

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

### FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025

1:30 PM

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

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#### 1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. June 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [PW-COMMITTEEMINUTES-24-Jun-2025](#)

#### 2. New Business

##### Routine Items

2.A. [25-0273](#)

Authorization to request a variance for the Lake Harriet Parkway paving project (CP 2240800), State Aid Project 027-600-012, no county cost

**Attachments:** [Map of project 2240800 in Minneapolis](#)

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2.C. [25-0275](#)

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**Attachments:** [Map of Project 2211000 in Golden Valley](#)

2.F. [25-0278](#)

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**Attachments:** [Map of Project 2211000 in Golden Valley](#)

**Items for Discussion and Action**2.G. [25-0279](#)

Neg various grant agmts for Good Steward grant natural resource projects, total combined NTE \$61,442

2.H. [25-0280](#)

Neg 12 Healthy Tree Canopy grant agmts, 08/01/25-07/31/26, grant total NTE \$332,731

**Attachments:** [Attachment 1 Tree Planting Priority Areas](#)

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

300 South Sixth Street  
Minneapolis, MN  
55487-0240

## Board Action Request

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**TMP-25-0499**

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**Item Description:**

June 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

### COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025

1:30 PM

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

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Commissioner Irene Fernando called the meeting of the Public Works Committee for Tuesday, June 24, 2025 to order at 3:11 p.m.

**Present:** Commissioner Irene Fernando, Commissioner Angela Conley, Commissioner Heather Edelson, Commissioner Debbie Goettel and Commissioner Jeff Lunde

**Absent:** Commissioner Marion Greene and Commissioner Kevin Anderson

#### 1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. June 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes

#### APPROVE

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to approve the Minutes.**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Anderson

#### 2. New Business

##### Routine Items

2.A. [25-0247](#)

Authorization to request a variance from MN Dept of Transportation standard for State Aid Operations related to CSAH 153 (Lowry Ave) Reconstruction (project 2140800, state projects 027-753-021 and 141-020-145)

#### CONSENT

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

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Anderson

2.B. [25-0249](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt PR00005401 with Padilla to continue work on broad food waste prevention campaign, ext end date to 12/31/26, incr NTE by \$395,000 for a new total NTE of \$995,000

**CONSENT**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Resolution.**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Anderson

2.C. [25-0250](#)

Agmt PR00007167 with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for environmental education services, 07/08/25-12/31/27, NTE \$90,000

**CONSENT**

**Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Resolution.**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Anderson

2.D. [25-0246](#)

Agmt PW 18-40-25 with MnDOT to accept LBRP grant funds for Bridge No. 4510 replacement along Vernon Avenue over Canadian Pacific Railroad in Edina (project 2176600); adjust revenues; (county recv \$1,102,517.06)

**CONSENT**

**Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to approve the Resolution.**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Anderson

2.E. [25-0248](#)

Agmt PW 33-40-25 with MnDOT to accept LBRP grant funds for Bridge No. 90475 replacement along France Avenue over Nine Mile Creek in Bloomington (project 2200900); adjust revenue; (county recv \$357,711.58)

**CONSENT**

**Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to approve the Resolution.**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Anderson

2.F. [25-0252](#)

Neg Agmt PW 26-17-25 with Plymouth and Three Rivers Park District for CSAH 73, total county cost \$1,060,000 (project 2850700: \$1,000,000 Transportation Advancement Account - Active Transportation, project 1006393: \$60,000 County Bonds); increase capital project 2850700 budget by \$25,000

**CONSENT**

**Commissioner Angela Conley moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to approve the Resolution.**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Anderson

2.G. [25-0251](#)

Various agreements for CSAH 82 (Mill Street), Project 2182300; increase capital budget by \$1,880,000 (est county cost \$1,000,000 - Active Transportation funds, \$855,000 - State Aid Regular, and \$450,000 - State Aid Municipal; est rcv \$381,000)

**CONSENT**

**Commissioner Angela Conley moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to approve the Resolution.**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Anderson

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee for Tuesday, June 24, 2025 was declared adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Sheri Selton  
Deputy Clerk to the County Board

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

300 South Sixth Street  
Minneapolis, MN  
55487-0240

### Board Action Request

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25-0273

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#### Item Description:

Authorization to request a variance for the Lake Harriet Parkway paving project (CP 2240800), State Aid Project 027-600-012, no county cost

#### Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Engineer is hereby authorized to submit a formal variance request through the State Park Road Account, from the Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid Operations Rules Chapter 8820.9946, to permit one lane one-way roads and reduced road width on Lake Harriet Parkway from Roseway Road to 42nd Street W, for the Lake Harriet Parkway Paving Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the variance by the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners hereby indemnifies, saves and hold harmless the State of Minnesota and its agents and employees of and from claims, demands, actions, or causes of action arising out of or by reason of the reconditioning of Lake Harriet Parkway from Roseway Road to 42nd Street W. in accordance with Minnesota Rules 8820.9946 and further agrees to defend at their sole cost and expense any action or proceeding commenced for the purpose of asserting any claim arising as a result of granting this variance.

