

Background:

This segment of Minnetonka Blvd is nearing the end of its service life and needs to be reconstructed. The county, in partnership with the city, is leading the project, which includes the following:

- New sidewalk, pavement, curb and gutter, and storm water structures
- Accessibility and bikeway improvements including crossing enhancements
- Intersection improvements

As the design begins, the project team will build on previous planning and engagement efforts to develop concepts that best meet the project goals and serve the community's needs. The project is scheduled for construction in 2027.

On June 6, 2024, the county sent out a request for proposals for preliminary design engineering and professional services using the enterprise contracting process and six firms responded. Through a quality-based competitive selection process, Alliant Engineering was selected and is committed to meeting the 14% small and minority business project goal.

Current Request:

This request seeks authorization to execute agreement PR00006562 with Alliant Engineering for preliminary design engineering and professional services for Minnetonka Blvd reconstruction, CP 2168000, during the period October 29, 2024 through December 31, 2027, NTE \$1,600,000.

Additionally, the request seeks authorization to increase the budget for CP 2168000 by \$200,000 funded by a transfer from CP 2183400 into CP 2168000, increasing the overall project budget to \$30,700,000.

Impacts/Outcomes:

This action will support the county’s Mobility 2040, climate action and disparity reduction efforts by improving accessibility, mobility, and safety for all transportation users along the project corridor.

Budget table 1: CP 2168000 Minnetonka Blvd Phase 2

REVENUE:	Budget to Date	Current Request	Future CIP Requests	Total Project
Federal - Other - Roads			7,000,000	7,000,000
Mn/DOT State Aid - Regular		200,000	17,445,000	17,645,000
Saint Louis Park			4,665,000	4,665,000
Fund Transfer - Metro Tax – Complete St			1,390,000	1,390,000
Total		\$200,000	\$30,500,000	\$30,700,000

EXPENDITURE:	Budget to Date	Current Request	Future CIP Requests	Total Project
Right of Way			3,130,000	3,130,000
Construction			17,320,000	17,320,000
Consulting		200,000	4,850,000	5,050,000
Contingency			5,200,000	5,200,000
Total		\$200,000	\$30,500,000	\$30,700,000

Budget table 2: CP 2183400 (2019-2023 PD TSCA 1st Gen

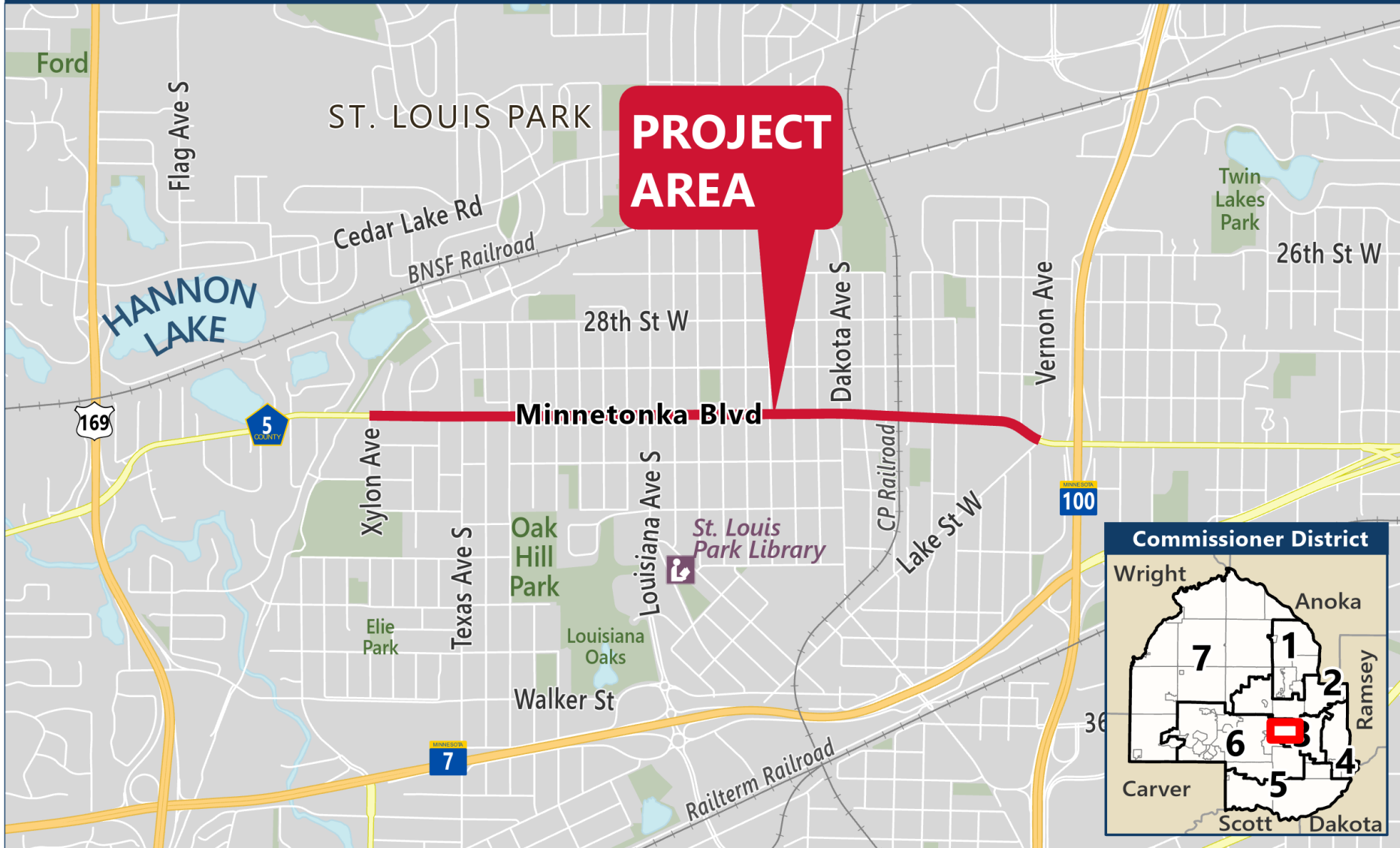
REVENUE:	Budget to Date	Current Request	Future CIP Requests	Total Project
Property Tax	820,000			820,000
Mn/DOT State Aid - Regular	1,410,000	(200,000)		1,210,000
Total	\$2,230,000	(\$200,000)		\$2,030,000

EXPENDITURE:	Budget to Date	Current Request	Future CIP Requests	Total Project
Right of Way	320,000			320,000
Consulting	1,910,000	(200,000)		1,710,000
Total	\$2,230,000	(\$200,000)		\$2,030,000

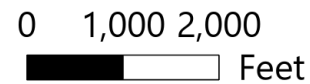
Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2168000 | Agmt PR00006562

CSAH 5 (Minnetonka Blvd) Phase II Reconstruction in St. Louis Park



BAR map date:
8/22/2024



Board Action Request

24-0418

Item Description:

Amd 1 to Agmt PR00005142 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for final design engineering for Nicollet Avenue (CSAH 52) reconstruction (CP 2120800), incr NTE by \$1.3M, ext end date to 12/01/28; (county cost NTE \$2.55M state aid)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to execute Amendment 1 to Agreement PR00005142 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., to provide final design engineering and professional services for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 52 (Nicollet Avenue) reconstruction in Richfield between 77th and 66th streets, county project (CP) 2120800, extending the contract end date to December 1, 2028 and increasing the contract amount by \$1,300,000 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$2,550,000; that upon review and approval by the County Attorney's office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The county, in collaboration with the City of Richfield, plans to reconstruct Nicollet Avenue from 77th Street to 66th Street. The project will incorporate a Complete and Green Streets design with new pavement, curb, and roundabouts; upgrade storm water, water main, and sanitary sewer utilities; enhance multi-modal facilities; and replace pedestrian infrastructure to meet current accessibility standards.

In 2023 the county entered into Agreement PR00005142 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for preliminary design engineering services for the project at a county cost not to exceed \$1,250,000 (Resolution 23-0163). Additional services are needed to complete the project design. Project funding is available in CP 2120800 - Reconstruct Nicollet Avenue S from 77th Street to 66th Street.

The county will continue its community engagement as the project continues into final design. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2026 with substantial completion in 2027.

Current Request:

This request seeks authorization to execute Amendment 1 to Agreement PR00005142 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for final design engineering and professional services for the Nicollet Avenue reconstruction project, CP 2120800, increasing the contract amount to a new not to exceed total of \$2,550,000, and extending the contract expiration date from December 27, 2024 to December 1, 2028.

Impacts/Outcomes:

This action supports the county's Mobility 2040 goals, climate action and disparity reduction efforts by improving accessibility, mobility, and safety for multimodal transportation users.

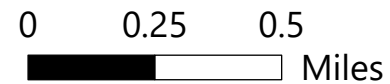
Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2120800

Nicollet Ave (CSAH 52) Reconstruction in Richfield



BAR map date:
3/24/2023



Board Action Request

24-0419

Item Description:

Adopt the 2024 -2029 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan 2022-2042 establishes the framework for managing the Twin Cities metropolitan area's solid waste for the next 20 years in accordance with the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 473.149, guides the development and activities of solid waste management which must be followed by the counties in the metro area, and supports the goals of the Waste Management Act hierarchy, improving public health, reducing the reliance on landfills, conserving energy and natural resources, and reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 473.803 requires metropolitan counties to prepare solid waste management plans every six years that implement the state's Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan and that includes strategies for complying with the recycling requirements of Minnesota Statute § 115A.551; and

WHEREAS, the county is committed to achieving a zero-waste future and has defined zero waste as preventing 90% or more of all discarded materials from being landfilled or incinerated; and

WHEREAS, the county's Climate Action Plan set one of the most ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction targets among climate leaders and included bold strategies on preventing food waste, tackling plastics pollution, and advocating for state leadership on zero-waste policies; and

WHEREAS, the Plan to Reinvent Hennepin County's Solid Waste System and Zero Waste Plan identify the highest impact actions, provide a roadmap for implementation, accelerate progress toward zero waste and closure and repurposing of the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC), establish a dashboard with criteria to be met to responsibly close HERC, and serve as the foundation of the 2024 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the county's Solid Waste Management Plan far exceeds the minimum requirements of the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan; therefore

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024-2029 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan be adopted.

Background:

Hennepin County, like all metro area counties, must submit a county-specific plan to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency that implements the Metro Solid Waste Policy Plan (metro policy plan) (Minn. Stat. § 473.803). The metro policy plan and the county-specific plan that must follow it, must align with the state goals to reduce waste, increase recycling, and abate landfilling. (Minn. Stat. §§ 115A.02, 473.149, 473.803). The Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan (county solid waste plan) complies with these statutory mandates, covers solid waste planning for the period of 2024-2029, and advances a zero-waste future.

In 2021, the county adopted its Climate Action Plan. Hennepin County was the first county in the state to have a climate action plan and set one of the most ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction targets among climate leaders. The Hennepin County Climate Action Plan includes bold strategies on preventing food waste, tackling plastics pollution, and advocating for state leadership on zero-waste policies.

Also in 2021, Hennepin County commissioned a Zero Waste Plan to define what it will take to get to a future that doesn't rely on landfilling or incineration. Staff led an extensive planning and engagement process that spanned nearly two years and centered the voices of community members and organizations traditionally not engaged in solid waste planning. Research for the Zero Waste Plan provided a gaps analysis of our solid waste system compared with national and international zero-waste leaders. The 62 actions included in the Zero Waste Plan were informed by data and driven by the community to achieve maximum impact.

The state goal is to achieve a 75% recycling rate by 2030. The county is committed to achieving a zero-waste future and has defined zero waste as preventing 90% or more of all discarded materials from being landfilled or incinerated. The Climate Action Plan, the Zero Waste Plan and this definition serve as the foundation of the county solid waste plan.

After the Zero Waste Plan was finalized, the county board sought additional information on the county's waste-to-energy facility and its role in the solid waste system. During the next six months, the county board reviewed a significant amount of information on legal, financial, and environmental factors associated with the county's solid waste system.

These discussions resulted in the Plan to Reinvent Hennepin County's Solid Waste System by aggressively pursuing zero-waste policies, programming, and infrastructure and advocating for policy changes at the state level to move toward zero waste and make meaningful progress toward reducing climate emissions. The plan includes zero-waste legislative platform priorities, 12 prioritized zero-waste actions, and a zero-waste dashboard to track progress toward responsibly closing and repurposing the HERC.

The county's zero-waste priorities not only address most of the strategies in the metro policy plan, they go further. By continuing our existing programs and initiatives, the county fulfills the required strategies and far exceeds the minimum requirement of 75 points for optional strategies. The county solid waste plan incorporates 52 strategies totaling 148 points.

To facilitate public involvement in the development of the county solid waste plan, staff built from the broad base of learning from the development of the Zero Waste Plan, gathered further input on the implementation of prioritized zero-waste actions with cities and haulers, conducted a representative survey of county residents about their opinions on recycling programs and level of support for zero-waste actions, and leveraged existing outreach opportunities with partners, such as the Trusted Messengers participants. A draft of the plan was made available for public comment between August 13 and September 4, 2024. The county received 86 comments from cities, environmental advocacy groups and residents. Key findings from public feedback and a summary of changes made to the plan based on feedback is available at www.BeHeardHennepin.org/solid-waste-plan.

The county's plan must be approved by the board and submitted to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency no later than October 29, 2024.

Current Request:

This request is seeking adoption of the county's 2024-2029 Solid Waste Management Plan to comply with Minn. Stat. § 473.803 and the requirement to prepare and submit a solid waste management plan to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for approval; meet the requirements of Minn. Stat. §§ 115A.551, 115A.96, 473.149, 473.803, and 473.848; and fulfill county responsibilities for planning and managing an integrated solid waste system.

Impact/Outcomes:

This plan outlines Hennepin County's vision of a reinvented solid waste system: a zero-waste future where less waste is created in the first place, where everyone shares responsibility, and where everyone benefits from easily accessible services. This system has widespread participation in programs and social norms that align with zero waste.

Ultimately, the success of this plan will be determined by the level of systemic change: state leadership on zero-waste policies; funding and infrastructure development that matches the scope of the challenges and the ambition of the goals; ability for counties, cities, agencies and environmental advocates to align efforts; and actions by businesses and residents to make zero waste a reality. This will result in a circular economy, ensure an equitable system, and achieve climate and zero-waste goals.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

HENNEPIN COUNTY

2024-2029

Solid Waste Management Plan



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Section 1: Background

Purpose of the Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan

Hennepin County, like all metro area counties, must submit a county-specific plan that implements the required strategies and various optional strategies in the Metro Solid Waste Policy Plan (metro policy plan). The county-specific plan must address the waste hierarchy to reduce waste, increase recycling, abate landfilling, and advance a zero-waste future. (Minn. Stat. §§ 473.149, 473.803). The 2024 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan (county solid waste plan) complies with these statutory mandates and covers the next 6 years of solid waste planning.

The foundation of the county solid waste plan is the Hennepin County's Zero Waste Plan, developed in 2023 to meet the county's goal of diverting 90% or more of waste from landfills or incinerators. The county further prioritized the highest impact zero-waste actions in the Plan to Reinvent Hennepin County's Solid Waste System to accelerate the closure and repurposing of the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC).

The county's zero-waste priorities address most of the strategies in the metro policy plan. By continuing our existing programs and initiatives, the county fulfills the required strategies and far exceeds the minimum requirement of 75 points for optional strategies.

This plan was adopted by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners on October 29, 2024 and submitted to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for approval.

How to read the plan

The county solid waste plan includes a background section that describes the amount of waste that needs to be managed, the guiding county policies that serve as a foundation for this plan, and the public's involvement in developing the plan.

The second section describes the prioritized highest impact zero-waste actions from the Plan to Reinvent Hennepin County's Solid Waste System. Related strategies in the Zero Waste Plan and the metro policy plan are indicated in each action.

