

RESOLUTION

Board of Hennepin County Commissioners

RESOLUTION: 26-0044

At a meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners, a motion was made by Commissioner Goettel, and seconded by Commissioner Edelson, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion passed.

WHEREAS, Hennepin County values our partnerships to provide a safe transportation network that offers strong connections through multiple modes, respects the environment and improves the health and quality of life for all who live, work or visit here; and

WHEREAS, the 45 cities that make up the county represent a diverse range of populations, land uses, and reliance on various transportation modes, though we share a common goal in serving residents to meet their current and future transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, it is our responsibility to work with our cities and partner agencies to engage our residents, develop solutions, and invest in improvements across our collective system to achieve common goals; and

WHEREAS, working together requires consistent and transparent policies and mutual understanding of roles and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, several cities have requested consideration of increased county capital funding and county financial support or responsibility for complete and green streets elements within county right of way and improved collaboration and funding flexibility for unique partnerships; and

WHEREAS, transportation funding, resources, and priorities at the federal, state, county, and city levels continue to evolve.

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board directs staff to review and recommend changes to cost participation with cooperative county road and bridge reconstruction projects to the county board by January 31, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that county staff reach out to all our cities and partner agencies for data and input to guide decision-making in updating our current policy, provide initial receipt of receipt, and then provide a summary of questions and responses during the engagement process to cities and partner agencies regarding their feedback by August 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that county staff present data, trends, and themes from this outreach to the county board by August 31, 2026 and receive direction from the board on recommended changes to the county cost participation policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Hennepin County staff develop internal and external workgroups to help build a framework, gather input, and foster effective dialogue to ensure these

policies are financially responsible, efficient, and receptive to the diverse needs and goals of the county, our cities, and our partner agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that county staff consider cost share policies adopted by other agencies, such as other metro counties and MnDOT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that county staff consider and evaluate communities' ability to fund improvements as part of the policies update; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that county staff share impacts to the county's 5-year Road and Bridge Capital Improvement Program (CIP) with any recommended updates.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 2/12/2026

The question was on the adoption of the resolution with the votes as follows:

Aye: 5 Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, and Commissioner Edelson

Absent: 2 Commissioner Lunde, and Commissioner Anderson

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