#### Background:

The City of Minneapolis, in coordination with Hennepin County and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, is preparing plans to repave Lake Harriet Parkway from Roseway Road to 42nd Street W, which is owned by the Park Board and operated by the city. Concurring with the State Park Road Account funding and design criteria, Lake Harriet Parkway is subject to State Aid rules which require two lanes for one-way roads and a minimum width of 21 feet for one lane roads with no parking and 29 feet for one lane roads with parking. The existing design of Lake Harriet Parkway is one lane, one-way with parking on one side, The city and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board would like to maintain this current road design and width for multi-modal safety and operations.

Hennepin County is required to request the variance since the county is the fiscal sponsor on behalf of the City of Minneapolis. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources awarded funding to the city through the State Park Road Account Program, which is affiliated with the County State Aid Highway fund.

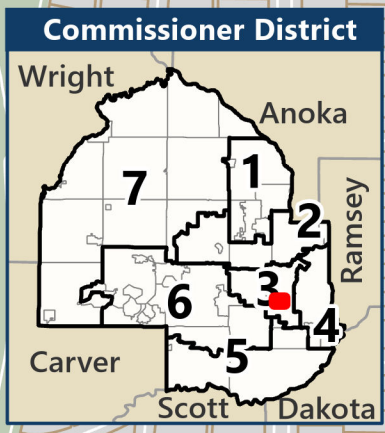
**Current Request:** This request seeks authorization to request a variance from Minnesota Administrative Rules 8820.9946 to allow one lane one-way roads and reduced road width of Lake Harriet Parkway between Roseway Road and 42nd Street W.

**Impacts/Outcomes:** This action supports the efforts of our partner agencies by improving accessibility, mobility, and safety for multimodal transportation users

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

# CP 2240800

Lake Harriet Parkway (MPRB) Rehabilitation from 42nd Street W to Roseway Road in Minneapolis



BAR map date:  
5/1/2025



# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

300 South Sixth Street  
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### Board Action Request

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**25-0274**

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**Item Description:**

Agmt PR00007213 with the Hennepin Recycling Group for an organics drop-off grant, 08/01/25-08/01/27, NTE \$15,000

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement PR00007213 with the Hennepin Recycling Group for an organics drop-off grant during the period of August 1, 2025, through August 1, 2027, with a not to exceed amount of \$15,000; 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:**

Waste sort studies continue to show that organic materials comprise about 30% of the trash-the largest proportion of any material. Separating organics from the trash also helps to further progress toward achieving zero waste. Minnesota State Statutes §115A.551 requires metro counties achieve a 75% recycling rate by 2030, and the county's Zero Waste Plan aims to achieve 90% or more. The county's Climate Action Plan also identifies diverting organic material from the trash as an important strategy to reduce emissions.

Recovering organics from the trash is a better use of resources, turning organic materials into compost for healthier soil. Organic material in landfills produces methane, which is 28 times more potent than carbon dioxide in terms of trapping solar radiation and worsening climate change. An estimated 58% of the methane that escapes from municipal solid waste landfills is from food waste.

Organics drop-off sites fill a service gap for people who do not have access to city curbside organics recycling programs. For people who live in multifamily buildings, organics drop-off sites may be the most accessible option for recycling organic waste. Grants are available to cities, businesses, non-profit organizations, and multifamily properties to cover the initial costs of setting up and hosting public organics drop-off sites in the county.

The county released a request for proposals in early 2025. The county received one proposal, a \$15,000 request from the Hennepin Recycling Group, a joint powers organization consisting of the cities of Brooklyn Center, Crystal, and New Hope, to establish one new organics drop-off site.

The City of Brooklyn Center does not currently have organics service for people who live in multifamily buildings. The proposed location of the organics drop-off is adjacent to the city's most-used park: Centennial Park. The site is also adjacent to The Crest Apartments which has 122 units of affordable housing. Additionally, the city is working on the redevelopment of the properties on the east side of Shingle Creek Parkway. The Opportunity Site is proposed to have 7,795 housing units added in the coming years and is within a few blocks of the proposed organics drop off. The central location of the proposed site will be easily accessible to people who live in multifamily buildings.