The third section is organized by the categories and strategies in the metro policy plan. Each strategy indicates whether it is a required or optional strategy and how the metro policy plan strategy aligns with zero-waste actions. The strategies are color coded based on the status of the county's implementation or plans for implementation.

Waste management in Hennepin County

In 2023, approximately 1.3 million tons of waste was generated in Hennepin County, with 43% of this waste recycled or composted. The material remaining after waste prevention, recycling, and composting is about 750,000 tons that is currently managed as trash.

To understand the magnitude of the amount of trash, imagine the Target Field ballpark from the field to the top of the covered canopy. Residents and businesses in Hennepin County fill Target Field 6 times a year with discarded items. We have a monumental lift in front of us to achieve a zero-waste future.



Partnerships

Throughout this plan, the county notes the important role partners play in advancing the strategies necessary to realize a zero-waste future. Knowledge of these key partnerships is important to understanding this plan.

- **The Partnership on Waste and Energy (PWE)** is a Joint Powers Board consisting of Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington counties formed to address waste management and energy issues. The partnership seeks to end waste, promote renewable energy, and enhance the health and resiliency of the communities we serve while advancing equity and responding to the challenges of a changing climate. PWE counties have supported many important policy changes, including building a state-wide coalition to develop a product stewardship bill for packaging. They have also invested time and money in researching and addressing the metro wood-waste issue and are working together on the need for increased capacity for organics processing.
- **Cities** play an important role in implementing recycling services, from contracting for service delivery to face-to-face interactions with residents about these services. A significant number of the zero-waste priorities and new strategies in this plan require collaboration with cities to develop and advocate for effective policies and coordinate implementation. The county cannot underscore enough how important cities are to implementing this plan and ultimately achieving zero waste.
- **Haulers and processors** are the backbone of our solid waste management system. They play a crucial role in service implementation and own much of the infrastructure, from collection trucks and waste transfer stations to recycling material recovery facilities and landfills. Haulers are often the main point of contact for residents and businesses and play an important role in determining the waste services they have. Strong partnerships and coordination between haulers, cities, the county, and the state will be critical to meet county and state recycling goals.
- **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)** is an ally and important partner in ensuring compliance, reporting, coordination between metro counties and supporting needed policy changes for transforming the solid waste system.
- **Legislators** play an essential role in ensuring policies and funding match the scale of the changes needed to reach zero waste and address climate change.
- **Community and advocacy organizations** build coalitions and organize residents to advocate for the transformational change needed to move to a system that values materials and keeps resources in the cycle of use.
- **Residents and businesses** are key to reaching our zero-waste goals. The best policies, infrastructure, and programming will go nowhere without their participation and buy-in. We all have a role to play in ensuring a zero-waste future is achievable.

Guiding policies

As an organization, Hennepin County excels when facing big challenges, and the county has been a leader on solid waste policy for more than 40 years. This includes starting the first recycling programs in the 1980s, introducing household hazardous waste collections in the 1990s, beginning organics recycling in the 2000s, prioritizing waste prevention and reuse in the 2010s, and expanding recycling and organics requirements in the 2020s. This work has all been guided by previous solid waste management plans. Despite these impressive efforts, progress remains incremental, with our recycling rate increasing 2% since the last solid waste management plan in 2018.

A dramatic shift in priority at the state level to advance zero-waste policies is required to meet our zero-waste and climate goals. This plan outlines actions the county will take to continue to drive the transformational change needed. The following summary describes the guiding policies that are foundational to this 2024 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan.

The Climate Action Plan

In 2021, the county adopted its Climate Action Plan. Hennepin County was the first county in the state to have a climate action plan and set one of the most ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction targets among climate leaders. The Hennepin County Climate Action Plan includes bold strategies on preventing food waste, tackling plastics pollution, and advocating for state leadership on zero-waste policies.

The Zero Waste Plan

Following the adoption of the Climate Action Plan, the Hennepin County board commissioned a Zero Waste Plan to define what it will take to get to a future that doesn't rely on landfilling or incineration. Staff led an extensive planning and engagement process that spanned nearly two years and centered the voices of community members and organizations traditionally not engaged in solid waste planning. Research for the plan provided a gaps analysis of our solid waste system compared with national and international zero-waste leaders. The 62 actions included in the Zero Waste Plan were informed by data and driven by the community to achieve maximum impact.

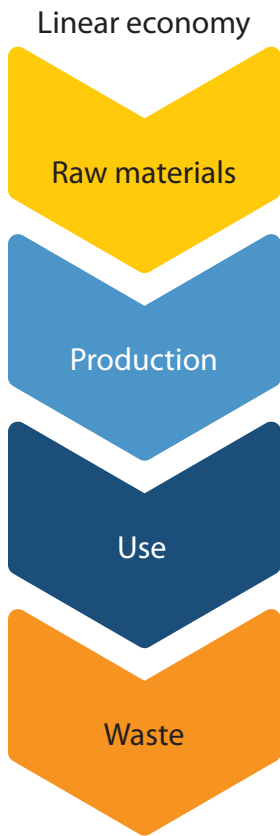
The county has defined zero waste as preventing 90% or more of all discarded materials from being landfilled or incinerated. The Zero Waste Plan and this definition serve as the foundation of 2024 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Plan to Reinvent Hennepin County's Solid Waste System

In August 2023, the Hennepin County board sought additional information on the county's waste-to-energy facility and its role in the solid waste system. During the next six months, the county board reviewed a significant amount of information on legal, financial, and environmental factors associated with the county's solid waste system.

These discussions resulted in the Plan to Reinvent Hennepin County's Solid Waste System by aggressively pursuing zero-waste policies, programming, and infrastructure and advocating for policy changes at the state level to move toward zero waste and make meaningful progress toward reducing climate emissions. The plan includes zero-waste legislative platform priorities, 12 prioritized zero-waste actions, and a zero-waste dashboard to track progress toward responsibly closing HERC between 2028 to 2040.

Why do we need to reinvent the solid waste system?



Our solid waste system is the end of a linear economy that is driven by consuming raw materials. In a linear system, stuff is produced as cheaply as possible, regardless of whether it can be repaired or recycled. Once we are done with it, we can easily discard all this stuff each week at our curb or in dumpsters behind our buildings.

In applying the Racial Equity Impact Tool (REIT) process to the Zero Waste Plan, staff and community members took a closer look at who benefits from this system. Through this analysis, a clear picture of a system from which some profit immensely while others are inequitably burdened emerges.

The multinational waste industry makes big profits from landfills, while taxpayers pick up the management and cleanup costs after they close. Product manufacturers and retailers profit from selling tons of “stuff.” Businesses that generate a lot of waste and residents that consume and dispose excessively don’t take equitable responsibility for managing this waste. Many residents feel powerless as there is only so much they can do as an individual, and the current system makes it impossible to avoid some types of waste.

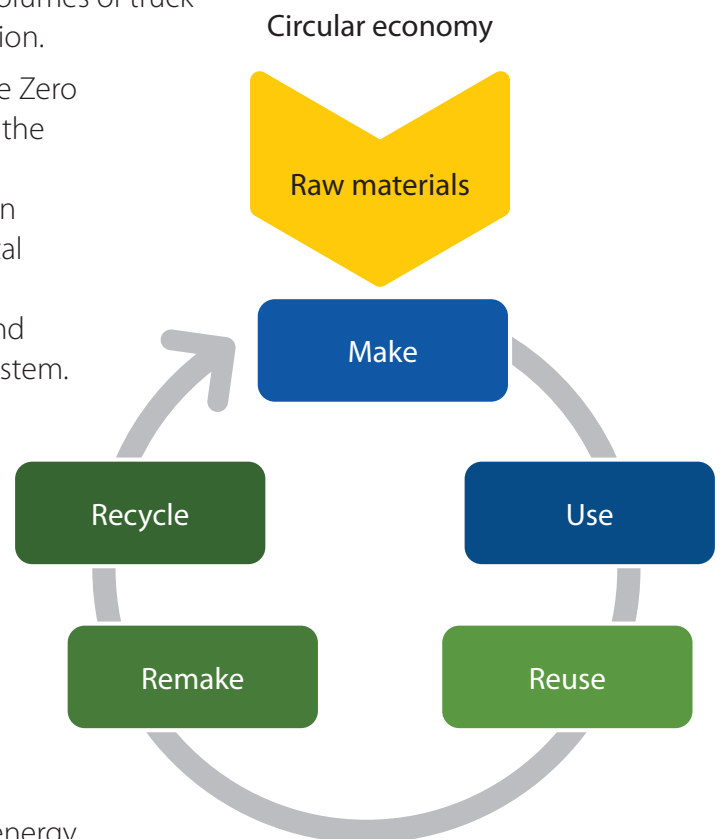
We also know that some residents are more burdened by the impacts of the system. Black, Indigenous, and people of color as well as residents with low incomes and/or disabilities are commonly not benefiting from and are being more burdened by the current solid waste system. Additionally, our youth and future generations will bear the environmental and social costs of this system long into the future.

These burdens are most prevalent for residents living near solid waste facilities, in multifamily housing or rental units, in areas with high rates of illegal dumping and litter, in high-density areas with higher volumes of truck traffic, and in areas facing cumulative impacts of pollution.

More information on how REIT was used to develop the Zero Waste Plan can be found in the supporting document, the Development of the Zero Waste Plan report. Additional information about the location of solid waste facilities in relation to the MPCA’s area of concern for environmental justice can be found in the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center and its Role in the Solid Waste System Report and the Plan to Reinvent Hennepin County’s Solid Waste System.

As local governments, counties and cities must deal with the trash problem with little influence over what is produced and limited resources to deliver convenient services to recover and reuse the materials.

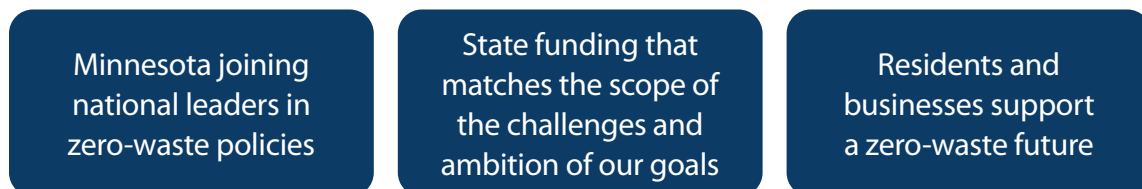
The county’s climate-action and zero-waste goals require us to reinvent our solid waste system and transition to a circular economy that values raw materials and prioritizes reuse. This will keep our valuable natural resources in a cycle of use instead of putting them in a hole in the ground or burned for energy.



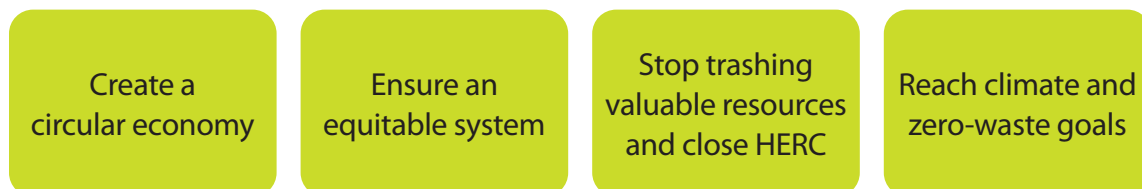
A vision for a reinvented system



This vision depends on:



With these dependencies met, we can:



Hennepin County's vision of a reinvented solid waste system is a zero-waste future where less waste is created in the first place, where everyone shares responsibility, and where everyone benefits from easily accessible services. This system has widespread participation in programs and social norms that align with zero waste.

This vision will require significant action from state and local policymakers, significant funding for program implementation, development of infrastructure, and an overall societal commitment to reducing waste.

The county commits to leading and building a coalition of elected officials, business leaders, and residents to prioritize the waste issue and be changemakers.

To achieve a 90% or greater recycling rate, the county will need to prevent or capture the remaining organics and recyclables being trashed, develop stronger recovery options for household goods and building materials, and find solutions for the materials that currently don't have viable options for reusing or recycling. It is also essential to address how products are designed before they get to consumers and eventually become waste.

Many of the changes needed are beyond Hennepin County's control and depend on legislative action to put Minnesota on-par with national zero-waste leaders and increase funding to match the scope of the challenges we face and the ambition of our goals. Policy changes that the state legislature needs to pass to realize this zero-waste future are included in the supporting materials. With these dependencies met, the county, along with our city and state agency partners, can create a circular economy and ensure an equitable system. We can stop trashing our valuable resources and close HERC. And we can do it while reaching our climate and zero-waste goals.

Public involvement in developing the county solid waste plan

Facilitating public involvement is an essential part of preparing the 2024 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan. The county's approach included the following.

Building from the broad base of learning from the development of the Zero Waste Plan

The county's Zero Waste Plan was developed with extensive public feedback from more than 1,800 participants over the previous two years. Staff built from these key findings and gathered additional input on how to implement the zero-waste actions and organize these actions to meet the objectives defined in the metro policy plan.

Learn more about the learnings from the development of the Zero Waste Plan at beheardhennepin.org/zero-waste-future.

Gathering additional input on implementation of prioritized zero-waste actions and required metro policy plan strategies

The metro policy plan includes some strategies and details that are not specifically addressed in the county's zero-waste priorities. We plan to implement those strategies but additional action is needed, as outlined in Section II: Zero Waste Priorities.

Engagement efforts for the county solid waste plan included gathering additional input from cities and haulers on the following metro policy plan strategies:

- Placing increased priority on waste prevention and reuse programs.
- Making residential organics available in cities with populations greater than 5,000.
- Implementing best practices for waste collection.
- Developing plans to prevent and manage wood waste.
- Reducing barriers and increasing participation in household hazardous waste services.
- Establishing mandatory pre-processing of waste to recover recyclables from the trash.

Cities

Cities play an important role in implementing recycling services, from contracting for service delivery to face-to-face interactions with residents about these services.

County administration met with city managers in May 2024 to discuss the Plan to Reinvent Hennepin County's Solid Waste System. The city managers discussed the needed investment in resources to maximize curbside programs, support for the county leading on organized waste collection efforts, interest in exploring more about recycling recovery facilities and how this technology can supplement curbside collection, and that the county can help cities communicate to residents the value of organics programs.

Staff also continued to engage city recycling coordinators on select metro policy plan strategies that affect their cities and residents – both required strategies that the county must implement and optional strategies the county is considering for implementation.

Staff held in-person and virtual meetings in May and June 2024 and sent a follow-up survey after the meetings. Cities that did not attend a meeting were also invited to meet individually with county staff.

Of the 45 cities in Hennepin County, 31 cities representing 98% of the county's population gave feedback through one or more of the input opportunities. Cities gave feedback on the following strategies:

- **Same-day collection (required strategy #30):** Recycling, trash, and organics are already collected on the same day in most cities, and most of the cities that have materials collected on different days did not express opposition to changing.
- **Organics collection in cities with a population greater than 5,000 (required strategy #40):** The county already has requirements for cities with a population over 10,000, so this strategy would only affect cities with populations of 5,000 to 9,999. Affected cities were focused on options for contracting for organics recycling service and wondered about the need to maintain already established drop-off sites. Suggested county support includes help with contracting, SCORE funding, and providing incentives to residents.
- **Using compost in construction and landscaping projects (required strategy #55):** Some cities already require compost to be used in their construction and landscaping projects. Many of the city recycling coordinators were unsure if their city required this. There was some concern about whether there would be an adequate supply of material; however, this could be beneficial in terms of driving market development. Cities stressed that clear specifications from the county would make it easier to get internal support to implement this requirement and to ensure they are compliant.
- **Managing wood waste (required strategy #45):** The responses to this strategy reinforce the need for better coordination of wood waste management and the need for more reliable processing options. Cities said the county could help with this strategy by providing additional disposal options.
- **Curbside set-out of items for reuse (optional strategy #27):** A few cities expressed interest in this strategy, and several have recently collected some items for reuse at their cleanup events. Cities raised concerns about costs, staff capacity, vendor capacity to pick up items, weather, quality of materials set out, and how much of the material set out would actually get reused. They were most interested in adding a reuse component to their annual cleanup drop-off events or combining a curbside reuse event with a citywide garage sale, county hazardous waste collection event, or annual cleanup day.
- **Contract for residential recycling and organics (optional strategy #33):** Several cities are interested in or already exploring organized collection for organics recycling, while others said they are not considering the change at this time. Only one city has open collection for recycling. Several cities said the county putting requirements in place would pave the way for city staff and city council members to make the change.

Waste haulers

Staff invited all 161 Hennepin County licensed waste haulers to provide input on implementing zero-waste actions, 7 of which asked for individual meetings with staff.

Waste haulers provided feedback on the following strategies:

- **Same-day collection (required strategy #30):** Haulers said that same-day collection is already common and preferred by most customers, so this strategy is not viewed as a major challenge. They shared some ideas for how city coordination could help with traffic and logistics, and advocated for exemptions under certain circumstances.
- **Pre-processing of waste (required strategy #36):** Haulers expressed many concerns and questions about this strategy, including about definitions and expectations, standards, confusion among customers, contamination, quality of materials, ability to find end markets, and cost. They wondered if this was the best way to invest in zero-waste initiatives.
- **Wood waste (required strategy #45):** Most haulers said they don't handle tree waste. One hauler that owns a yard waste site agreed that more needs to be done to support capacity.
- **Hauler reporting (required strategy #1):** Haulers said they currently comply with the requirements and appreciate standardized requirements and enforcement to ensure a level playing field among haulers. Some noted the reporting process could be easier.
- **Organized collection (required strategy #33 and #34):** Haulers had mixed opinions about this strategy, with some strongly opposed, some neutral, and some supporting aspects of it. Small and medium sized haulers were concerned that large haulers would take over an organized system. Several haulers noted that organics participation was significantly higher in cities that contracted for the service.
- **Implementing Hennepin County Ordinance 13 (food waste requirements for large generators):** Some haulers said the county needs to improve compliance efforts, and most haulers support partnering with the county on communications. Haulers said more education and training is needed to minimize contamination.
- **Regional hauler licensing and licensing recycling haulers:** Most haulers are already licensed through cities, and haulers were generally supportive or neutral about this idea.

Educating residents on the amount of waste produced, engaging in solutions, and building support for needed policy and behavior change

To gather additional feedback from residents, the county conducted a statistically representative survey of approximately 500 residents across all 7 county commissioner districts in June 2024. The survey assessed opinions on residential recycling and organics recycling programs and level of support for various actions to meet the county's zero-waste goals. Key findings include:

- **There are notable differences in satisfaction with cost of trash and recycling across income and race/ethnicity.**

Residents from lower income households were less satisfied with the cost of trash and recycling than those from higher income households. Those who identify as Black or African American or Hispanic/Latino were less satisfied with the cost of trash and recycling than those who identified as white.

- **Use of recycling drop-off locations is low.**

Most respondents report never using a recycling drop-off location for most of the materials accepted. Fluorescent bulbs are the least recycled at drop-off centers (81% of respondents reported never dropping these off), while old paint is the most frequently recycled (only 38% of respondents reported never dropping this item off). Lower-income residents were more likely to report never using recycling drop-off centers.

- **Ease of finding information about disposal associated with race/ethnicity.**

Respondents who identify as white are more likely than people of any other race or ethnicity to find it easy to locate information about trash and recycling disposal.

- **Residents who use curbside organics recycling are satisfied with the frequency and costs of collection.**

42% of surveyed residents use the curbside organics recycling program as their primary means of disposing of food waste. Of those, 80% indicated that they were satisfied both with the frequency of collection and the cost of the program.

- **Residents are generally positive about organics recycling.**

Overall, Hennepin County residents have positive feelings with respect to organics recycling. Over 70% of residents find it easy to do, believe it is a high-impact way to reduce waste, or feel that it should be required of all residents. However, those who do not use organics recycling were more likely to find it unpleasant or expensive.

- **Participation in organics recycling differs across the county.**

Although awareness of organics recycling is consistent across the county, there are some differences in use of organics recycling in different areas of the county. These differences are expected given the variation in programming, including how long organics recycling has been available, the type of program available (i.e., curbside collection or drop-off site), whether the city contracts for service, whether the programs are opt-in or voluntary, and the level of education and outreach.

- **Residents are mostly supportive of policies that support waste reduction.**
Residents are generally supportive of policy measures that would reduce waste in Hennepin County. Residents are most supportive of allowing cities to contract for collection of recyclables and trash to reduce cost (84% support) and reduce the number of trucks on the road (87% support). They are less supportive, however, of punitive measures and policies that would prohibit disposing certain materials in the trash. Punitive measures and prohibitions are generally opposed by lower-income residents, while fee discounts to encourage recycling are strongly supported by lower-income residents. There was no association between commissioner district, race/ethnicity, or gender and policy support.

Additional insights from the resident survey are included with the applicable zero-waste priorities and county-specific strategies throughout the plan. Learn more about the residential survey on [BeHeardHennepin.org/solid-waste-plan](https://beheardhennepin.org/solid-waste-plan).

Leveraging outreach opportunities with partners to maximize community connections

Staff used existing outreach opportunities with partners to connect with community on zero-waste actions. Staff attended community events, engaged the county's Trusted Messengers program participants and several community groups that participated in the Zero Waste Plan process, and attended other meetings and events throughout the summer.

County staff presented to 25 Trusted Messenger participants in June 2024 to share information on the amount of waste produced and the county's Zero Waste Plan, including actions to expand the reach of county waste education, grants and other programming and create a materials management system that reduces racial disparities and advances equity. Participants were interested in learning about waste issues. Some participants shared that they hadn't given a lot of thought to waste issues before but were interested in learning more and sharing ideas and resources with their communities.

Trusted Messenger participants were invited to tour the county's drop-off facility in Brooklyn Park in July. Participants were glad to see the household hazardous waste collection process in action and expressed interest in doing more to promote the proper disposal of batteries, bulbs, and other hazardous items. Participants described opportunities to reduce waste in their own operations, for example reducing single-use water bottles for religious celebrations, and shared unique barriers for their communities, such as a distrust of public water service.

The county also used an online engagement tool and an email list to provide updates at key steps in the plan development process. Information about the plan was shared with 2,070 subscribers to Zero Waste Plan updates and 7,200 subscribers to Green Notes environmental news.

Additional information on engagement findings and the supporting documents referenced in this plan can be found online at beheardhennepin.org/solid-waste-plan

Responding to public comment

A draft of the plan was made available for public comment between August 13 and September 4, 2024. The county received 86 comments from cities, environmental advocacy groups, and residents. Edits to expand or clarify were made to the following strategies:

- #3. Require waste composition study at least once every 5 years at all landfills that are located within the county.
- #10. Commit to standardized outreach and education.
- #16. Implement a formal county sustainable purchasing policy using MPCA guidance.
- #21. Implement a green meeting policy.
- #22. Implement a county policy encouraging the use of reusable food and beverage service ware.
- #23. Adopt an ordinance with a mandatory consumer charge or ban for single-use items.
- #26. Establish a reuse location for residential drop-off and pick-up.
- #27. Establish a curbside set-out day to allow residents to set out used items for reuse.
- #33 & #34. Contracting for waste collection.
- #37. Provide assistance to multifamily properties to improve recycling.
- #55. Require food-derived compost in county construction and landscaping projects.

Additional edits were made to reference the policy plan objectives and add the county's zero-waste dashboard metrics and the legislative policies needed to reinvent the county's solid waste system.

Key findings from public feedback and a summary of changes made to the plan based on feedback is available at beheardhennepin.org/solid-waste-plan.

Section II: Zero-waste priorities

Each of the 62 actions in the Zero Waste Plan was analyzed to calculate the potential impacts on the county's overall diversion rate. Staff further prioritized the action items to identify what would accelerate the achievement of zero waste in Hennepin County. The 12 highest impact actions described in this section account for nearly 80% of the potential tons that could be diverted from the trash by implementing the actions in the Zero Waste Plan. Being able to successfully achieve these actions and the amount of time it will take to achieve them depends on bold leadership at the state, county, and city levels and willingness to change from manufacturers, businesses, and residents.

We all have a responsibility – government, businesses, institutions, and individuals – to support these actions, prevent waste, and recycle everything we can. Ultimately, the ability of the county to reach its zero-waste goals will be determined by the system we choose to create and the everyday choices and behaviors of the county's 1.3 million residents, 43,000 businesses, and all those who visit or work in Hennepin County.

To accelerate a zero-waste future and make meaningful progress toward reducing climate emissions, the county will advance the following zero-waste priorities by incorporating these actions into the county solid waste plan. These are more fully described in the Plan to Reinvent Hennepin County's Solid Waste System.

Priority zero-waste actions

Ensure every individual has equitable access to zero-waste tools

In June 2020, the Hennepin County board declared racism as a public health crisis. This declaration supports the county's foundational work to develop strategies that mitigate personal bias and prejudice in the community, create systems that build equity, and reach a vision of a future where all residents are healthy and successful and all communities thrive. In the county's environmental work, efforts to reduce racial disparities is intersectional with climate actions, which will result in a more equitable and resilient Hennepin County.

Hennepin County is committed to making sure pollution does not have a disproportionate impact on any group of people – the principle of environmental justice. This means that all people – regardless of their race, color, national origin, or income – benefit from equal levels of environmental

protection, have opportunities to participate in decisions that may affect their environment or health, and have equitable access to zero-waste tools.

The county will expand program reach and support culturally appropriate outreach, explore developing a rate assistance program, address litter, increase green jobs, and fund community-centric solutions. These actions address both racism and climate change as critical public health issues.

Related actions and strategies:

- Zero Waste Plan: A.5, A.6, A.7, A.11, A.12, A.13, A.14, C.3
- Metro policy plan: Not applicable

Secure adequate funding for zero-waste initiatives through SCORE and other sources

Fully implementing zero-waste actions comes with significant financial needs, including capital for zero-waste infrastructure and funding for programs. State funding needs to increase to match the scope of the challenges we face and meet zero-waste and state recycling goals.

Hennepin County currently passes all of its state recycling funds, called SCORE funds, through to cities to support their residential recycling programs. However, this funding only covers a fraction of the cost needed to run these programs, and the needs of today's recycling system are different than 30 years ago. Counties and cities have expanded services beyond traditional recycling to include new organics recycling programs, more work on multifamily recycling, additional education and outreach, and more emphasis on waste prevention and reuse, but SCORE funding hasn't increased to match the needs of today's system and state targets for counties.

Revenues from the Solid Waste Management Tax have increased over time, yet a shrinking percentage of those revenues is used for SCORE grants. At one time, 35% of revenues went to SCORE, but now it's less than 20%. Although extended producer responsibility laws will relieve some of this cost burden, they won't fully cover the cost of residential organics recycling programs, recycling and organics programs for commercial entities, organics recycling programs at multifamily properties, reduction, reuse, and repair programs and infrastructure, wood waste, or construction and demolition waste, all of which need to be addressed to reach zero waste and meet the requirements of the state's waste goals.

The county will:

- Advocate for all revenue from the Solid Waste Management Tax (SWMT) imposed on waste services be used for waste management activities, such as SCORE funding.
- Seek state bonding funds for zero-waste infrastructure, such recycling recovery facilities.

- Evaluate the county's recycling funding policy, which outlines how we provide funds to cities by considering how to best incentivize zero-waste priorities.
- Pursue policies and strategies that change the economics of waste while being mindful of what costs will mean for small businesses and residents.

One of the biggest issues with the current waste system is that the cheapest thing to do with trash is to bury it in the ground at landfills, which, once full, are closed and become the burden of the state and taxpayers. This system doesn't provide any incentive (or disincentive) for those managing waste at landfills to prioritize and maximize waste prevention and recycling.

There are many unknowns about what a transition to zero-waste will cost, but it will be a significant increase in investments. The county will explore policies that use economies of scale and make those who generate the most waste pay for their fair share while reducing the burden on individuals and local governments who currently have little influence on costs.

Related actions and strategies:

- Zero Waste Plan: C.17
- Metro policy plan: Not applicable

Prioritize extended producer responsibility for packaging

Since 2021, Hennepin County and the Partnership on Waste and Energy have led efforts to develop a law that makes producers responsible for the packaging waste they create. In 2024, the Packaging Waste and Cost Reduction Act passed and was signed into law. The MPCA will now lead implementation of a producer-funded system that requires producers to expand reuse, recycling, and composting of packaging and paper products building on the state's existing infrastructure.

The county will monitor implementation to keep needed zero-waste results in focus. We will assist cities in registering as service providers to ensure they are getting compensated for their investments in the recycling system. By 2029, producers will begin reimbursing service providers for the costs associated with reusing, recycling, and composting packaging and most paper products.

Additionally, as required in the metro policy plan, the county will continue to participate on the Product Stewardship Committee under the Solid Waste Administrators Association to identify and push for additional extended producer responsibility of problem materials (strategy #60).

Related actions and strategies:

- Zero Waste Plan: C.12
- Metro policy plan: 60

Ban recyclable and organic materials from landfills

Landfill disposal bans on recyclable and organic materials are an essential component of a zero-waste system. The overarching goal is to increase recycling, capture valuable resources, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce the need for landfills and waste-to-energy. Implementing a landfill disposal ban is a complex process that involves major changes to the existing waste management system. Requirements apply to landfills, haulers, and waste generators. Compliance needs to be monitored through ongoing inspections at landfills, which are all privately owned. When a load has banned materials, the inspector identifies the responsible hauler and waste generators. The load may be rejected, charged an additional handling fee, and be subject to potential enforcement penalties. Having adequate staff is critical to successful implementation.

The county will conduct engagement, draft bill language, and advocate for passage. After bill passage, the county will participate in public input opportunities in rulemaking to ensure implementation keeps needed zero-waste results in focus. The county will also support education and outreach to waste generators about items banned from the trash.

Related actions and strategies:

- Zero Waste Plan: C.6
- Metro policy plan: Not applicable

Survey highlight: Residents are less supportive of banning disposal of items in the trash compared to other zero-waste policies they were asked about (63% support disposal ban, 38% oppose)

Recover recyclable materials from the trash – recycling recovery facility

At recycling recovery facilities, also known as mixed waste processing facilities, trash goes through a highly automated process that combines mechanical and optical sorting to separate materials based on size, shape, and composition. Materials recovered from the trash may include cardboard, metals, #1 and #2 plastics, and organic materials. There is still trash to dispose of at the end of the process.

Some recycling recovery facilities, like Ramsey and Washington counties' facility, are paired with waste-to-energy technology to further recover energy from trash and avoid landfilling. These facilities are generally part of an integrated solid waste management system designed to maximize materials recovery and achieve zero-waste goals.

Although mixed waste processing could improve the recovery of recyclable materials, it also has challenges. These include limited potential recovery of materials, difficulty finding viable end markets due to high levels of contamination after being mixed with trash, need to design for processing flexibility as materials change, substantial project development costs, and the rapid evolution of processing equipment technologies.

A mixed waste processing facility does not replace the need to continue and expand existing recycling and organics programs. Collecting recyclables, food waste, and compostable materials separate from the trash is still the best, most cost-effective option for diverting these materials. Separating materials after they have been trashed significantly reduces their market value and is considered a last option for recovering materials not captured through curbside and drop-off recycling and organics programs.