Board approval is requested because the county has contracts with the Hennepin Recycling Group where

expenditures exceed \$100,000 during the previous 365 days.

**Current Request:** This request seeks authorization for the County Administrator to negotiate Agreement PR00007213 with the Hennepin Recycling Group for an organics drop-off grant, during the period of August 1, 2025, through August 1, 2027, with an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

**Impact/Outcomes:** These funds will establish one new organics drop-off site in the county and increase access to organics recycling, especially for people who live in multifamily buildings not served by city programs. This drop-off site will increase service to almost 8,000 households who live in multifamily buildings.

Diverting organic material from the trash is a foundational strategy for the county's Climate Action and Zero Waste plans. Increasing access to organics recycling supports these goals.

Organics drop-off grants also support the county's disparity reduction efforts by increasing access to organics recycling for people who live in multifamily housing units that do not have curbside service or are in designated environmental justice areas.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

300 South Sixth Street  
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### Board Action Request

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**25-0275**

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**Item Description:**

Execute Contract No. CM00001439 with Millerbernd Manufacturing Co. to purchase traffic signal poles for maintenance replacements, est county cost \$2,000,000 (Fund 10)

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to execute Contract No. CM00001439 with Millerbernd Manufacturing Company to purchase mast arm signal poles with anchor bolts for maintenance replacements during the period August 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's office, 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 needs a means to purchase traffic signal poles to replace existing poles as maintenance needs dictate. Currently, Public Works has minimal stock of mast arm signal poles. Staff engaged Millerbernd Manufacturing Company, who is the sole source signal steel supplier in Minnesota, to purchase these materials.

Staff is seeking the county board's authorization to enter into a contract with Millerbernd Manufacturing Company to procure traffic signal poles for maintenance replacements, because the total purchase price exceeds the annual allowable limits of \$250,000 for a sole source supplier.

Funding for the purchase of signal equipment is available in Public Works Fund 10.

**Current Request:** This request seeks authorization to execute Contract No. CM00001439 with Millerbernd Manufacturing Company to purchase signal equipment during the period August 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000.

**Impact/Outcomes:** These installations 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

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

300 South Sixth Street  
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### Board Action Request

25-0276

#### Item Description:

Agmt PW 34-40-25 with MnDOT to accept LBRP grant funds for Bridge No. 91131 replacement along CSAH 10 over Twin Lake Creek in Crystal and Brooklyn Center (CP 2200800); adjust budget; (county recv \$82,680)

#### WHEREAS:

WHEREAS, Hennepin County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a Local Bridge Replacement Program grant from the Minnesota state transportation fund for the replacement of Bridge Number 91131; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available through Local Bridge Replacement Program; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the Local Bridge Replacement Program grant is \$82,680.00.

#### Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to execute Agreement PW 34-40-25 (MnDOT grant agreement number 1059942) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to accept Local Bridge Replacement Program grant funds for the replacement of Bridge Number 91131 (Capital Project 2200800, State Project 027-610-034), in the amount of \$82,680.00; that upon review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the County Board be authorized to sign the agreement and amendments on behalf of the county; and the Controller be authorized to accept the funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Hennepin County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate and will return to the Minnesota state transportation fund any amount appropriated for the project but not required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that revenues for Capital Project 2200800 be adjusted to add \$82,680.00 in State Highway Grants and decrease State Aid Regular by the same amount, with no change to the total project budget of \$2,085,000; and

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

#### Background:

Hennepin County, in coordination with the cities of Crystal and Brooklyn Center, is leading a project to improve County State Aid Highway 10 (Bass Lake Road) over Twin Lake Creek. A grant of \$82,680 has been awarded for this bridge replacement project, which is scheduled to begin construction this year.

**Current Request:** This request seeks authorization of the following for CP 2200800:

- Execute Agreement PW 34-40-25 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, accepting \$82,680

in Local Bridge Replacement Program grant funds.

- Adjust project revenues by adding \$82,680 in State Highway Grants and decreasing State Aid Regular by the same amount.

**Impacts/Outcomes:** This action supports the county's Mobility 2040 goals, climate action, and disparity reduction efforts by preserving and modernizing our transportation system and improving accessibility, mobility, and safety for all people using this bridge.