The county has begun pursuing a recycling recovery facility adjacent to the county's Brooklyn Park Transfer Station and Recycling Center. The county will further study critical factors, including technology/equipment, waste composition, financing, designation, permitting, and end markets.

Related actions/strategies:

- Zero Waste Plan: A.9, D.12
- Metro policy plan: 36

Support the transition to organized collection across Hennepin County

Leading zero-waste communities have a higher level of control over hauling and processing systems. Depending on the city and sector, this may include the adoption of hauler contracts, franchising, performance targets, expanded licensing requirements, and other organized collection strategies for multifamily and commercial customers.

The Zero Waste Plan includes an action to work alongside cities and haulers to define roles and responsibilities and establish a roadmap to transition the county to more organized hauler collection systems. This transition will help reduce hauling impacts on infrastructure and neighborhoods, increase cost efficiency, improve access and equity for rate payers, reduce climate impacts, reduce pollution, and provide consistency in service options.

All but one of the cities in Hennepin is organized for residential recycling, while almost half are organized for residential organics and trash service (strategies #33 and 34). The county will continue to support cities exploring contracting options for residential waste services while studying options for transitioning to organized hauling for the multifamily and commercial sectors.

Related actions/strategies:

- Zero Waste Plan: C.1
- Metro policy plan: 33, 34

Survey highlight: Residents support allowing cities to contract for collection of recyclables and trash to reduce costs (84% support) and reduce number of trucks on the road (87% support). This had more support than some other zero-waste policies.

Increase compliance with the county's Recycling Ordinance 13 and expand requirements

In 2018, Hennepin County updated its recycling ordinance, Ordinance 13, with several new requirements – food waste collection back-of-house for large food sector generators (strategy #42), residential curbside programs in cities with populations over 10,000, organics drop-off sites in cities under 10,000, and adequate recycling service at all businesses (strategy #35) and multifamily properties.

The gaps analysis for the Zero Waste Plan found that the county's enforcement of Ordinance 13 is not as robust as needed. In addition, existing language needs revisions to add clarity and support compliance efforts. The gaps analysis also found opportunities to expand the ordinance's reach.

The county has increased resources to support implementation of business food waste recycling requirements and improve compliance with recycling requirements at multifamily properties and businesses. The county will revise the ordinance to provide greater clarity to covered generators, and, as required in the policy plan, extend the requirement that cities with a population of 5,000 or more make organics recycling available to their residents (strategy #40) and require same day collection for residential trash, recycling, and organics (strategy #30).

Related actions/strategies:

- Zero Waste Plan: B.5, B.6
- Metro policy plan: 30, 35, 40, 42

Develop and implement a plan to eliminate food waste

This action focuses upstream on eliminating the overproduction and wasting of edible food. The county is establishing a food waste prevention target and developing a long-term plan that identifies strategies, timeline, and needed resources for preventing wasted food at businesses, institutions, and homes. Strategies may include increasing the use and sale of imperfect produce, encouraging school lunch waste reduction programs, considering regulations on food production to reduce waste, improving data tracking, supporting community food hubs, and providing education on food labels and expiration dates.

The county will engage with partners to implement the food waste reduction plan and develop proposals for resources needed to implement the plan. A landfill ban on organics will be critical in the success of this priority action item.

As required in the metro policy plan, the county will continue to provide grants to businesses and non-profits to track food waste (strategy #13), continue to connect food rescue organizations with donors (strategy #14) and continue to offer its annual Stop Food Waste Challenge for residents (strategy #15).

Related actions/strategies:

- Zero Waste Plan: B.10, C.8, C.9
- Metro policy plan: 13, 14, 15

Expand collection and drop-off options for hard-to-recycle items

Lack of equal access to recycling, composting, and diversion options for bulky and hard-to-recycle items, such as clothing, hazardous items, plastic wrap and appliances, is a limitation to an equitable zero-waste system. The Zero Waste Plan gaps analysis found that access is generally available for residents in single-family homes and the majority of businesses, but significant gaps were identified in access for residents in multifamily settings, particularly around organics recycling. Gaps were also identified for those without easy access to transportation and to services beyond conventional recycling. Because diversion options are not equally available to all community members, these gaps collectively contribute to system inequities.

The county will conduct an audit of waste diversion services, both collection and drop-offs, countywide and develop a plan for addressing the gaps and expanding resident and business reuse, recycling and composting options. This will include partnering with cities to roll out collection and drop-off pilots, such as curbside collection of household items for reuse (strategy #27) like the City of Bloomington's bulky item collection and swap events (strategy #26).

Additionally, the county will continue to partner with cities to offer organics drop-off sites (strategy #43), used building material collection events (strategy #67), and host and promote household hazardous waste collection (strategies #62, 63, 64).

Related actions/strategies:

- Zero Waste Plan: A.1, A.2, A.3, A.4, D.5, D.6, D.7
- Metro policy plan: 26, 27, 43, 62, 63, 64, 67

Survey highlight: Recycling drop-offs are infrequently used by residents, if at all. The majority of residents never recycle household items at drop-off centers, with the exception of old paint, which was slightly more common (63%). Fluorescent bulbs and plastic bags were least often to be dropped off for recycling, with 81% and 70% saying they never dropped these items off. Lower income residents were more likely to say they never use drop-off locations compared to higher income residents.

Reduce single-use plastics and plastic packaging

Plastics are unavoidable in our modern lives, and the use of plastics is projected to triple by 2050 from 2013 levels. Plastics will account for 20% of global oil use and 15% of global greenhouse gas emissions. About half of the plastics produced each year are intended for single use, and about a quarter of all plastics produced are for packaging. Plastics contribute to litter and climate pollution, harm water and wildlife, and have largely unknown human health impacts. During engagement for the Zero Waste Plan, residents reported great frustration with the amount of plastics they were dealing with, inability to avoid them, and confusion over how to recycle them. Businesses said they struggle to avoid plastics due to application needs, convenience, and low cost.

The county will develop new public-private strategies and research national and international policies to make recommendations for policies such as to-go packaging ordinances and bans on single-use plastics (strategy #23). While the county is developing statewide and local policy ideas, the state legislature must strike the ban on bag bans. Further, resources will need to be allocated for implementation, outreach and enforcement of policies.

The county will continue to offer grants and rebates for businesses transitioning from single-use plastics to reusables through business waste prevention grants and MNimize (strategy #19), explore adopting a countywide policy on reusables at county events (strategy #22), and work with cities to expand local to-go packaging ordinances (strategy #23).

Related actions/strategies:

- Zero Waste Plan: C.5, C.7
- Metro policy plan: 19, 22, 23

Survey highlight: Residents support requiring to-go containers to be recyclable or compostable (80% support).

Increase the reuse and recycling of construction and demolition waste

Construction and demolition waste is a large waste stream – potentially equal to municipal solid waste generated by residents and businesses – and materials such as cement, aluminum, steel, and plastics have high climate impacts and significant diversion potential. About 85% of the materials in a typical residential demolition project could be salvaged or recycled, but only 30% of the construction and demolition waste generated in Minnesota is currently being recycled, according to state waste data.

Despite being a significant waste stream, Minnesota counties aren't responsible for managing construction and demolition waste. State recycling goals and county authority only apply to municipal solid waste (MSW). Regulation of construction and demolition waste falls on the state and cities, related to their role in permitting projects. Hennepin County, believing this waste stream is too significant to ignore, has been funding and implementing innovative programs and policies to divert building materials for decades. This includes job programs, subsidies, and incentives to facilitate deconstruction and encourage installation of used building materials. However, there's much work yet to do, as even after several decades of county investment, deconstruction and salvaging building materials for reuse or even recycling is far from the norm.

The county will advocate for a minimum diversion requirement for construction and demolition projects at the state level, support and encourage city adoption of deconstruction policies, support expansion of markets for building materials, and continue to fund and implement programs that divert used building materials from landfills (strategies #65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71).

Related actions and strategies:

- Zero Waste Plan: B.3, B.13, D.2, D.3, D.4
- Metro policy plan: 65-71

Survey highlight: Residents support standards that require certain construction waste to be reused or recycled (81% support).

Mandate participation in recycling and composting programs

The Zero Waste Plan includes an action to work with cities to adopt requirements that would ban recyclable or organic materials from the trash and mandate the separation of recyclables from the trash by residents and businesses. Several zero-waste leaders have implemented stringent mandatory recycling ordinances with fines for noncompliance and improper recycling that go far beyond the county's targeted approach in the recycling ordinance. Enforcement would occur through inspections. The implementation of mandatory recycling requirements has faced pushback and negative reactions in various communities. This action is planned for the last phase of zero-waste implementation.

The county will approach this action by conducting a study of options to mandate participation and broadly educating residents and businesses about recycling programs in advance of any mandatory participation requirements.

Related actions and strategies:

- Zero Waste Plan: C.6
- Metro policy plan: Not applicable

Survey highlight: Residents are least supportive of using penalties and fines to get residents to recycle compared to other zero-waste policies (41% oppose).

Section III: Metro Solid Waste Policy Plan strategies

Hennepin County and other metro area counties are required to submit a county-specific plan that responds to the required and optional strategies in the Metro Solid Waste Policy Plan to reduce waste, increase recycling, and advance a zero-waste future.

The Metro Solid Waste Policy Plan aims to align with the Waste Management Act's hierarchy for managing solid waste, improve public health, reduce the reliance on landfills, conserve energy and natural resources, and reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

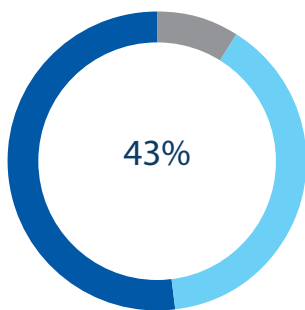
The state sets specific quantifiable objectives in Tables 1 and 2 of the Metro Solid Waste Policy Plan for abating the need for and practice of land disposal for the metro area over the next 20 years, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 473.149, subd. 2d. Landfill abatement is best achieved through an integrated solid waste management and sustainable materials management approach.

The state goal is to achieve a 75% recycling rate by 2030. The county is committed to achieving a zero-waste future and has defined zero waste as preventing 90% or more of all discarded materials from being landfilled or incinerated. The Zero Waste Plan and the Plan to Reinvent Hennepin County's Solid Waste System identify the highest impact actions, provide a roadmap for implementation, and establish a dashboard with metrics for tracking progress toward metro policy plan objectives and the county's zero-waste goal.

Zero-waste dashboard

Recycling rate

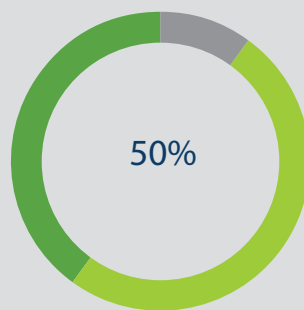
Goal: 75%



✓ State statute goal

Amount of food, paper and other biogenic materials in the trash

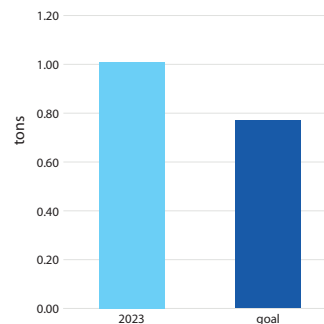
Goal: less than 10%



✓ Climate driven
✓ Critical to meeting recycling goals

Waste generated per capita

Goal: reduce waste generated per capita by 22%



✓ Climate driven
✓ Critical to meeting zero-waste goals

Landfill rates

Goal: no net increase in landfilling rates over 2022 actuals



✓ Climate driven
✓ Critical to meeting zero-waste goals

The Metro Solid Waste Policy Plan is organized into the following categories, each seen as being instrumental to reaching the objectives of the metro policy plan:

- Improving the reliability of the data
- Regional solutions
- Waste reduction
- Reuse
- Collection best practices
- Recycling management
- Recycling market development
- Organics management
- Wood waste
- Organics market development
- Emerging technology
- Waste-to-energy
- Landfilling
- Household hazardous waste
- Sustainable building and deconstruction

Each category includes key strategies that are required to be incorporated into the county’s solid waste management plan. Optional strategies are assigned a point value. Counties pick from any of the optional strategies to reach a minimum of 75 points.

The strategies are weighted by difficulty and by management strategy in accordance with the state’s Waste Management Hierarchy. This incentivizes environmental and human health outcomes while allowing counties the flexibility to design and adapt their solid waste programs. The optional strategies are worth 4 to 9 points. The optional strategy point total is 194 points, and counties must have a minimum of 75 points for their county solid waste management plan to be approved.

The 2024 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan incorporates 52 strategies totaling 148 points. The following table summarizes the policy plan strategies and status of implementation the county.

Metro policy plan strategy and implementation status	# of strategies	Point value
Required - already implementing	21	NA
Required - not applicable	1	NA
Required - planning to implement	10	NA
Optional - already implementing	14	86
Optional - planning to implement	7	62
Optional - not planning to implement	7	46
State led	15	NA
Total in metro policy plan	59	194
Total in 2024 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan	52	148

Improving the reliability of the data

1. Increase compliance with hauler reporting per Minn. Stat. § 115A.93.

Planning to implement

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: A.8, C.4

The county will assist with hauler reporting efforts by sending reminders to licensed haulers about the MPCA's requirements, reviewing submitted data, and communicating to the MPCA about missing or incorrect data. The county encourages the MPCA to focus compliance efforts on:

1. The largest haulers that collect the most waste
2. Recycling data, especially commercial recycling
3. Taking enforcement action when necessary

2. Provide required county reporting.

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: A.8, C.4

Hennepin County provides the MPCA with reports on an annual basis for the SCORE program, Local Recycling Development Grant (LRDG) application, Solid Waste Facility and Utilization Reporting (for the Brooklyn Park Transfer Station), electronic waste collector and recycler program, household hazardous waste program, and the Metro County Solid Waste Plan. The county also creates an annual Recycling Progress Report that provides details on program results and achievements throughout the previous year.

3. Require waste composition study at least once every 5 years at all landfills that are located within your county.

This requirement does not apply to Hennepin County because there are no operating landfills in the county. However, the county is committed to collecting data to measure our progress and inform our approach to program implementation and policy development. The county will conduct at least two waste sorts at a county facility or in collaboration with partners during the term of the solid waste management plan.

4. Improve recycling data collection at businesses within the county.

Planning to implement

Optional (7 points)

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: A.8, C.4

Hennepin County and the Partnership on Waste and Energy (PWE) – a partnership between Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington counties – plan to conduct a study on how to improve recycling data. Recycling data, particularly commercial recycling data, is underreported, and metro county reporting methodologies are inconsistent. The study will include analyzing MPCA hauler and facility data to identify gaps and barriers to better reporting, comparing metro county reporting methodologies, and providing recommendations on next steps.

Hennepin County encourages the MPCA to coordinate efforts to establish a consistent reporting methodology for metro counties. This would address issues related to using state hauler and facility reporting data, conducting business surveys, avoiding double counting, and tracking self-hauling.

State-led strategies:

5. Require waste composition study at all landfills.
6. Develop appropriate and consistent waste reporting systems to measure all waste.
7. Continue to explore options for growing the agency's Life Cycle Analysis data, modeling, and resources to better support counties in measuring and tracking environmental and human health impacts.
8. Continue to engage with counties in the development of an environmental target that better accounts for and incentivizes programming and actions higher on the hierarchy.

Regional solutions

9. Participate in an annual joint commissioner/ staff meeting on solid waste.

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions:
C.2

The Partnership on Waste and Energy has proactively organized a biannual metro county staff meeting for the past several years. We acknowledge that the MPCA will take the lead in organizing this meeting.

10. Commit to standardized outreach and education.

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions:
C.2, C.11, C.14

The county will continue to participate in the Recycling Education Committee (REC), a statewide group formed by the MPCA to support the development of better recycling education and outreach. The county has participated in meetings with representatives from the recycling industry, local government, and other organizations to build consensus on what is universally accepted, coordinate consistent messaging to the public, and improve communication. In addition, Hennepin County recently collaborated with Carver, Dakota, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties to launch the Recycling Exists campaign to dispel myths about recycling in Minnesota.

The county is also expanding partnerships to provide culturally relevant outreach. These partnerships are helping the county understand what zero waste means for different communities and how to customize strategies, approaches, and messaging to resonate with different audiences. The county will provide culturally appropriate strategies based on community needs, such as recycling training sessions in different languages and interpreters when offering technical assistance to non-English speaking business owners.

11. Engage in efficient and value-added infrastructure planning.

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions:
C.2

The Partnership on Waste and Energy recognizes that infrastructure development must keep pace with growing recycling and organics collection programs. Local projects help meet statewide policy goals, and state investment is critical for their success. PWE submitted a letter of support for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's new organics recycling facility in Scott County.

In addition to collaboration through PWE, Hennepin County connects with other metro counties and private entities to discuss processing capacity and facility development. Hennepin County has submitted letters of support for organics management grant applications from SET, the Minnesota Composting Council, and Waste Management.

12. Develop plans for large facility closures to reduce landfill reliance.

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions:
A.10

The county has developed a Plan to Reinvent Hennepin County's Solid Waste System that identifies priority zero-waste actions to manage waste higher up on the hierarchy and prioritize reduction. Policy, program, and infrastructure changes needed to eliminate reliance on landfills and waste-to-energy are described in the first section of this plan. The county acknowledges that the closure of the Hennepin Energy Recovery Facility (HERC) would require additional planning, including but not limited to the following components as described in the metro policy plan:

- Issuing a letter assuring waste to one or more of the alternative locations suitable as part of the Certificate of Need (CON) process for landfill expansions when necessary.
- Acknowledging the liability associated with increased landfilling including the understanding that at some point in the future the county may be identified as a responsible party for a superfund cleanup investigation.
- Identifying and evaluating potential locations within the county or region for a disposal facility that can be developed within the timeline of the facility closure. Any new facilities that are sited should take clear and effective measure to ensure that they are not located in environmental justice areas.

The Plan to Reinvent Hennepin County’s Solid Waste System also provides an overview of the key operational and legal steps that would need to be completed to stop incinerating trash at HERC at any point in time.

Further, the county has established a zero-waste dashboard to define the criteria to be met to responsibly close HERC (Resolution 24-0061). The four metrics – recycling rate, percent of food and other biogenic materials in the trash, waste generated per capita, and landfill rate – will be tracked and reported on annually.

Waste reduction

13. Provide grants for or access to software that can track food waste.

Already implementing

Required
Related Zero Waste Plan actions: B.2, C.13

Businesses, nonprofit organizations, and schools can currently apply for county funding to use software for food waste tracking, though few entities have requested this assistance. Eligible expenses in the county’s business and school waste prevention grants for food waste prevention include up to one year of costs for food-waste tracking technology, staff training on how to use the technology, and equipment or other methods that put food byproducts to better use.

Hennepin County plans to leverage new and existing relationships to encourage more organizations to adopt food waste tracking programs. Staff will evaluate potential contracts with a person or organization trusted in each food sector to recruit more entities to track food waste as well as assess other resources, incentives, and new tracking technology, such as inventory systems.

14. Establish partnerships between food rescue organizations and restaurants/stores to increase food rescue.

Already implementing

Required
Related Zero Waste Plan actions: C.14

The county completed a year-long audit of its food recovery system in 2023. The audit included surveys and interviews with food recovery organizations, donors, and the users that rely on the system for food security. The audit report identified strategies for increasing food recovery, such as increasing education, outreach and training on food donation through food safety and waste inspections and increasing financial support to food recovery organizations. Implementing the strategies identified in the food rescue audit will expand our partnerships in food rescue and donation and increase the amount of food recovered.

The county also started a food recovery grant in 2024 to help organizations collect and redistribute surplus food to feed people. Previously the county funded food recovery through the business waste prevention grant program. This funding is now being combined with the Public Health and Human Services food security funding to streamline assistance and allow food security organizations to access both funding streams in one application.

To support this work, the county hired a full-time food waste prevention specialist whose work includes food recovery. The county is also hiring a food security coordinator who will work with organizations that recover food.

15. Launch bi-annual sustainable consumption challenges for residents.

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: B.7

Hennepin County hosts three sustainable consumption challenges for residents:

- A personalized, eight-month Zero Waste Challenge is open to approximately 50 households per round. This challenge offers one-on-one support and accountability from trained waste experts.
- An online, month-long Plastic-Free Challenge with unlimited participation that directs households to focus on actions to reduce single-use plastics.
- An online, month-long Stop Food Waste Challenge with unlimited participation that directs households to focus on actions to prevent wasting food.

The two online challenges recently expanded to include Ramsey and Washington counties through the Partnership on Waste and Energy.

16. Implement a formal county sustainable purchasing policy using MPCA guidance.

Planning to implement

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: C.10

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution in 2001 that directed the county administrator to designate recycled-content products for procurement and develop procedures to continuously evaluate product purchases for environmentally preferable alternatives. The board adopted revised purchasing rules in 2019 that included a purpose statement on facilitating the purchase of sustainable goods and services. The rules also include a list of environmentally preferable attributes.

The county will engage its internal departments to develop and implement a formal county sustainable purchasing policy using MPCA guidance. This also aligns with the following strategies in the county's Climate Action Plan:

- Develop and implement a county sustainable purchasing policy on par with other leading public entities and provide sustainable purchasing best practices
- Implement a sustainable purchasing policy, especially for the use of concrete and steel

In addition to using MPCA guidance on sustainable purchasing, the county will review and consider integrating policies and practices similar to what has been adopted at the federal level, including the recently released Mobilizing Federal Action on Plastic Pollution: Progress, Principles, and Priorities. Through this policy, federal agencies have been directed to reduce and phase out procurement of single-use plastic products to the maximum extent practicable in order to minimize waste, advance pollution prevention and environmental justice, and promote a transition to circular economy approaches.

17. Participate in Responsible Public Purchasing Council meetings.

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: C.10

The county previously participated in the MPCA's GREEN Group, where members discussed timely sustainable purchasing topics, shared sustainable purchasing experiences, and worked on group projects to help meet their organization's sustainability goals.

Representatives from the county's Solid Waste Division and Purchasing Department participate on the Responsible Public Purchasing Council hosted by the MPCA.

18. Work with health inspectors to educate restaurants and other establishments that have excess prepared food to donate.

Already implementing

Optional (7 points)

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: C.18

Hennepin County is already supporting health inspectors at the city, county, and state level through training and facilitated conversations. Unlike other metro counties, Hennepin County has several local health authorities who are responsible for conducting health inspections in restaurants and other food establishments.

Hennepin County and Minneapolis Health Department staff are working together to educate food business owners and managers on the importance of food rescue and food waste prevention in licensed food establishments and on business Ordinance 13 requirements. With Hennepin County input, the Minneapolis Health Department, in conjunction with Minnesota Homegrown, created resources for inspectors to share with restaurants that highlight food waste diversion, food waste prevention, and food rescue best practices and resources.

Using what was created for the Minneapolis Health Department, the county will train health inspectors at other municipal health departments on food waste prevention, food rescue, and Ordinance 13 requirements. Certain businesses within Hennepin County are regulated by state-level health inspectors from Minnesota Departments of Agriculture and Health, and Hennepin County staff will help coordinate conversations among state-level entities as needed.

Reuse

19. Offer grants or rebates for organizations to transition to reusable food and beverage service ware.

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: B.2, C.19

Hennepin County's business waste prevention and school recycling grants support businesses and schools in purchasing reusable food ware to replace single-use disposables. Common areas of focus for businesses and schools include prevention of food waste, reuse and recovery of goods and materials, and development and use of recovered products.

The county also funded the development of MNimize, a single-use plastic reduction pledge, certification, and rebate program for food businesses run by Minnesota Waste Wise in partnership with the county. The program had 50 new participating business in 2023, which was significant growth from the 7 businesses participating by the end of the program's first year in 2022.

20. Offer grants for waste reduction, reuse, and repair.

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: B.2

Hennepin County's business waste prevention and school recycling grants support businesses and schools in implementing waste reduction, reuse, and repair initiatives. Any project that prevents, reduces, or reuses waste, including trash, recycling, and organics, may be eligible. Projects to start or improve recycling or organics programs do not qualify for this funding. In 2024, \$400,000 is available to fund these grants.

21. Implement a green meeting policy.

Planning to implement

Required
Related Zero Waste Plan actions: C.5, C.10

The county will engage internal departments to create an administrative policy for green meetings. While this will be a county-level policy, the county will share its green meetings policy with cities and encourage implementation of similar policies at the city level.

22. Implement a county policy encouraging the use of reusable food and beverage service ware.

Planning to implement

Optional (6 points)
Related Zero Waste Plan actions: C.5, C.10, C.19

Through engagement with internal departments, the county will evaluate incorporating this strategy in the required green meeting policy or the sustainable purchasing policy. The policy will apply to county-hosted events and county spaces. The evaluation will include how to track and report on implementation of this policy at county events and meetings. As with strategy #16, the county will review and consider incorporating policies similar to new federal policies for single-use plastics.

23. Adopt an ordinance with a mandatory consumer charge or ban for single-use items.

Planning to implement

Optional (9 points)
Related Zero Waste Plan actions: C.7, C.13

The cities of Edina, Minneapolis, and St. Louis Park have ordinance requirements that apply to packaging. These ordinances restrict the use of single-use packaging items in favor of materials that are reusable, recyclable or compostable. The county will work with cities to explore implementation of similar packaging ordinances in other communities. Additionally, the county recently hired a plastic waste reduction specialist who will explore policy options for countywide consumer charges to

increase reusable serviceware over disposable and/or bans on single-use items.

The county will continue to allocate resources to existing programs that address single-use plastics. The MNinimize campaign, business, school, and multifamily waste prevention and recycling grants, and new zero-waste community grants all provide incentives to switch from single-use plastics to reusables. In addition, the new extended producer responsibility for packaging legislation has the potential to help address this issue.

24. Join and/or actively participate in a reuse network, like Reuse Minnesota, to provide county and city staff with learning opportunities to broaden their reuse expertise.

Already implementing

Optional (6 points)
Related Zero Waste Plan actions: C.16, D.7

Hennepin County is a member of Reuse Minnesota and sponsors their annual conference. Staff regularly attends conferences and workshops held by Reuse Minnesota as well as reuse-related sessions offered at other conferences hosted by the Recycling Association of Minnesota and SWANA, Build Reuse, and others. The county also has staff serving as board members on both the Reuse Minnesota and Build Reuse boards.

The county encourages residents to support local reuse, rental, and repair retailers and highlights community reuse efforts through the Choose to Reuse program, which includes the Choose to Reuse website. Since establishing this program in 2002, Hennepin County has established relationships with reuse retailers across the county, looking to them for feedback and expertise.

25. Establish a Repair Ambassador program, like the Recycler/Composters (RCAs) Ambassador programs.

Already implementing

Optional (7 points)

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: D.5

Hennepin County has a well-established Fix It Clinic program with over 100 volunteers who lend their time and expertise to monthly Fix-it Clinic events. Hennepin County Fix-It Clinics address common barriers to repair, including the fear of taking something apart and not being able to get it back together and the knowledge and skill to troubleshoot and fix an item, by providing free, hands-on assistance from knowledgeable volunteers.

Additionally, in fall 2024, the county will be launching the first brick-and-mortar Fix-It Clinic at the St Anthony Village Library. The clinic will have regular hours for residents to stop in for free repairs of household items.

26. Establish a reuse location for residential drop-off and pick-up.

Already implementing

Optional (7 points)

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: D.6, D.7

Both of the county's drop-off facilities have Free Product Centers where residents can pick up usable products that were previously dropped off. The products are screened for quality before being placed on the shelves for reuse. Examples of products that may be found at the centers include adhesives and glues, aerosols, automotive products, cleaners, paints, and stains.

In 2024 the county will roll out a new grant program for community groups created based on community feedback heard during development of the Zero Waste Plan. The grant program will focus on expanding access in hard-to-reach communities to reuse, recycling and composting opportunities by funding projects that are developed and run by communities to address community need. Drop-off sites and swap events for reuse will be eligible projects. The county will also explore options for establishing a reuse hub.

The county also recently received an MPCA grant to host swap events. Several cities, including Edina, Minneapolis, and St Louis Park, have hosted swap events in recent years for residents to exchange goods like garden tools and clothing. The grant funding will build on those efforts and expand swaps throughout the county.

27. Establish a curbside set-out day to allow residents to set out used items for reuse.

Planning to implement

Optional (7 points)

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: A.1, A.2, A.3

This strategy was discussed with cities to better understand how different cities could successfully implement this type of reuse effort. A few cities expressed interest in adopting the model created by the City of Bloomington. Some cities would prefer to add or expand a reuse component at their annual cleanup drop-off event rather than having residents set out reusable items for curbside collection. Concerns cities raised with this model of collection include duplicating existing options like neighborhood Buy Nothing groups, items becoming unusable due to weather, and items not collected being left out after collection day.

As cited in the metro policy plan, the City of Bloomington has already implemented this program. The county will commit funding to pilot and expand this program with interested cities identified during the engagement process. The county will also consider incentives to recruit additional cities and encourage cities to combine their curbside reuse event with a citywide garage sale and annual cleanup drop-off event, as suggested by some cities.

State-led strategies:

28. Develop standardized guidance and methodology for tracking waste reduction and reuse activities and their resulting benefits.

29. Research and pursue financial strategies to best incentivize waste reduction and reuse, such as grants and loans.

Collection best practices

30. Collect recyclables, organics, and trash on the same day.

Planning to implement

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: C.1

Most cities in Hennepin County already have trash, recycling, and organics recycling collection on the same day. For cities that don't already have same-day collection, the change would need to be made by amending their ordinances and/or hauler licensing requirements.

The county will modify its recycling ordinance, Ordinance 13, to require cities collect recyclables, organics, and trash on the same day. The county will offer technical assistance to cities that need to amend their ordinances and/or hauler licensing requirements to implement this change.

Engagement highlight: Haulers had suggestions for how cities could improve logistics of same-day collection of waste.

31. Collect recycling weekly by 2030.

Not planning to implement

Optional (7 points)

All city recycling programs in the county collect recycling every other week. Many cities have explored weekly collection through their contracting processes and opted against it due to cost. Most cities provide an option for residents to upgrade to a larger recycling cart or add an extra cart.

Weekly recycling collection would cost Hennepin County residents at least \$22 million per year without any data to show it would result in a significant increase in recyclables collected. In addition, weekly recycling would double greenhouse gas emissions from trucks, increase damage to roads, and potentially exacerbate the ongoing shortage of drivers in the solid waste industry. The MPCA should conduct a cost-benefit analysis that compares this strategy to alternatives.

32. Pair the option of bi-weekly trash collection with weekly recycling and organics collection.

Not planning to implement

Optional (7 points)

The county is not planning to implement this strategy at this time, but will explore it in the future as we pursue hauler licensing changes and as organics participation rates increase.

33. Contract for residential recycling and organics by 2030.

Already implementing

Optional (7 points)

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: C.1

All but one of Hennepin County's cities contract for recycling service, and 18 contract for organics service. The county will continue to work with cities to encourage contracts for curbside organics programs. The county's residential recycling funding policy, which allocates SCORE funds to cities for their curbside programs, incentivizes this by providing more funding to cities that contract for organics than those that don't.

Engagement highlight: Several cities support the county putting requirements in place. Several haulers noted that organics participation was significantly higher in cities that contracted for the service.