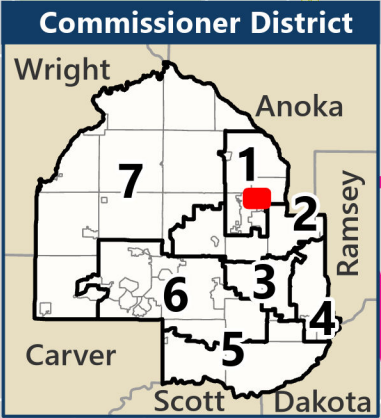
Budget Table: Project 2200800 - CSAH 10 Bridge #91131 Twin Lake Creek

| Revenue                    | Budget to Date        | Current Request      | Future CIP Requests | Total                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Federal                    | \$1,040,000.00        |                      |                     | \$1,040,000.00        |
| Mn/DOT State Aid – Regular | \$835,000.00          | <b>\$(82,680.00)</b> | -                   | \$752,320.00          |
| State Highway Grants       | \$0.00                | <b>\$82,680.00</b>   | -                   | \$82,680.00           |
| City of Brooklyn Center    | \$105,000.00          | -                    | -                   | \$105,000.00          |
| City of Crystal            | \$105,000.00          |                      |                     | \$105,000.00          |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$2,085,000.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>        | <b>-</b>            | <b>\$2,085,000.00</b> |
| Expense                    | Budget to Date        | Current Request      | Future CIP Requests | Total                 |
| Right of Way               | \$140,000.00          | -                    | -                   | \$140,000.00          |
| Construction               | \$1,230,000.00        | -                    | -                   | \$1,230,000.00        |
| Consulting                 | \$280,000.00          | -                    | -                   | \$280,000.00          |
| Contingency                | \$435,000.00          | -                    | -                   | \$435,000.00          |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$2,085,000.00</b> | <b>-</b>             | <b>-</b>            | <b>\$2,085,000.00</b> |

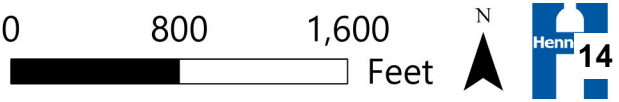
**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

# CP 2200800

Bass Lake Rd (CSAH 10) Bridge #91131 Replacement in the cities of Crystal and Brooklyn Center



BAR map date:  
5/16/2025



# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

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### Board Action Request

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**25-0277**

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#### **Item Description:**

Neg Amd 1 to PW 05-44-25 with Three Rivers Park District for CSAH 66 multimodal safety improvements, CP 2211000, incr county NTE to \$1,048,000 (\$30,000 Property Tax, \$880,000 Transportation Advancement Account - Active Transportation, and \$138,000 Transportation Operations)

#### **Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Amendment 1 to Agreement PW 05-44-25 with Three Rivers Park District for cost participation related to the Three Rivers Park District Bassett Creek Regional Trail project; County Project 2211000 and subproject 2211005; increasing the county's cost by \$138,000 for a new amount not to exceed \$1,048,000 to be financed with \$30,000 in Property Tax, \$880,000 in Transportation Advancement Account - Active Transportation and \$138,000 from Transportation Operations; 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 the funds as directed.

#### **Background:**

The Bassett Creek Regional Trail will provide a connection between French Regional Park in Plymouth and Theodore Wirth Regional Park in Golden Valley. Three Rivers Park District, in coordination with the City of Golden Valley and the county, is leading a project to construct a multi-use trail to make this connection along CSAH 66 (Golden Valley Road) between CSAH 102 (Douglas Drive) and Theodore Wirth Parkway. The project team has been engaging with the community to share the design and gather feedback prior to constructing the improvements later this year.

The county previously entered into Agreement PW 05-44-25 with Three Rivers Park District for the project (Resolution 25-0102). The proposed amendment will increase the county's not to exceed amount by \$138,000 for pavement preservation work along Golden Valley Road. Funding for these improvements is available in County Project 2211000 - CSAH 66 Trail and Multimodal Safety Improvements, with expenses tracked in Subproject 2211005 - Bassett Creek Regional Trail Mill and Overlay.

#### **Current Request:**

This request seeks authorization to negotiate Amendment 1 to PW 05-44-25 with Three Rivers Park District for the Bassett Creek Regional Trail Project (County Project 2211000 and Subproject 2211005) increasing the county's cost by \$138,000 for a new amount not to exceed \$1,048,000.