34. Contract for residential mixed municipal solid waste collection by 2030.

Already implementing

Optional (7 points)

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: C.1

Currently, 18 cities in Hennepin County contract for residential trash collection (mixed municipal solid waste): Bloomington, Champlin, Deephaven, Excelsior, Hopkins, Loretto, Maple Plain, Medicine Lake, Medina, Minneapolis, Osseo, Richfield, Robbinsdale, Rockford, St. Anthony, St. Louis Park, Tonka Bay, and Wayzata. The county will continue to advocate for contracted waste collection for both residential and commercial.

The county will commit resources to engage with cities and other partners on the organized collection process to identify and push for legislative changes to make the process easier.

Engagement highlight: Haulers had mixed opinions about this strategy. Small and medium sized haulers were concerned that large haulers would take over an organized system.

Recycling management

35. Recruit a minimum of 12 commercial businesses a year to recycle at least three materials from their operations and promote the environmental and resource benefits.

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: B.5, B.12

Hennepin County has provided grants, technical assistance, and educational materials to businesses and nonprofit organizations since 2013. Businesses that have received grants have increased the amount of materials they divert from the trash. The county regularly shares business waste success stories with the public to increase awareness around business waste prevention and recycling through the business recycling quarterly newsletter and our social media accounts.

In 2024, the county hired Minnesota Waste Wise to provide technical assistance to businesses, greatly increasing the number of businesses the county works with each year to reduce waste and increase recycling.

The county added a requirement that all businesses must recycle when the recycling ordinance (Ordinance 13) was revised in 2018. This requirement is more comprehensive than the state requirements for commercial recycling and applies to all of the estimated 43,000 businesses in the county. In 2023, Hennepin County conducted 88 inspections of businesses throughout Hennepin County for Ordinance 13 compliance and to provide education and resources. Additional staffing in 2024 will vastly expand the number of businesses inspected in the coming years.

36. Establish mandatory pre-processing of waste at resource recovery facilities and landfills by 2030.

Planning to implement

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: A.9, B.14, B.16, D.12

The county will pursue development of a recycling recovery facility, also known as a mixed waste processing facility, to recover materials from the trash for recycling. At recycling recovery facilities, trash goes through a highly automated process that combines mechanical and optical sorting to separate materials based on size, shape, and composition. Materials recovered from the trash include cardboard, metals, #1 and #2 plastics, and organic materials.

The Hennepin County board has already approved initial capital funding to develop a recycling recovery facility by 2030. Next steps for the county are doing site visits of recycling recovery facilities and conducting further analysis of the critical factors.

The county will rely on the MPCA to help this project stay on schedule. Important roles for the MPCA will be approving the county's waste designation plan and streamlining permitting.

Engagement highlight: Haulers expressed concerns about this strategy, related to definitions and expectations, standards, confusion among customers, contamination, quality of materials, and ability to find end markets. Additional factors they said should be considered include how mixed waste processing would increase costs and how the technology fits with the recently passed producer responsibility for packaging law.

37. Provide assistance to multifamily properties to improve recycling (4 or more units with shared walls).

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: A.14, B.12, C.3

Hennepin County's recycling ordinance (Ordinance 13) requires property owners and associations to provide adequate recycling service and ensure residents have annual recycling information and easy access to recycling.

The county offers grants, educational materials, container labels, and staff assistance to improve recycling at multifamily properties. Grant funding can be used for recycling and organics recycling bins, compostable bags, organics hauling start-up costs, bulky item and mattress recycling hauling, and building waste enclosures to expanding collection services. The county works with Minnesota Waste Wise to provide additional outreach and technical assistance to multifamily properties. The county also allocates a portion of SCORE funding to cities to support multifamily recycling and waste reduction.

In 2023, the county started the Apartment Recycling Champions program, a new initiative that pays residents at multifamily buildings to educate their neighbors about recycling and motivate them to reduce waste.

The county will continue to explore ways to provide the same level of and access to waste services at multifamily properties that are available to residents on city programs.

State-led strategies:

38. Assist with tracking commercial recycling self-hauling activities.

Recycling market development

State-led strategies:

39. Support and invest in new facilities and retain processors of recycled material for end markets.

Organics management

40. Make residential curbside organics collection available in cities with a population greater than 5,000 by 2030.

Planning to implement

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: B.6

Hennepin County's recycling ordinance (Ordinance 13) required cities with a population over 10,000 to make organics recycling service available to all households with curbside recycling service in 2022. All of the required cities have implemented residential curbside organics collection programs.

The county will amend Ordinance 13 to expand the requirement to cities with populations of 5,000 or more. When amending the ordinance, the county will also propose an exemption for residents that live in areas that are zoned rural residential by the Met Council. This zoning designation applies to areas that are largely agricultural and discourages future development. Approximately 19,000 Hennepin County residents would be affected by the proposed exemption.

There are seven cities in Hennepin County with populations between 5,000 and 9,999 that will be impacted by this requirement. Some of the affected cities plan to include curbside organics collection in their recycling contract renewal discussions. Some of the affected cities have already established organics drop-off sites. Maintaining these drop-off sites will be encouraged to ensure residents in multifamily properties continue to have access to organics recycling.

The county will help these cities transition to curbside collection by:

- Working with cities to incorporate organics collection into their new hauling contracts.
- Continuing to provide SCORE funding to cities to reduce the cost residents pay for curbside organics service and provide more funding to cities that implement organized collection.

- Assisting with development and distribution of education and outreach materials
- Encouraging participation by providing free supplies and incentivizes to residents, such as food scrap collection containers, initial supply of compostable plastic bags, and compost.

Survey highlight: Less than one-third of residents (29%) report disposing of their food waste primarily in the trash.

41. Expand backyard composting outreach and resources for residents.

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: B.6

Hennepin County offers in-person and online workshops to help residents learn how to compost. Backyard composting information is also offered on our website and through handouts distributed at public events.

Survey highlight: 25% of residents report using backyard or on-site composting as their primary way to dispose of food waste.

42. Require management of organics from large commercial food generators by 2033.

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: B.6

Hennepin County's recycling ordinance (Ordinance 13) required businesses that generate large quantities of food waste to implement food waste recycling by 2020.

Commercial generators covered under this ordinance include: restaurants; grocery stores; food wholesalers, distributors and manufacturers; hotels; hospitals; sports venues; event centers; caterers; nursing and residential care facilities; office buildings with dining services; farmers markets; food shelves and food banks; colleges and universities with dining

services; shopping centers; airports; golf clubs and country clubs; and rental kitchens or shared use commercial kitchens. The county board can designate additional business classifications.

The requirements apply to public, nonprofit, and for-profit businesses that generate one ton of trash per week or contract for eight cubic yards or more per week of trash collection service.

43. Establish additional organics recycling drop-off sites.

Already implementing

Optional (7 points)

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: A.5

The county will continue to support cities in establishing organics recycling drop-off sites. As of 2023, 25 cities have organics recycling drop-off locations. Cities with populations less than 10,000 are eligible for SCORE funds for their drop-off sites, and the county provides grants to cities, businesses, multifamily properties and nonprofit organizations to establish organics drop-off sites for the public.

Survey highlight: 26% of residents use organics recycling drop-off sites as their primary way to dispose of food waste.

State-led strategies:

44. Standardize the role of compostable products in organics recycling programs by 2025.

Wood waste and emerald ash borer

Managing wood waste was added to the metro policy plan that was added due to the increase in wood waste caused by the emerald ash borer and other threats to the urban tree canopy. According to the most recent projections from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, wood waste generation resulting from the emerald ash borer infestation should peak around 2030. Whether the peak is actually reached around that time and how fast wood waste generation declines is largely unknown. Managing wood waste is an ongoing challenge because there are few options for wood waste processing, mulch markets are saturated, and demand for products made from urban wood is low.

Recognizing the complexity of wood waste management and the need for state-level leadership and coordination to develop near- and long-term solutions, the MPCA recently created a wood waste stakeholder group that Hennepin County participates on. Effective solutions will require ongoing collaboration among cities, counties, the state, and the private sector.

Unlike other metro counties, Hennepin County does not operate any wood waste sites, but instead relies on cities and the private sector to manage wood waste. Hennepin County is currently working with the Partnership on Waste and Energy to better understand how much wood waste will be generated in the metro area and the capacity to manage this waste through various options.

45. Develop plans to prevent and manage wood waste in each county and throughout the region.

Planning to implement

Required

Hennepin County's current efforts related to wood waste and emerald ash borer include providing tree inventory, replacement, and planning assistance for cities, schools, and nonprofit organizations, tree removal and

replacement assistance for residents with lower incomes, and education and outreach.

Hennepin County welcomes the formation of the statewide wood waste stakeholder group and is a member. The county is hopeful that the outcomes of the stakeholder group will inform the county's planning process, outlined below, for wood waste prevention and management. Next steps in the development of Hennepin County's wood waste management plan, to be completed by the end of 2026, include:

- Establish a planning steering group, which will include county staff, city staff, tree care companies, wood waste processors, sawmills, and wood product businesses.
- Conduct research to better understand the issue, including wood waste quantity and flow and inventory of wood waste outlets.
- Identify potential actions to increase reuse, recycling, and processing of wood waste. This could include modifying existing licensing requirements and changing current efforts.

Engagement highlight: The varied responses from partners confirmed the need for better coordination of wood waste management. Lack of local processing capacity is the biggest issue.

46. Promote existing programs that use EAB-affected wood for furniture, home goods, flooring, and other purposes.

Already implementing

Required

Hennepin County currently promotes and supports programs that use EAB-affected wood and will continue doing so. For example, the county has given grants to Wood from the Hood and promotes them in our building material reuse materials. To lead by example, the county also purchases and installs furniture made from EAB-affected wood.

47. Composting and mulching operations must continue to be supported.

Already implementing

Required

Hennepin County has supported local composting and mulching operations for many years and will continue to do so. The county has been sending source-separated organics to local composting sites to be recycled into beneficial soil amendments since the county's first residential and school organics collection pilot projects more than 20 years ago.

Hennepin County supports the local organics composting sites by directly and indirectly delivering thousands of tons of source-separated organics to each site annually. The county has processing agreements in place with the two largest organics composting facilities in the metro area. Source-separated organics are accepted at the county's transfer station at a significantly subsidized tipping fee and then transferred to a local composting site. The county also allows approved haulers to directly deliver source-separated organics to one of the composting sites at a significantly subsidized tipping fee.

48. Update ordinances that address wood burning.

Not planning to implement

Optional (4 points)

The county will review how its existing ordinances address the burning of wood and will explore updating ordinances related to the open burning of wood waste by businesses and cities (not residents) to minimize negative impacts to environmental and human health and incentivize the proper management of wood waste.

49. **Develop and distribute EAB tree care education programs for privately owned land.**

Already implementing

Optional (8 points)

Hennepin County already provides a variety of tree care and emerald ash borer information and assistance to residents. Information on the benefits of trees, the threat posed by emerald ash borer, how to identify ash trees, and options for managing ash trees are shared on an ash trees web page and trees and forestry web page, on printed educational materials, and through newsletters and social media. The county encourages partners to use and share these resources and provides printed materials free to partners and residents.

County foresters also started a trees and forestry learning series with monthly workshops on a variety of topics, including tree identification, diagnosing common trees defects and health issues, tree planting, and tree care. The county is starting a program to provide tree removal and replacement assistance for residents with lower incomes.

50. **Incentivize tree treatment as a cost-effective strategy to extend the life of ash trees and to reduce the volume of wood waste generated over the next 20 years.**

Not planning to implement

Optional (8 points)

The county's Emerald Ash Borer Plan limits the treatment of ash trees on county property to specimen trees that are a central feature of a landscape design or where the removal of all ash trees would leave a property bare. County foresters advise residents to only treat large trees that provide significant landscape and/or cooling benefits. Trees need to be treated every few years, so it can be hard for residents to maintain treatments over the long term.

51. **Allow assessments on property taxes to spread the cost of tree care over a multi-year timeframe.**

Not planning to implement

Optional (9 points)

The county is not currently considering this strategy. Minneapolis and some other cities already allow assessments for tree removal over a multi-year timeframe.

52. **Expand composting and mulching capacity beyond existing markets.**

Planning to implement

Optional (5 points)

For many years, the county has provided finished compost made from food scraps at no cost to schools that have organics recycling programs. Many schools use this compost in school gardens where students get involved in planting and growing vegetables, herbs, and flowers. In the fall, some schools have used the harvested produce from their gardens in school meals, providing a tangible example of the circularity of their organics recycling program. The county will continue to make compost available to schools.

The county's Climate Action Plan includes a strategy to use compost and biochar as a soil amendment on county projects. Hennepin County's Transportation Department conducted its first pilot project to demonstrate the benefits of using food-derived compost more than 15 years ago. In recent years, the department's design and construction engineers have received training from MnDOT on the most effective applications of compost in road construction projects. The county regularly purchases and uses compost in projects to improve site revegetation and stormwater management. A standard specification for the use of food-derived compost in road construction projects has been developed so that design engineers can easily incorporate it into their projects. The county will continue these efforts.

However, expanding the use of compost faces challenges that the MPCA needs to address. Ambiguity in the MnDOT specification for what constitutes food-derived material in Grade 2 compost creates a loophole that contractors use to attempt to substitute lower cost yard waste compost when food-derived compost is specified for a project. Additionally, there is no quick and easy way for on-site county engineers to verify that the compost received is food-derived compost from a properly permitted organics composting site. Resolving these issues needs to be a priority for the MPCA to facilitate the expansion of local markets for food-derived compost.

The metro policy plan suggests developing the capacity for biochar or other new technologies. Biochar is a carbon-rich soil amendment and agricultural byproduct that is made from waste wood. Biochar operations are in early stages in the metro area. In July 2024, the City of Minneapolis committed funding to invest in a facility that would produce biochar from wood waste from managing the city’s public trees. The county will track the development of biochar technology and University of Minnesota research on the how long and how much carbon can be sequestered in biochar in public construction project uses.

53. Support development of systems that use wood fuel.

Not planning to implement

Optional (4 points)

This strategy is about retrofitting/replacing inefficient wood-burning home heating appliances with new, more efficient ones. The county is not considering this strategy due to the limited number of residents that rely on wood-burning for home heating.

State-led strategies:

54. MPCA will continue state agency coordination to address wood waste.

Organics market development

55. Require food-derived compost in county construction and landscaping projects.

Planning to implement

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: D.11

The county’s Climate Action Plan includes a strategy to increase the use of compost in county projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. When comparing road construction, building construction, and landscaping projects, road construction has the greatest potential to use larger amounts of food-derived compost on a regular basis. As described in strategy #52, Hennepin County has already normalized and standardized the use of food-derived compost in its road construction projects.

The county will work with Purchasing, Transportation and Facilities Services departments to incorporate requirements into purchasing bids and specs to ensure that all applicable road construction projects use food-derived compost as well as identifying and implementing actions to ensure all applicable landscaping projects use food-derived compost. The county will also work with cities to encourage use of food-derived compost in infrastructure projects, share specification language, provide technical assistance, and explore requiring this of cities.

56. Find new outlets to increase food-to-animal operations.

Not planning to implement

Optional (7 points)

While the promotion of available food-to-animal outlets is mentioned in the guidance for this strategy in the metro policy plan, the guidance primarily focuses on finding, soliciting, and assisting partners to become new licensed food-to-animal operations. As far as the county is aware, no new food-to-animal operations have been licensed in or near the metro area for more than 20 years due to lack of interest in the

local agricultural community. Initiation of policy changes and/or financial incentives would need to come from the state level to encourage the opening of new food-to-animal operations.

Emerging technology

State-led strategies:

- 57. Develop a process for gathering the information necessary to make timelier and consistent policy decisions.

Waste-to-energy

- 58. Counties must continue to support the implementation of Minn. Stat. § 473.848 Restriction on Disposal.

Already implementing

Required

Minnesota’s Restriction on Disposal law requires metro counties to ensure that waste is sent to processing facilities, like HERC, before disposing of it at landfills (*Minn. Stat. § 473.848*). To enforce this law, the MPCA needs to know whether waste processing facilities are operating at capacity. The county will continue to comply with its statutory requirements by providing monthly capacity and yearly certification reports to the MPCA.

Landfilling

- 59. Implement additional fees to better account for the externalities of land disposal.

Already implementing

Optional (4 points)

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: D.8

The Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Fee (Ordinance 15) was established in 1994 to fund environmental programs that protect human and environmental health. These programs include waste prevention, recycling and organics recycling, environmental education, and environmental protection programs. The ordinance requires waste haulers

to charge a fee on trash service and remit this fee to the county. The fee is not applied to recycling or organics recycling services. Effective April 1, 2019, the percentage rate of the Solid Waste Management Fee for all mixed waste services provided in Hennepin County is:

- Residential: 15.5%
- Non-residential: 21.5%

Product stewardship

- 60. Participate with the Product Stewardship Committee under the Solid Waste Administrators Association (SWAA).

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: C.12, C.18

Hennepin County staff currently serve as the Chair of the Solid Waste Administrator Association’s Product Stewardship Committee. This group continues to work to identify and prioritize problem materials that would benefit from product stewardship policies. This group tracks, reviews, and responds to proposed product stewardship policies and shares that information among counties.

Household hazardous waste (HHW)

- 61. Encourage retailers to increase consumer awareness of responsible end-of-life handling for products containing lithium-ion batteries.

Planning to implement

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: A.1, A.2, A.3

Hennepin County will educate retailers on the proper management and disposal of lithium-ion batteries and devices containing lithium-ion batteries. The county will provide retailers with education materials and resources on proper battery management to distribute to their customers.

Survey highlight: Most residents (77%) rarely or never used a drop-off location to recycle batteries.

62. Continue participation in the reciprocal use agreement for HHW collection sites.

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: A.1, A.2, A.3

Hennepin County and the other six metro household hazardous waste programs are continuing the reciprocal use partnership with a five-year agreement, effective December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2029. The HHW reciprocal agreement allows residents to use any of the HHW sites in the seven-county metro area.

63. Partner with cities to increase participation in HHW collection.

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: A.1, A.2, A.3

The county provides educational resources, including printed factsheets and brochures, online information and disposal guide, and sample articles, web content, and social media posts for cities to use in educating their residents on proper disposal of HHW. The county partners with cities to promote local HHW collection events. The county provides supplies for and coordinates the management of fluorescent lamps collected from residents at city cleanup events.

64. Host monthly drop-off sites in locations other than a permanent HHW site.

Already implementing

Optional (8 points)

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: A.1, A.2, A.3

Hennepin County offers 4 collection events in the spring, summer, and fall to provide residents a convenient, local option for disposing of household hazardous waste in addition to its 2 permanent collection sites in Bloomington and Brooklyn Park. The county will prioritize collection events in areas identified for environmental justice concerns when choosing event locations throughout the county.

Sustainable building and deconstruction

65. Implement the use of a Building Material Management Plan.

Already implementing

Required

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: B.13, C.15, D.2

In 2023, the county adopted an internal construction and demolition waste policy to increase reuse and recycling of building materials. The policy requires building material management plans for all county-funded building, road, and bridge projects. Additionally, all county-funded building projects are required to meet a minimum 60% diversion rate.

In addition to implementing this policy, the county will encourage cities to adopt similar policies.

66. Prior to demolition of county-owned buildings, require that sustainable materials management strategies are considered.

Already implementing

Optional (7 points)

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: B.13, C.15, D.2

The county's recently adopted construction and demolition waste policy requires landfill diversion rates of 60% to 80% for all county-funded projects. Diversion rate requirements vary based on the type of project. All new construction, renovation, rehabilitation, and remodeling projects are encouraged to incorporate reused and recycled-content building materials in their designs.

67. Host a building material collection event or swap.

Already implementing

Optional (8 points)

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: B.13

The county supported the City of St Louis Park in hosting its first building material collection event in 2019 and has since expanded to support events in Brooklyn Park, Minnetonka, Minnetrista, Mound, and Orono. Cities have expressed great interest in hosting these events, and the county will continue to work on expanding building material collection events to additional cities.

68. Provide financial assistance to offset the additional cost of building deconstruction, used building material installation, and/or structural moving.

Already implementing

Optional (8 points)

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: B.3

The county launched its building reuse grant program in 2019, the first of its kind in the region. Since then, three counties have replicated the program. The county initially only funded partial and full deconstruction of residential dwellings and building moves but in 2022, the county expanded the program to include grants for commercial dwellings and used building material installation.

69. Provide deconstruction training.

Already implementing

Optional (8 points)

Zero Waste Plan related actions B.13

The county has been contracting with organizations that have done deconstruction for decades to make the cost competitive with traditional demolition, build demand for the service, and provide workforce training on deconstruction techniques. The county currently contracts with 2 nonprofit organizations that provide workforce training on deconstruction to individuals facing employment barriers.

70. Annually host or aid with home and building repair and refurbishment trainings.

Already implementing

Optional (8 points)

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: B.13

The county has partnered with Rethos for several years to provide training on home and building repair and refurbishment, such as their Old Home Certified course. The county also supports the Minnesota Tool Library to engage residents in learning a variety of repair-focused trade skills that will reduce household waste through repair – either via the repair of personal property and/or on behalf of the community. The county will continue to partner with entities such as Rethos and the Minnesota Tool Library to offer home and building repair and refurbishment training to residents.

71. Use purchasing guidelines to require environmental product declaration for concrete.

Planning to implement

Optional (7 points)

Related Zero Waste Plan actions: C.10

An environmental product declaration (EPD) for concrete is a document that transparently communicates the environmental performance or impact of any product or material over its lifetime. Concrete has the highest climate impact of any single material, and finding and using lower-impact concrete is important to reaching the county's climate and zero-waste goals. Hennepin County's solid waste management team will work with the county's Purchasing, Transportation and Facilities Services departments to explore the feasibility of requiring EPD for concrete. Hennepin County already voluntarily receives EPDs on some projects, such as those pursuing the Minnesota B3 Guidelines.

State-led strategies:

72. Study waste classification practices.
73. Propose changes to B3 guidelines to strengthen deconstruction requirements.
74. Incentivize deconstruction over landfilling MMSW and demolition debris.
75. Lead Sustainable Building Group (SBG) developments.

Supporting materials

The following supporting materials provide more context and in-depth information for the plan. These materials are available at hennepin.us/solidwasteplanning

- Description of the existing solid waste management system
- Minneapolis capture rate study 2022
- HERC waste sort report 2022
- Residential Recycling Funding Policy 2022-2025
- Waste delivery agreement template 2024-2025
- Description of county solid waste ordinances
- County solid waste system operating manual 2024
- Hennepin County Climate Action Plan
- Hennepin County Zero Waste Plan
- The Hennepin Energy Recovery Center and its role in the solid waste system
- Plan to Reinvent Hennepin County's Solid Waste System
- Legislative zero-waste priorities

Section III: Metro Solid Waste Policy Plan strategies

Hennepin County and other metro area counties are required to submit a county-specific plan that responds to the required and optional strategies in the Metro Solid Waste Policy Plan to reduce waste, increase recycling, and advance a zero-waste future.

The Metro Solid Waste Policy Plan aims to align with the Waste Management Act’s hierarchy for managing solid waste, improve public health, reduce the reliance on landfills, conserve energy and natural resources, and reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

The Metro Solid Waste Policy Plan is organized into the following categories, each seen as being instrumental to reaching the objectives of the metro policy plan:

- Improving the reliability of the data
- Pollution reductions
- Waste reduction
- Pollution prevention
- Collection best practices
- Recycling management
- Recycling market development
- Organics management
- Wood waste
- Organics market development
- Emerging technology
- Waste-to-energy
- Landfilling
- Household hazardous waste
- Sustainable building and deconstruction

Each category includes key strategies that are required to be incorporated into the county’s solid waste management plan. Optional strategies are assigned a point value. Counties pick from any of the optional strategies to reach a minimum of 75 points.

The strategies are weighted by difficulty and by management strategy in accordance with the state’s Waste Management Hierarchy. This incentivizes environmental and human health outcomes while allowing counties the flexibility to design and adapt their solid waste programs. The optional strategies are worth 4 to 9 points. The optional strategy point total is 194 points, and counties must have a minimum of 75 points for their county solid waste management plan to be approved.

The 2024 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan incorporates 52 strategies totaling 148 points. The following table summarizes the policy plan strategies and status of implementation the county.

Metro policy plan strategy and implementation status	# of strategies	Point value
Required - already implementing	21	NA
Required - not applicable	1	NA
Required - planning to implement	10	NA
Optional - already implementing	14	86
Optional - planning to implement	7	62
Optional - not planning to implement	7	46
State led	15	NA
Total in metro policy plan	59	194
Total in 2024 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan	52	148

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The Metro Solid Waste Policy Plan sets specific quantifiable objectives, outlined the table below, for abating the need for and practice of land disposal for the metro area over the next 20 years, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 473.149, subd. 2d. Landfill abatement is best achieved through an integrated solid waste management and sustainable materials management approach.

Metro Solid Waste Policy Plan quantifiable objectives

Management method	Current system (2021)	2025	2030	2036	2042
Waste reduction	0%	2.9%	6.4%	10.7%	15%
Recycling	28.6%	36.9%	47.4%	47.4%	47.4%
Organics	16.6%	21.5%	27.6%	27.6%	27.6%
Waste-to-energy	21.4%	24%	20%	20%	20%
Landfill	33.4%	17.6%	5%	5%	5%

The Metro Solid Waste Policy Plan is organized into the following categories, each seen as being instrumental to reaching the objectives of the metro policy plan:

- Improving the reliability of the data
- Regional solutions
- Waste reduction
- Reuse
- Collection best practices
- Recycling management
- Recycling market development
- Organics management
- Wood waste
- Organics market development
- Emerging technology
- Waste-to-energy
- Landfilling
- Household hazardous waste
- Sustainable building and deconstruction

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Board Action Request

24-0420

Item Description:

Amd 5 to Agmt A178204 with Better Futures Minnesota f/k/a Network for Better Futures, to provide lawn care, snow removal and salt/sanding services for maintenance of State of Minnesota tax-forfeit properties administered by Hennepin County, ext end date to 12/31/25 and incr NTE by \$500,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board and County Administrator be authorized to utilize the set-aside contracting authority under Minn. Stat. § 383B.145, Subd. 5 for Amendment 5 to Agreement A178204 with Better Futures Minnesota, to provide lawn care, snow removal, and salt/sanding services for maintenance of Hennepin County's inventory of State of Minnesota tax-forfeit properties, extending the contract period through December 31, 2025 and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$500,000 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$1,250,000, a 3% increase in pricing, be approved, that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

This request seeks approval of amendment 5 to the County's agreement with Better Futures Minnesota (BFM) for lawn care, snow removal, and salt/sanding services at tax forfeited properties managed by the Land Information and Tax Services Department ("LITS"). This amendment adds one year to the contract, adds \$500,000 to the not to exceed ("NTE"), and includes a 3% increase in pricing. The additional expenditure authority is needed because there has been an increase in use of this contract that is expected to continue into 2025. The original contract was directly negotiated pursuant to the set aside statute (Minn. Stat. § 383B.145, Subd. 5) and contains provisions consistent with the findings requirement of the statute. To date, almost \$750,000 has been expended from the contract.

BFM is a Minnesota nonprofit corporation and social enterprise that, since 2008, has provided employment to hundreds of men who are chronically unemployed or formerly incarcerated, while generating revenues to support its mission, utilizing four fundamental components: jobs, housing, health, and coaching supports. Since 2010, providing services under another contract with LITS, BFM Enterprise Division has enrolled more than 1,000 participants in its workforce development services, employing more than 500 at-risk men to provide lawn services and snow removal.

BFM reports that their participant recidivism rate in 2022 was 8%, compared to the national rate of 25% for individuals that return to prison within their first year of being released. Further, the average annual cost of incarcerating an individual in Minnesota is over \$62,800 per year, compared to the average annual cost of \$18,626 for each BFM participant. BFM participants are given the opportunities to transform into engaged citizens in their communities, who are able to pay their taxes and child-support payments. BFM has calculated a social return on investment of \$3.61 for every dollar invested in the program model.

Land Information and Tax Services staff will manage the proposed contract amendment. LITS performs the statutory functions of the county auditor for administration and maintenance of state of Minnesota tax-forfeited lands under delegation of authority from the County Board. Revenues from sales and leases of tax-forfeit properties are deposited into the Forfeited Tax Sale Fund agency fund. County tax-forfeit property

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management and related operating expenses are paid from this fund, including the costs under the proposed Amendment 5 of Agreement A178204.

This board action request aligns with Hennepin County disparity reduction efforts by supporting employment and income opportunities for individuals who are chronically unemployed and/or who are returning to the community from the corrections system.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

24-0421

Item Description:

Amd 5 to Agmt CM00000534 with Better Futures Minnesota for routine exterior property inspections of Hennepin County tax-forfeit properties, ext end date to 12/31/25 and incr NTE by \$500,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board and County Administrator be authorized to utilize the set-aside contracting authority under Minn. Stat. § 383B.145, Subd. 5 to approve Amendment 5 to Agreement CM00000534, with Better Futures Minnesota for routine exterior property inspections, and the boarding and securing of Hennepin County tax-forfeit properties, extending the contract end date through December 31, 2025 and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$500,000 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$600,000, be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Land Information and Tax Services seeks to amend its current contract with Better Futures Minnesota to increase the NTE, add one year to the agreement, and add boarding and securing services of Hennepin tax-forfeit properties to its routine exterior property inspections work. Better Futures completes exterior inspections both during and outside Hennepin County's normal business hours, including weekends. This contract was directly negotiated as permitted under the set aside statute (Minn. Stat. § 383B.145, Subd. 5), and not derived from a competitive bid.

This request is before the Board because Hennepin County is close to expending the existing NTE of \$100,000. This request adds \$500,000 to the NTE and does changes the end date from 12/31/2024 to 12/31/2025. The increase in the amount of the contract is due to there being more work in 2024 than anticipated and it is expected this increased work will continue in 2025.

Better Futures Minnesota is a Minnesota nonprofit corporation and social enterprise that since 2008 has provided employment to hundreds of men who are chronically unemployed or formerly incarcerated, while generating revenues to support its mission, utilizing four fundamental components: jobs, housing, health, and coaching supports.

This board action request aligns with Hennepin County disparity reduction efforts by supporting employment and income opportunities for individuals who are chronically unemployed and/or who are returning to the community from the corrections system.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0422

Item Description:

Agmt PR00006577 with Election Systems and Software, LLC for ballot printing services, 12/01/24-12/31/27, NTE \$2,200,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement PR00006577 with Election Systems and Software, LLC for ballot printing services during the period of December 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027 in an amount not to exceed \$2,200,000 be approved; and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Hennepin County is required to prepare and deliver absentee ballots, election day ballots, and test ballots for each election conducted in Hennepin County. Hennepin County does not have the technology or capability to internally fulfill required ballot printing services.

Under previous agreements, Elections Systems and Software, LLC has provided ballot printing services to Hennepin County since 2013. Through a competitive process Elections Systems and Software LLC was selected as the vendor that provided the best overall value for the County. Continuity of ballot printing services beginning with potential special elections in December 2024 is critical to successful county operations.

This request seeks to establish professional services agreement PR00006577 with Election Systems and Software, LLC for ballot printing services through December 31, 2027.