#### **Impacts/Outcomes:**

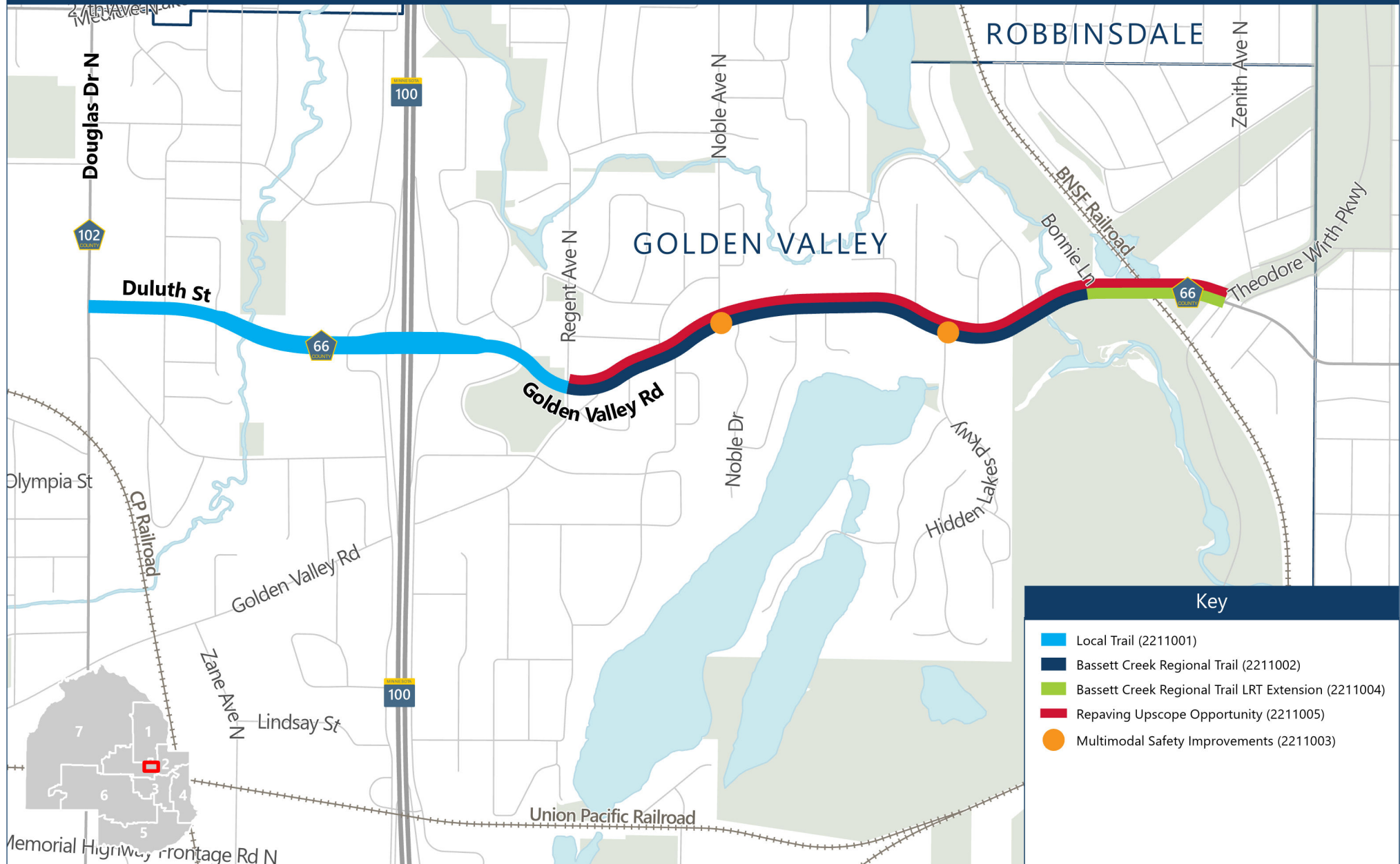
These improvements will support the county's Mobility 2040 goals, climate action and disparity reduction efforts by improving accessibility and enhancing safety for people walking, biking, and rolling.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval



# CP 2211000

Golden Valley Road/Duluth St (CSAH 66) Multimodal Safety Project in the City of Golden Valley



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### Board Action Request

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**25-0278**

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**Item Description:**

Agmt PW 36-40-25 with MnDOT to accept federal force account funds for county-supplied signal equipment for CSAH 66 multimodal safety improvements (project 2211003, a subproject of 2211000); (county recv \$1,737,000)

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to execute Agreement PW 36-40-25 (State Agreement No.1059996) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to act as the county's agent, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §161.36, in accepting federal funds on its behalf for the county-supplied signal equipment along County State Aid Highway 66 (Golden Valley Road), County Project 2211003, a subproject of 2211000, in the amount of \$1,737,000; that upon review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement and amendments on behalf of the county; and the Controller be authorized to accept the funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chair of the County Board is hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of Hennepin County to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in Minnesota Department of Transportation Contract Number 1059996.

**Background:**

The Bassett Creek Regional Trail will provide a connection between French Regional Park in Plymouth and Theodore Wirth Regional Park in Golden Valley. Three Rivers Park District, in coordination with the City of Golden Valley and the county, is leading a project to construct a multi-use trail to make this connection along CSAH 66 (Golden Valley Road) between CSAH 102 (Douglas Drive) and Theodore Wirth Parkway. Hennepin County and Three Rivers Park District collaborated to include the county's Highway Safety Improvement Program project on Golden Valley Road at the Noble Avenue and Hidden Lakes Parkway intersections as part of Three Rivers Park District Bassett Creek Regional Trail project. County-supplied signal equipment will be installed at these two intersections.

The Federal Highway Administration allows state agencies to receive federal funds for transportation infrastructure improvements by local agencies. The county needs to execute an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to act as the county's fiscal agent in accepting federal funds for this project.

**Current Request:** This request seeks authorization to execute Agreement PW 36-40-25 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to act as the county's agent in accepting federal funds for county-supplied signal equipment along County State Aid Highway 66 (project 2211003), with a receivable amount of \$1,737,000 in federal force account funds.

**Impacts/Outcomes:** Approval of this request will allow the county to sponsor our partner agencies to receive federal funding for improving accessibility, mobility, and safety for multimodal transportation users.

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**25-0278**

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**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

# CP 2211000

Golden Valley Road/Duluth St (CSAH 66) Multimodal Safety Project in the City of Golden Valley



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### Board Action Request

25-0279

#### Item Description:

Neg various grant agmts for Good Steward grant natural resource projects, total combined NTE \$61,442

#### Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate the following grant agreements to provide funding for Good Steward grant natural resources projects during a two-year period beginning on the date of execution:

- PR00007566 with City of Bloomington, with the amount not to exceed \$11,502;
  - PR00007564 with City of Eden Prairie, with the amount not to exceed \$24,940;
  - PR00007562 with Somali Community Resettlement Service, with the amount not to exceed \$25,000;
- 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 the County Administrator be authorized to approve one 12-month extension of the agreements; 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 \$2.5 million across the county, leveraging over \$14 million in other contributions from applicants and their partners.

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

County staff promoted the grant programs through email lists, social media posts, and updates in Environment & Energy's e-newsletter, Green Notes. A panel comprised of staff from the Environment and Energy Department and three external partners reviewed 35 applications and are recommending 13 projects for Good Steward grant funding.

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

- PR00007566 with the City of Bloomington in the amount of \$11,502 - The project will make improvements to the native buffer adjacent to an existing pond within Smith Park and provide multiple education and outreach opportunities within an area of concern for environmental justice.

- PR00007564 with the City of Eden Prairie in the amount of \$24,940 - The project will restore a 3-acre area within the Birch Island Woods Conservation Area by removing invasive plants and replacing them with native plant species which will improve wetland ecosystems supporting mammals, birds, and pollinators.
- PR00007562 with Somali Community Resettlement Service (Minneapolis) in the amount of \$25,000 - The project converts one-quarter of the existing lawn into native prairie gardens that support pollinators within a no-mow education garden. Site improvement will occur with assistance from youth in the county's Be@School program as well as young adults in the Outdoor Diversity Initiative Conservation Career training program.

In addition to the agreements approved by county board, the following 10 Good Steward grants will be approved through administrative process:

- Bloomington Neighbors Nurturing Nature in the amount of \$20,422 - Partnering with Olson Elementary and Middle Schools to restore a degraded 2.5-acre freshwater wetland pond and oak savanna woods on the school's campus.
- Bloomington Schools (ISD 271) for the Kennedy High School Courtyard Project in the amount of \$25,000 - transform an 8,500 square foot entrance courtyard with native plants within an environmental education space.
- Preserve Association (Eden Prairie) in the amount of \$25,000 - The project improves shoreline habitat on Neill Lake through restoration of an existing 6,500 square foot berm and shoreline that separates Neill Lake from Neill Lake Marsh.
- Tyler Pieper, Edgewater Park (Mound) in the amount of \$5,250 - With support from the City of Mound, the project will add deep-rooted native plants that support pollinators, increase carbon sequestration, improve water quality, and reduce stormwater runoff to a portion of a city-owned park that will be maintained by residents.
- Unitarian Church of Minnetonka in the amount of \$25,000 - The project will restore 1.1 acres of woodland, replace invasive plants with native plants, and convert 0.5 acre of turf grass into raingardens that will capture stormwater runoff with native plants that support pollinator habitat.
- Paul and Nina Kleinschmidt (Bloomington) in the amount of \$7,500 - The Kleinschmidt's, along with two other adjoining neighboring properties, will eradicate invasive plants and restore woods on 2.5 acres of hillsides that are adjacent to Bush Lake and Walton Pond.
- Waters Edge Homeowners Association (Minnetonka) in the amount of \$20,000 - The project will restore 22,000 square feet of shoreline on Shady Oak Lake that has become infested with invasive weeds.
- Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (Minneapolis) in the amount of \$25,000 - The project will construct a regional stormwater treatment system in conjunction with the redevelopment of the Upper Harbor Terminal site and will reuse stormwater runoff to supply water to two above ground streams that reduce sediments and nutrients entering the Mississippi River.
- Paul and Elizabeth Erdmann (Bloomington) in the amount of \$6,966 - The Erdmann's will convert 4,000 square feet of conventional lawn to native garden with a swale to provide benefits for water quality, pollinators, and wildlife and restore the understory of a degraded oak savanna woods.
- Harrisons Bay Association (Mound) in the amount of \$8,395 - The association will continue improving the shoreline of Lake Minnetonka's Harrisons Bay through erosion prevention and native plantings of a raingarden at Cardinal Lane. The association was awarded a \$25,000 grant in 2023 (Resolution 23-0124) to partially fund three different stormwater management practices, including one on Cardinal Lane. The current grant request provides funding to complete project installation.

**Current Request:** This request is to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate three agreements to provide funding for Good Steward grant natural resource projects, during periods of two years with an option to extend the agreements by 12 months, with the following organizations:

- PR00007566 with City of Bloomington, with the amount not to exceed \$11,502
- PR00007564 with City of Eden Prairie, with the amount not to exceed \$24,940
- PR00007562 with Somali Community Resettlement Service, with the amount not to exceed \$25,000

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.

These agreements are funded by energy sales revenues received in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

**Impact/Outcomes:** The Good Steward grants will provide funds to protect water quality, enhance natural resources, and mitigate and adapt to climate change countywide.

This action supports the county's disparity reduction efforts by advancing equity in environmental quality. Four of the 13 projects are in areas of concern for environmental justice. 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

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

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### Board Action Request

25-0280

#### Item Description:

Neg 12 Healthy Tree Canopy grant agmts, 08/01/25-07/31/26, grant total NTE \$332,731

#### Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate the following 12 Healthy Tree Canopy grant agreements, during the period of August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026, with the grand total amount not to exceed (NTE) \$332,731:

- Agreement PR00007438 with the City of Brooklyn Center, NTE \$25,912
- Agreement PR00007434 with the City of Brooklyn Park, NTE \$50,000
- Agreement PR00007439 with the City of Champlin, NTE \$22,942
- Agreement PR00007437 with the City of Crystal, NTE \$50,000
- Agreement PR00007440 with the City of Eden Prairie, NTE \$37,933
- Agreement PR00007435 with the City of Golden Valley, NTE \$32,240
- Agreement PR00007432 with the City of Plymouth, NTE \$43,704
- Agreement PR00007431 with Aeon, NTE \$20,000
- Agreement PR00007430 with Aeon, NTE \$20,000
- Agreement PR00007467 with Tree Trust, NTE \$10,000
- Agreement PR00007466 with the Young Men's Christian Association, NTE \$10,000
- Agreement PR00007445 with Special School District Number 1, NTE \$10,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon 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 August 1, 2025 be eligible for reimbursement upon the execution of the agreements; that the County Administrator be authorized to approve one 12-month extension for each agreement; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

#### Background:

In 2019, the board established the Healthy Tree Canopy Grants program to provide funding to cities, affordable housing providers, schools, and non-profits to enhance the county's tree canopy in a total not to exceed amount of \$500,000 per calendar year (Resolution 19-0185). The goals of the grants are to combat threats to trees from invasive insects and diseases; promote the development of a more diverse, resilient, and equitable tree canopy; and support efforts to educate the public on tree care and the importance of trees. To date, the county has awarded 158 grants totaling \$2.45 million to improve the tree canopy.

The tree canopy is an integral part of Hennepin County's green infrastructure and is an important asset in our response to climate change. The tree canopy faces multiple threats, including development, insects and disease, climate extremes, and poor installation and maintenance. The Climate Action Plan includes a goal to plant one million trees by 2030 through partnerships.

To better understand disparities in the tree canopy, staff completed a countywide data analysis that identified a

correlation between tree canopy deficient areas and areas of disparities in air quality, health, income, and housing to develop a Tree Planting Prioritization Map (see Attachment 1). Planting trees in high priority areas of the county makes the tree canopy more equitable and help reduce environmental, health, and economic disparities. Without proactive efforts to improve the tree canopy, the loss of trees from Emerald Ash borer will exacerbate these disparities and health risks.

The county solicited proposals in February 2025 and conducted outreach to potential grant applicants during the request for proposal process. Staff led direct outreach efforts to affordable housing providers, schools, non-profits, and cities.

A committee of representatives from Hennepin County and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources evaluated 27 applications and recommended 26 of the projects for funding.

Board approval for the following 12 agreements is required because the county has agreements with these organizations that exceed \$100,000. The healthy tree canopy grants are summarized below.

#### Cities

- Brooklyn Center - \$25,912 to remove 12 ash trees and plant 40 trees
- Brooklyn Park - \$50,000 to update public tree inventory, remove and replace 35 ash trees, and a reforestation project
- Champlin - \$22,942 to remove ash trees and plant 40 trees
- Crystal - \$50,000 to conduct disease tree removal and replacements on public property across the five neighborhoods of Becker, Lions Park, Broadway, Skyway, and Twin Oaks
- Eden Prairie - \$37,933 to conduct oak wilt management, which includes removing and replacing infected trees, at Staring Lake Park
- Golden Valley - \$32,240 to remove up to 30 ash trees and plant 70 trees at Pennsylvania Woods Nature Center
- Plymouth - \$43,704 to update the public tree inventory using a smart tree inventory

#### Affordable Housing

- Aeon - \$20,000 to remove and replace 11 ash trees at Bass Lake Crossing in New Hope
- Aeon - \$20,000 to remove and replace nine ash trees at Kings Manor in New Hope

#### Non-profits/Schools

- Tree Trust - \$10,000 to plant up to 30 trees at a school and conduct tree-related education
- Young Men's Christian Association - \$10,000 to remove and replace ash trees throughout campgrounds in Loretto
- Special School District No. 1 - \$10,000 to plant 49 trees at nine different schools across Minneapolis Schools

In addition to the agreements approved by the county board, the following 14 grants will be approved through the administrative process:

#### Cities

- Excelsior - \$33,150 to update public tree inventory and tree preservation ordinance, and conduct disease treatments
- New Hope- \$25,000 to remove ash trees and plant 50 trees

#### Non-profits/Schools



- Fraser (Richfield) - \$14,795 to remove and replace four ash trees and conduct tree-related education at two Fraser locations
- North Loop Neighborhood Association (Downtown Minneapolis) - \$7,500 to plant 300 trees restoring an area along the Mississippi Riverbank
- River Walk Estates Homeowners (Brooklyn Park) - \$10,000 to remove and replace seven ash trees
- Spark Youth (Northeast Minneapolis) - \$7,557 to plant a fruit tree orchard and conduct tree-related education at Edison High School
- The Church of St. Edward (Bloomington) - \$10,000 to remove and replace five ash trees
- Trust for Public Land (Brooklyn Center) - \$10,000 to plant 94 trees and conduct tree-related education at Brooklyn Center Elementary School
- Vibrant and Safe Downtown (Minneapolis) - \$9,600 to water newly planted street and park trees in collaboration with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
- Zintkala Luta (North Minneapolis) - \$10,000 to install a fruit tree orchard and gravel bed nursery in North Minneapolis at the Sacred Tree Garden
- Osseo Area Schools - ISD 279 - \$19,667 to remove and replace 12 ash trees at Basswood Elementary Schools and 18 ash trees at Rush Creek Elementary School
- Parnassus Preparatory School (Maple Grove) - \$10,000 to remove and replace 16 ash trees and conduct tree-related education

**Current Request:** This request seeks authorization to negotiate 12 Healthy Tree Canopy Grant agreements in 2025 during the period of August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026, with an option to extend the agreements by 12 months, for a combined total not to exceed amount of \$332,731.

This request seeks approval for grantees to incur costs after the board approval date, with reimbursements being paid upon execution of the grant agreements.

These grants are funded by energy sales revenues received in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

**Impact/Outcomes:** The healthy tree canopy grants will promote a more diverse, resilient, and equitable tree canopy and help mitigate the impacts of climate change. These projects improve livability and reduce disparities by planting trees in neighborhoods throughout the county experiencing disproportionate amounts of economic, environmental, and health inequities. Twenty-three of 26 projects will fund canopy improvements in medium and high priority tree planting areas. The grants also build capacity within cities to advance community forestry and climate action goals.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

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