Approval of this request will enable the county to provide required secure ballot printing and delivery services and ensure continued continuity of operations aligning with Hennepin County disparity reduction efforts by allowing residents the ability to continue to confidently participate in our democracy, hold elected officials accountable, and have a say in important issues affecting themselves and their communities. Election administration and voting directly impact all disparity domains.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

24-0468

Item Description:

Recognizing Native American Heritage Month in Hennepin County - offered by Commissioner Conley

WHEREAS, November has been designated Native American Heritage Month by every President since 1995; and

WHEREAS, the month celebrates the culture, accomplishments, history and presence of the people who first inhabited the United States, Minnesota and Hennepin County; and

WHEREAS, The Indigenous Peoples who resided on this land prior to the arrival of European settlers, experienced a history of interactions with Europeans and European American settlers that was defined by broken promises, violence, deprivation, and disease; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County is home to Tribal Nations and a resilient and robust urban Native American community, and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County strives to eliminate systemic racism and discrimination towards Indigenous Peoples. We seek to promote practices and policies that honor the county's Indigenous roots, history, and contributions. We recognize Indigenous People as contemporary peoples; and are committed to meaningful and genuine government-to-government relationships with the Tribal Nations that share the State's geography; and

WHEREAS, During Native American Heritage Month and beyond, Hennepin County honors the vibrant and diverse Native American cultures in our community today. We renew our commitment to our government-to-government relationships, and promote appreciation, equity and anti-racism, reconciliation, understanding, friendship, and continued partnerships among all Minnesotans and the Native Peoples of this land.

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners recognizes November as Native American Heritage Month in Hennepin County.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0469

Item Description:

Establish closed labor meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13D.03 Subd 1(b), the Hennepin County Board will meet in closed session to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals in Conference Room A2324 of the Hennepin County Government Center on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Background:

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

24-0470

Item Description:

Award contract to Ti-Zack Concrete, Inc. for accessibility improvements along various county roads (2024 ADA Program Phase 4), CP 2201000 (county cost \$677,049.69 State Aid & \$121,147.50 Wheelage Tax)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract be awarded to Ti-Zack Concrete, Inc. for \$798,197.19 to construct accessible pedestrian ramps and signal improvements at various locations within the county (2024 ADA Program Phase 4), county project (CP) 2201000; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The county is upgrading pedestrian ramps and installing accessible pedestrian signals at several locations across the county in conjunction with pavement preservation work. The work will begin in the spring of 2025 and be completed by the fall of 2025.

Pedestrian ramps will be upgraded at the following locations:

- County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 1 (Pioneer Trail) between Settlement Drive and Stable Path in Eden Prairie
- CSAH 12 (Dayton River Road) at Balsam Lane in Dayton
- CSAH 73 (Hopkins Crossroad) at Oak Knoll Terrace in Minnetonka
- CSAH 121 (West Hayden Lake Road) between South Creek Circle and Champlin Drive in Champlin
- County Road (CR) 103 (Winnetka Avenue) at 117th Avenue in Champlin
- CR 116 (Pinto Drive) between Meander Road and Foxberry Farms Road in Medina

The project also will install accessible pedestrian signals at the following locations:

- CSAH 121 (West Hayden Lake Road) at Cartway Road in Champlin
- CSAH 121 (West Hayden Lake Road) at pedestrian crossing in Champlin

On October 8, 2024, five bids were received with the lowest responsive bid submitted by Ti-Zack Concrete, Inc. Project funding is available in CP 2201000: Safety and Asset Management 2024-2028, with expenses tracked in its associated subproject 2201007: 2024 ADA Program Phase 4.

Current Request:

This request is to award a contract to Ti-Zack, Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$798,197.19 for 2024 ADA Program Phase 4, CP 2201000.

Impacts/Outcomes:

This action supports the county's Mobility 2040 goals, climate action, and disparity reduction efforts by improving accessibility for all people.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

CP 2201007

ADA/APS Improvements along CSAH 1, 12, 73, 121 and CR 103 and 116 in the cities of Champlin, Dayton, Eden Prairie, Medina, and Minnetonka



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Board Action Request

24-0471

Item Description:

Neg Lease Agmt LS00000037 with Vulcan Properties, Inc. for rental space to be utilized by Hennepin County Library at 3519 Hazelton Rd., Edina, 11/01/24-12/31/27 (\$52,920 estimated first year gross rent)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Lease Agreement LS00000037 with Vulcan Properties, Inc. for rental space at 3519 Hazelton Road, Edina, during the period of November 1, 2024, through December 31, 2027, in the estimated amount of \$52,920 for first year rent; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county, and the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Southdale Library, located at 7001 York Avenue South, Edina, will be closed for approximately 31 months for demolition and construction of a new library building beginning in January 2025. Hennepin County Library proposes to continue providing a limited range of library services during the building closure at a temporary leased space located at 3519 Hazelton Rd., Edina, which is one block south of Southdale Library. The temporary leased space consists of 2,016 square feet located within the Yorktown Mall shopping center.

First year gross rent for the lease will be \$31.50 per square foot or \$5,292 per month. The landlord will provide two months of free rent in the first year of the lease. Rent will increase approximately 3% annually in the second and third years of the lease. The county will negotiate the right to terminate the lease early with approximately 120 days' notice and the right to extend the lease month-to-month if needed to accommodate any future changes to the Southdale Library construction schedule. County will pay directly for utilities and will be responsible for janitorial services and security within the leased space.

Current Request:

Authorization to negotiate Lease Agreement LS00000037 with Vulcan Properties, Inc. for rental space to be utilized by the Hennepin County Library at 3519 Hazelton Road, Edina during the period November 1, 2024, through December 31, 2027, in the estimated amount of \$52,920 for first year rent.

Impact/Outcomes:

Approval of Lease Agreement LS00000037 will allow Hennepin County Library to continue to provide library services during the temporary closure of Southdale Library during construction.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Lease Agreement LS0000037 – Southdale Library Short Term Space

3519 Hazelton Road, Edina 55435



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Board Action Request

24-0472

Item Description:

Neg Agmt PR00006699 with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP for annual financial audits for Hennepin County and Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc., 11/01/24-12/31/31, Hennepin County NTE \$4,744,137, Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. NTE \$1,944,788

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement PR00006699 with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to audit the financial statement of Hennepin County and Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. for fiscal years ending December 31, 2024 through December 31, 2030 during the contract period of November 1, 2024 through December 31, 2031, in amounts not to exceed \$4,744,137 for Hennepin County and \$1,944,788 for Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc.; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate and sign additional work orders under the Agreement for the County within an annual not to exceed amount of \$100,000.

Background:

On August 16, 2024, the County issued a Request for Proposals for qualified Certified Public Accounting (CPA) firms to conduct audits of the 2024 through 2030 Hennepin County and Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. financial statements.

Four proposals were received in response to the RFP and reviewed by an evaluation panel consisting of representatives from Hennepin County and Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. and public members of the Hennepin County Audit Committee. As described in the RFP, evaluation criteria emphasized the experience of both the firm and assigned audit personnel, in performing audits of similar size and scope (e.g. large local government agencies, large urban teaching hospitals with community outpatient clinics, and Minnesota Health Maintenance/Managed Care organizations). Based on that initial review, three firms were invited to present their proposals in-person to the evaluation panel. Following those presentations, the evaluation panel reached consensus in recommending CliftonLarsonAllen LLP as the best qualified audit services provider with competitive pricing.

Hennepin County and Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. are entering into one contract with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP with a separate NTE for each entity. The County Administrator will take all necessary action under the current audit agreement as authorized by the Purchasing Rules. The proposed contract includes funding for:

1. Base Audit For Both Entities - audit services required to complete the annual financial audits of Hennepin County, Hennepin Health, the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority; the Minnesota Legal Compliance and Extended Employment/Vocational Services Program audits, Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc, Hennepin Healthcare Foundation, Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute; and the combined Hennepin County and Hennepin Healthcare System Single Audit of up to 14 major programs.
2. Hennepin County Additional Audit Services - Hennepin County's not to exceed includes up to \$100,000

annually for additional services.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0473

Item Description:

Amend the 2024 Capital Budget to include capital project 1010890 Youth Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Center; transfer \$15,000,000 in existing budget authority from six identified capital projects

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that capital project 1010890 Youth Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Center be identified in the 2024 Capital Budget with an appropriation of \$15,000,000 funded with a transfer of existing capital budget authority from six identified capital projects to cover design and construction costs; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the County Administrator be authorized to sign any agreements, certifications, and other documents as necessary on behalf of the county; and the Controller be authorized to transfer and disburse funds as directed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, due to the lack of available youth crisis stabilization facilities this capital project should proceed immediately.

Background:

Advocates, families, and practitioners have long recognized the need for fundamental structural reform of systems for youth with emotional and behavioral health needs and their families. Currently a number of youth-serving systems, each with its own mandates, perspective, and priorities, have responsibility to serve these youth. The access route generally defines the problem, goals and objectives based on the mandates of the specific youth serving system. Consequently, the available services within these systems require youth to fit the program's structure rather than structuring supports and services to meet the individual needs of the youth and family.

Hennepin County began a reform initiative to restructure the system for delivering services to youth with behavioral health needs and their families utilizing a federal best practice approach from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA- System of Care), coordinated and integrated at the local level, and focused on improved outcomes for youth and their families. Hennepin County Behavioral Health's goal is to achieve the outcomes consistent with SAMHSA's System of Care by applying the framework, values and services within the context of an initiative designed to target a particularly vulnerable population.

This project will create a Youth Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Center on the second and third floors of the North wing at the County's 1800 Chicago location in Minneapolis. The project will integrate three essential services:

* Crisis Stabilization: for short term care to help identify needs and supports for ongoing treatment planning. Crisis stabilization programming will be highly tailored to each individual youth and capable of serving (triage, assessment, family engagement, treatment planning, etc.) a wide range of clinical and non-clinical presentations.

* Family Respite: short term respite to help the household manage periods of dysregulated behavior.

* Withdrawal Management: for short term age-appropriate withdrawal management services to support the detoxification and coordination of recovery supports.

The space will be built-out to allow an integrated model of care that incorporates family and youth centered values and principles, follows best practices, and targets youth with complex mental health and behavioral needs. Capital funding is requested to design and implement the space for primarily residential services, though recognizing the adjacent community-based supports who will conduct onsite services as needed.

This project was previously slated to be included in the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program. However, a recent increase in demand for beds at the same time the supply of placement options decreased has necessitated the project be expedited. Following the pandemic, there has been a 36% decrease in residential treatment beds and a 31% increase in emergency room visits, almost 1 in 5 youth in detention have serious behavioral health disorders requiring immediate

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treatment.

This request expedites the project so that Facility Services is authorized to pursue direct consulting and contractor negotiations in 2024 to expedite the project to meet the emergency response in providing a facility for this program. The project in the prospective 2025-2029 CIP will be removed once the 2024 Capital Budget is amended to include this project.

Budget table 1: 1010890 Youth Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Center

Revenue

Budget to Date

Current Request

Future CIP Requests

Total Project

County Bonds - 1010890

15,000,000

15,000,000

TOTAL

15,000,000

15,000,000

Expense

Budget to Date

Current Request

Future CIP Requests

Total Project

Construction - 1010890

15,000,000

15,000,000

TOTAL

15,000,000

15,000,000

Budget Table 2: Transfers from various Capital Projects

Revenue - County GO Bonds

Budget to Date

Current Request

Future CIP requests

Total Project

1001787

12,064,000

(3,000,000)

9,064,000

0030332

11,640,000

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(2,900,000)

8,740,000

1004483

71,250,000

(3,900,000)

67,350,000

1010190

1,700,000

(1,700,000)

0

1004414

6,747,000

(1,000,000)

5,747,000

1008705

6,900,000

(2,500,000)

4,400,000

TOTAL

n/a

(15,000,000)

n/a

Expense - Various

Budget to Date

Current Request

Future CIP requests

Total Project

1001787

12,064,000

(3,000,000)

9,064,000

0030332

11,640,000

(2,900,000)

8,740,000

1004483

71,250,000

(3,900,000)

67,350,000

1010190

1,700,000

(1,700,000)

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1004414
6,747,000
(1,000,000)

5,747,000
1008705
6,900,000
(2,500,000)

4,400,000
TOTAL
n/a
(15,000,000)

n/a

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0474

Item Description:

Neg Agmt with Nexus Diversified Community Services to provide behavioral health crisis residential services for county-connected youth with complex needs, 11/01/24-12/31/27, NTE \$7,000,000/annually

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate an agreement with Nexus Diversified Community Services for the operation of a 15 bed crisis residential program for county-connected youth with complex needs during the period November 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027, in a not to exceed amount of \$7,000,000 per year; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the board be authorized to sign the agreement; and the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Hennepin County began a reform initiative to restructure the system for delivering services to youth with behavioral health needs and their families utilizing a federal best practice approach from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA- System of Care), coordinated and integrated at the local level, and focused on improved outcomes for youth and their families. Hennepin County Behavioral Health's goal is to achieve the outcomes consistent with SAMHSA's System of Care by applying the framework, values and services within the context of an initiative designed to target a particularly vulnerable population.

As part of this work, Hennepin County Behavioral Health identified a gap in the current continuum for youth who need short-term residential treatment to stabilize dysregulated behavior and create an effective plan for support.

Nexus Diversified Community Services was selected through a competitive bidding process to provide crisis residential services for county-connected youth with complex needs. This vendor will co-create a Youth Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Center. The project will integrate three essential services:

- **Crisis Stabilization:** for short term care to help identify needs and supports for ongoing treatment planning. Crisis stabilization programming will be highly tailored to each individual youth and capable of serving (triage, assessment, family engagement, treatment planning etc.) a wide range of clinical and non-clinical presentations.
- **Family Respite:** short-term respite to help the household manage periods of dysregulated behavior.
- **Withdrawal Management:** for short-term age-appropriate withdrawal management services to support the detoxification and coordination of recovery supports.

Current Request:

This request seeks authorization for the County Administrator to negotiate a contract with Nexus Diversified Community Services during the period November 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027 in an annual not to exceed amount of \$7,000,00 for operational costs associated with maintaining a 15-bed residential program.

Disparity Reduction:

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This request supports the county's identified priorities and goals for the disparity reduction Health domain by focusing on achieving health equity where every person feels they can attain their highest health potential, and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0476

Item Description:

Confirmation of the appointment of Kareem Murphy as the Interim Assistant County Administrator for the Disparity Reduction line of business, effective October 29, 2024

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners appoints Kareem Murphy to the unclassified position of Interim Assistant County Administration for the Disparity Reduction line of business, effective October 29, 2024.

Background:

Mr. Murphy is an experienced leader with significant background in government service. With the current vacancy in the position of Assistant County Administrator over the Disparity Reduction line of business, the County Administrator has requested Mr. Murphy to assume the role on an interim basis. Kareem's deep understanding of the county's commitment to reducing disparities along with his many professional connections throughout the nation will allow this line to expand partnerships by tapping into a broader pool of resources and ideas.

Kareem holds a Master's degree in History from the University of Maryland and has a strong background in advocacy and community organizing.

This request seeks board approval of Kareem Murphy's appointment to the unclassified position of Interim Assistant County Administrator for the Disparity Reduction line of business, effective October 29, 2024.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

24-0475

Item Description:

Confirmation of the appointment of Liz Young as the Interim Director of Intergovernmental Relations, effective October 29, 2024

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners appoints Liz Young to the unclassified position of Interim Director of Intergovernmental Relations, effective October 29, 2024.

Background:

Ms. Young has extensive experience in intergovernmental relations having served in a congressional office as a district director and at the state senate for several years. Liz joined Hennepin County's Intergovernmental Relations team 2 years ago, primarily focusing on Health and Human Services issues.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and French from Syracuse University.

This request seeks board approval of Ms. Young's appointment to the unclassified position of Interim Director of the Intergovernmental Relations Department, effective October 29, 2024.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval