



# 2024 Board Priorities – Third Quarter Update

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## 1a) Solid Waste Management Plan

Responsible Division(s): Physical Development Division (PDD)

Background Information:

### **Purpose**

*Update the County's Solid Waste Management Plan using county staff and contracted resources to conduct stakeholder engagement and develop the 2024-2044 Dakota County Solid Waste Plan as required by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).*

### **Goals**

*Revise the Dakota County Solid Waste Plan which provides strategic direction for County solid waste programming to meet statutory requirements.*

Quarterly Milestones:

Q1: Develop draft strategies based on MPCA's final Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan.

Q2: Engage stakeholders and community partners on draft strategies.

**Q3: Refine plan strategies and development of draft plan and seek County Board authorization for public comment on the draft plan.**

Q4: Refine the draft plan based on public comments and seek County Board authorization for approval and submittal to the MPCA.

Action or Monitoring Designation: Action

Resource Requirements:

Stakeholder engagement contractor, Office of Planning, Environmental Resources, Communications Office

List of Partners:

MPCA, cities/townships, schools, businesses, waste haulers and facilities, community groups, residents, non-profits, Dakota County Planning Commission, County Board

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## Q3 Narrative

Dakota County is required to submit a revised solid waste management plan to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) by October 30, 2024, to implement the MPCA's revised Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan (Policy Plan).

Staff conducted a public comment period from August 1-21, 2024 on the county's draft 2024-2044 Solid Waste Management Plan (2024-2044 Management Plan). Residents, businesses, schools, and waste industry representatives were invited to comment online or in-person. The comment period was promoted through a variety of methods including a press release, county website, e-newsletters, direct emails to stakeholders and social media.

## Q3 Partner Update

On July 23, staff presented to the Physical Development Committee of the Whole (PDC) to request the draft 2024-2044 Management Plan be released for public comment. Twenty-two individuals representing the viewpoints of residents, municipalities, schools, and waste industry submitted written comments. All public comments were considered, and staff presented recommended plan revisions to the County Planning Commission on September 26, 2024. The Planning Commission recommended the County Board submit the revised 2024-2044 Management Plan to the MPCA for agency review and approval. Staff will present the revised draft plan to the PDC on October 22, 2024, with a recommendation to submit it to the MPCA for review and approval.



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## 1b) Park System Plan +

Responsible Division(s): PDD

Background Information:

### **Purpose**

*Update the 2030 Park System Plan goals and vision (adopted in 2008, term 10 years) to a 2050 Vision Plan for Parks, Greenways and Natural Systems to set the policy foundation for parks, greenways, land protection, visitor services, natural resource restoration, and cultural landscape preservation in Dakota County for the coming years.*

### **Goals**

*Adopt a 2050 Vision Plan for Parks, Greenways, and Natural Systems in 2024.  
Providing guidance for updating the Visitor Services Plan and the Natural Resource Management System Plan (parks operational plans) in 2025.*

Quarterly Milestones

Q1: Project scoping, release RFP for consultant, begin vision discussions with the Physical Development Committee.

Q2: Execute consultant contract, continue vision discussions with the Physical Development Committee.

**Q3: Prepare and present draft to Physical Development Committee.**

Q4: Adopt 2050 Vision Plan for Parks, Greenways and Natural Systems.

Action or Monitoring Designation: Action

Resource Requirements:

Planning consultant. Contracts with cultural liaisons for community engagement.

List of Partners:

None.

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## **Q3 Narrative:**

**Community engagement phase is now complete. During this phase, the project team assessed the current system and progress since the 2030 Park System Plan was adopted in 2008, analyzed demographic, societal, natural resource, and recreational trends, and sought input from the County Board and community. Over the summer and fall, more than 500 people provided input at 25 events (pop-up and focus group meetings) and over 400 people participated in the online questionnaire.**



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## 1c) Library Strategic Plan

Responsible Division(s): Public Services and Revenue (PS&R)

Background Information:

### **Purpose**

*This plan will help the library set direction and goals for the next three years. During the development of this plan, the library will work to connect with underserved communities.*

### **Goals**

*To develop a three-year plan which will establish the goals and strategies for the library.*

Quarterly Milestones:

**Q2: Update board prior to starting community engagement.**

**Q4: Bring completed plan to board.**

Action or Monitoring Designation: Action

Resource Requirements:

Library staff time. Consultant costs are being paid for with Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) funding.

List of Partners:

Terra Luna Consultants. Community partners to be determined.

### **Status**

**Q3 Narrative:**

**The library has completed the community engagement portion of the strategic planning process and has begun reviewing the feedback and input from the survey and community conversation. The Strategic Planning Team will develop goal and strategies during the 4th quarter.**

**The Board of Commissioners was updated on the status of the work during this quarter.**

**The library is still on track to complete the plan in 2024 and begin using it in 2025.**



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## 1d) Future Dakota 911 Role and Funding

Responsible Division(s): County Admin

Background Information:

### **Purpose**

*Develop and adopt Board policy on the County's future financial responsibility for Dakota911, in collaboration with other JPA members, and incorporate into the 2025 budget and levy.*

### **Goals**

*Define the County financial relationship and responsibility for Dakota911 for the 2025 and future budget years.*

Quarterly Milestones:

Q1: Establish working group of County and City representatives to develop recommendations for 2025 and future member contribution levels.

Q2: Working group develops recommendations on future member contributions.

**Q3: County Board develops position on County funding for Dakota911.**

Q4: County Board adopts 2025 Dakota911 funding as part of the 2025 County budget and levy.

Action or Monitoring Designation: Action

Resource Requirements:

Staff and commissioner(s) time to participate in discussions with other JPA members, and to evaluate alternatives.

List of Partners:

Dakota911 JPA members, Dakota911 staff, Dakota911 Fiscal Agent (Lakeville)

 **Status**



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## **Q3 Narrative:**

**The County Board received an update on the status and work completed over the past few years about operational efficiencies at Dakota 911. The Dakota 911 Executive Director provided detailed information on changes made to address issues that were brought up in the two studies completed in this area. The County Board discussed the current approach to funding contributions used by the county. The board felt they have achieved the requirements of the updated joint powers agreement to review future funding levels. The County Board asked that this issue be included in a review of funding approaches in several joint city/county joint ventures.**





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## 2a) Develop a Strategy for the Allocation of State Housing Funds +

Responsible Division(s): Community Services Division (CSD), Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA)

Background Information:

### **Purpose**

*Dakota County will receive significant funding over the next several years in the form of new State and Local Affordable Housing Aid (AHA). These resources present a unique opportunity to address immediate needs and gaps across the housing continuum and invest in long-term solutions that reduce future instances of housing instability or homelessness for Dakota County residents.*

### **Goals**

*Develop a 5-year plan for allocating affordable housing aid in alignment with Dakota County's refreshed Housing Business Plan.*

Quarterly Milestones

Q1: Hold Board Workshop to discuss gaps and opportunities across the housing continuum, including staff recommendations for use of affordable housing aid.

Q2: Refine recommendations and present 5-year plan for Board consideration and decision-making.

**Q3: Present plan for Board consideration and decision-making.**

Q4: TBD, pending Board feedback and decision-making.

Action or Monitoring Designation: Action

Resource Requirements:

Staff time (CS/CDA) to research needs and develop specific recommendations. State and local affordable housing aid.

List of Partners:

Internal: Community Services, Physical Development, County Attorney's Office, Communications, Budget, etc.

External: Community Development Agency, cities, community partners, faith leaders, people experiencing homelessness, etc.

 **Status**



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## **Q3 Narrative:**

**Presented a comprehensive plan for Affordable Housing Aid spending at August CSC to fund activities in the Housing Business Plan, including additional activities allowable per the legislative changes. This plan was created in partnership with the CDA and is the staff recommended plan. This plan is included in the 2025 proposed county budget.**

## **Q3 Partner Update:**

**Partnering with the CDA to present data and options to the board.**



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## 2b) Refine Housing Business Plan

Responsible Division(s): CSD & PDD

Background

### **Purpose**

*Dakota County developed a Housing Business Plan to help coordinate housing programs between the County and CDA. The plan needs to be refreshed to reflect current and future housing needs for Dakota County.*

### **Goal**

*Update Dakota County's Housing Business Plan to include strategic goals, projects, and investments planned between 2024 - 2028, including in the areas of:*

- *Homelessness prevention*
- *Emergency shelter development*
- *Affordable housing and housing stability services*

Quarterly Milestones:

**Q1:**

**Housing Business Plan (overall):**

Hold Board Workshop to discuss gaps and opportunities across the housing continuum, including staff recommendations for new and continued investments.

**Shelter:**

Begin engaging cities and the public related to shelter development.

**Q2:**

**Housing Business Plan (overall):**

Refine recommendations and present 5-year plan for Board consideration and decision-making.

**Shelter:**

Continue public engagement process, including solidifying plans for a committee to review and prioritize potential shelter sites.

**Q3:**

**Housing Business Plan (overall):**

**Present plan for board feedback and decision-making.**

**Shelter:**

**Committee to begin meeting to review potential sites.**



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Q4:

Housing Business Plan (overall):

TBD, pending Board feedback and decision-making.

Shelter:

Committee continues meeting to review potential sites (with goal to make recommendation in early to mid-2025)

Action or Monitoring Designation: Action

Resource Requirements: Staff time (CS/CDA) to research needs and develop specific recommendations. Federal/state/and local funding to implement housing plans.

List of Partners:

Internal: Community Services, Physical Development, County Attorney's Office, Communications, Budget, etc.

External: Community Development Agency, cities, community partners, faith leaders, law enforcement, people experiencing homelessness, etc.

## Status

**Q3 Narrative:**

**Housing Business Plan:**

**Presented a comprehensive plan for Affordable Housing Aid spending at August CSC to fund activities in the Housing Business Plan, including additional activities allowable per the legislative changes. This plan was created in partnership with the CDA and is the staff recommended plan. This plan is included in the 2025 proposed county budget.**

**Shelter:**

**Community Engagement Plan drafted. Awaiting board direction on development planning.**

**Q3 Partner Update:**

**Partnering with the CDA to present data and options to the board.**



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## 3a) Revisit current County roles and practices through an Economic Development lens

Responsible Division(s): PDD & CDA

Background

### **Purpose**

*To ensure that county policies support economic development and growth whenever feasible.*

### **Goal**

*Updates to current county policies and development of additional policies to address foreseeable issues related to Economic Development.*

Quarterly Milestones:

Q1: Gather data related to other County Costs Share Policies.

Q2: Compare and analyze cost share policies with other Metro Counties and identify potential changes for County Board consideration.

**Q3: Discuss at the Economic Development County Board Strategic Planning Session.**

Q4: Revise Policies as directed by the County Board.

Action or Monitoring Designation: Action

Resource Requirements: Staff time, local government feedback.

List of Partners: CDA, cities and townships

### **Status**

**Q3 Narrative:**

**Staff received direction at the July 24 County Board Workshop with the CDA: set parameters of summit with cities/chambers (schedule for after election); review County Transportation Policy; continue the conversation on Transit; and research economic development best practices from across the country.**



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## 3b) Explore Opportunities for Collaborating with Potential Partners on Strategic Infrastructure and Land Development

Responsible Division(s): PDD/CDA

Background Information:

### **Purpose**

*Ensure that infrastructure investments (roads, trails, communications, housing, brownfield cleanup, etc.) are coordinated with other local governments and potential partners.*

### **Goals**

*Review and update county policies and practices, as deemed appropriate by the County Board, related to the County's role in infrastructure and land development.*

Quarterly Milestones:

Q1: Identify Existing County Policies and Practices related to Infrastructure and Land Development for possible review and update and obtain and review similar policies and practices from other organizations.

Q2: Continue work on milestones identified in Q1.

**Q3: Discuss County Infrastructure and Land Development Policies and Practices with the County Board at the Economic Development Strategic Priorities Workshop to obtain direction.**

Q4: Work with partners to revise policies and practices, where applicable, based on County Board direction.

Action or Monitoring Designation: Action

Resource Requirements: Staff time. County Board direction.

List of Partners: CDA and local government

### **Status**

**Q3 Narrative:**

**Staff received direction at the July 24 County Board Workshop with the CDA: develop measurables for Greater MSP, review Transportation Policy, and review the County's role in non-disclosure agreements.**



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**Q3 Partner Update:**

**Coordinating with the CDA.**



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## 4a) Determine Future Capital Finance Strategies

Responsible Division(s): Enterprise Finance and Information Services (EFIS)

Background Information:

### Purpose

*The recent practice of paying cash for the County's share of capital projects is unlikely to be sustainable over the long term, without either limiting future construction, raising property taxes, or reducing other locally funded operations. Create a tool or plan for the County Board to use to help determine the direction and mix of funding for future capital projects.*

### Goals

*Develop a 5-year financial plan incorporating a comprehensive view of taxes, other revenues, and capital projects and financing. Develop a long-term capital financing strategy to align with the CIP, with appropriate use of debt where it makes sense. Develop goals and plans for long-term use of and reliance on the various County controlled revenues (levy, host fees, transportation taxes, fees/charges, etc.) versus outside (primarily state/federal) revenues, considering flexibility of use, administrative costs, and impacts on County residents.*

Quarterly Milestones:

Q1: Issue Request For Proposal for Financial Advisory Services. Execute contract with financial advisor. Begin development of Financial Management Plan (FMP).

Q2: Award contract to vendor (Ehlers). Begin work to develop financial management plan.

**Q3: Present the plan to Senior Leadership Team and County Board as a part of the 2025 budget process.**

Q4: Update the plan to coincide with the 2025 budget.

Action or Monitoring Designation: Action

Resource Requirements:

Staff and consultant time.

List of Partners

Internal: Physical Development, IT, Finance, EFIS Admin, County Board. External: Ehlers

 **Status**





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## **Q3 Narrative:**

**On August 13, 2024, Ehlers presented a draft of Dakota County's 10-year financial plan to the board. The Board provided feedback, and Ehlers is in the process of finalizing the plan. Next steps will be Ehlers handing off the financial plan to Dakota County Finance for regular updates.**



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## 4b) Implement Revisions to Budget Process and Calendar

Responsible Division(s): EFIS

Background Information:

### **Purpose**

*Provide County Board with more budget information sooner in the process to allow for their input and budget changes prior to the adoption of the maximum levy.*

### **Goal**

*Move Board budget hearings and County Manager's recommended budget from November to August.*

Quarterly Milestones:

Q1: Develop new budget schedule. Update Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and Deputies Group on new schedule. Begin 2025 Budget Kick-off meetings.

Q2: Implement new schedule with the start of the development of the 2025 draft budget.

**Q3: Conduct division budget meetings and County Board budget work sessions to prepare for preliminary tax levy approval in September 2024.**

Q4: Complete 2025 budget and tax levy process with final approval in December 2024. Solicit feedback from the County Board on the success of the process used for the 2025 budget process.

Action or Monitoring Designation: Action

Resource Requirements:

Staff time

List of Partners:

SLT, Deputies, All Department staff involved in budget development.

 **Status**

**Q3 Narrative:**

**Budget recommendations were presented at the workshops in August per the updated schedule followed by the max levy being set on September 10th.**



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## 5a) Family Resource Center Study and Next Steps

Responsible Division(s): CSD

Background Information:

### **Purpose**

*Assess community need for, and partner readiness to develop, a Family Resource Center model in Dakota County.*

### **Goals**

*Determine whether to implement a One-Stop Shop/ Family Resource Center model in Dakota County and, if so, design program and partner arrangements based on identified community needs.*

Quarterly Milestones:

Q1: Complete community assessment and future recommendations for implementation.

Q2: Pending outcome of assessment, apply for grant from Sauer Family Foundation to support implementation of Family Resource Center. Explore additional funding opportunities through the Department of Human Services or other sources.

**Q3: Pending outcome of assessment and grant, solidify partner agreements and governance for Family Resource Centers.**

Q4: Pending outcome of assessment and grant, begin implementing Family Resource Centers.

Action or Monitoring Designation: Action

Resource Requirements

Staff time from Community Services to support collaborative. Staff time from partner organizations to determine community needs and program design. Funding to reimburse partners for cost of services or coordination. Tools or technology to support service integration between service providers as part of Family Resource Center model.

List of Partners

The Improve Group (facilitating community assessment). Key partners that hosted pop-up resource events to test concept and gather data on community needs: 360 Communities, ROCC, Hastings Family Services. Roughly a dozen additional partners that provided resources or services at pop-up events.

Dakota County internal: Social Services, Employment & Economic Assistance, Public Health, Dakota County Parks, Dakota County Libraries, and others.



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## **Q3 Narrative:**

**From the Sauer Family Foundation monies, an RFP was issued for a Coordinating Agency to hire an FTE for a Program Coordinator to assist the non-profit partners to stand up Community Resource Centers in their geographic areas.**

## **Q3 Partner Update:**

**The One Stop Shop Collaborative Work Group met in July. They are currently providing partners with updates via email. Meeting with partners is on hold until RFP responses are due.**



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## 5b) Community Health Improvement Plan

Responsible Division(s): CSD

Background Information:

### **Purpose**

*The Dakota County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is an integral step in addressing public health issues identified in the Community Health Assessment (CHA). This process is a foundational strategy that is utilized by local and state public health systems nationwide. It aims to engage the community in a strategic planning process to improve the health and safety of all Dakota County residents. It also ensures that the priorities and strategies are shared by the partners in the county.*

### **Goals**

*The CHIP is a community-driven plan that includes goals, measurable objectives, and action steps for each health priority area. It is a cooperative effort among local health and partner organizations and is a call-to-action/guide for all community members and organizations to improving health in Dakota County*

### Quarterly Milestones

#### Q1:

Continue implementing current CHIP and set up infrastructure for the next CHIP.  
Determine roles and continued partnership among the Mental Health Action Team (MHAT) for the remainder of the current CHIP which goes through 2024.  
Host subcommittee meetings with partners who have indicated interest in implementing determined strategies for the remainder of the year.  
Conduct action planning for these strategies and establish a timeline for implementation.  
Share 2023 CHA priorities with County Board.  
County Board adopts priorities.  
Develop a new decentralized approach for upcoming CHIP planning.  
Establish Internal CHIP steering committee.

#### Q2:

Conduct action planning for current CHIP strategies and establish a timeline for implementation.  
Develop a new decentralized approach for upcoming CHIP planning.  
Host Kick off meeting for external CHIP steering committee.



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## **Q3:**

**Determine evaluation for current CHIP strategies.**

**Work with CHIP Internal Steering Committee to conduct stakeholder analysis and root cause analysis for new CHIP Priorities.**

## **Q4:**

**Establish timeline for next year's project.**

**Determine a community engagement plan.**

Action or Monitoring Designation: Action

Resource Requirements

Staff time and partner time.

List of Partners

NAMI MN, SAVE, Lakeville Area School District, Park Nicollet Foundation, Dakota County Technical College, DARTS, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN, Allina, MDH- Statewide Health Improvement Partnership.

## **● Status**

### **Q3 Narrative:**

**Dakota County Public Health met with the Mental Health Action Team partners to help determine capacity, interest, and commitment to the remainder of the current CHIP. Based on those conversations, subcommittee meetings were held to conduct action planning for the current CHIP strategies. Some projects are led by PH, while others are led by partners and supported by PH. Simultaneously, PH proposed a new approach for the upcoming CHIP. Due to the high number of priorities in the 2023 CHA, PH will be taking a decentralized approach and utilizing a variety of Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) 2.0 tools to determine shared root causes among the priorities to address multiple issues through coordinated efforts. An internal CHIP steering committee is currently being developed to support the development and facilitation of this new approach.**

### **Q3 Partner Update:**

**We are exploring new partnerships with Caponia Art Park and Little Moments Count, a program through HealthPartners to determine how their involvement might elevate the work of our current and future CHIP.**



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## 6) 2024 Elections

Responsible Division(s): PS&R

Background Information:

### **Purpose**

*According to guiding regulations, successfully conduct the 2024 election. Staff will continue to work on election security and training to help ensure a successful election, which will support the accuracy and integrity of election results.*

### **Goals**

*Elections are secure, accessible, and transparent.*

Quarterly Milestones:

Q1: Conduct Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP) on March 5, 2024 and March Township Elections on March 12, 2024.

Q2: Conduct statutory duties of training municipal clerks and election judges.

**Q3: Conduct State Primary Election on August 13, 2024.**

Q4: Conduct State General Election on November 5, 2024 and the subsequent Post-Election Review.

Action or Monitoring Designation: Monitoring

Resource Requirements:

Costs for the priority will be staff time and supplies associated with working on the election and related activities.

List of Partners:

Public Services and Revenue/Elections, Office of the Secretary of State, Cities, and townships  
School districts.

### **Status**

**Q3 Narrative:**

**Dakota County Elections solidified recount agreements and supplier partnerships to ensure a successful general election.**



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## **Q3 Partner Update:**

**We continue to work with the Office of the Secretary of State, Cities and townships, and School districts.**





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## 7) 2024 Legislative Priorities

Responsible Division(s): County Admin

Background Information:

### **Purpose**

*The County is pursuing several legislative priorities during the 2024 Legislative Session. This priority will include updates on the status of County priorities, reporting on legislative-related events, and preparations for the 2025 legislative session.*

### **Goals**

*Work with partners in the State Legislature, executive branch, and among other local units of government to pursue the County's legislative priorities.*

Quarterly Milestones:

Q1: Provide updates to the Board on the status of 2024 legislative priorities, host an early-session forum with the legislative delegation, host regular updates with the delegation.

Q2: Provide updates to the Board on the status of 2024 legislative priorities, host a post-session forum with the legislative delegation.

**Q3: Begin development of 2025 legislative priorities.**

Q4: Finalize 2025 Legislative Priorities.

Action or Monitoring Designation: Monitoring

Resource Requirements:

Staff time

List of Partners:

Minnesota State Legislature, Executive Branch, Stinson, Congress, U.S. Executive Branch, Downs Government Affairs.

### **● Status**

**Q3 Update:**

**Development and adoption of the 2025 legislative priorities was completed during the third quarter.**



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## 8) Capital Improvement Projects

Responsible Division(s): PDD

Background Information:

### **Purpose**

*To track progress and provide updates to the County Board on significant 2024 capital improvement projects including those identified in the adopted legislative platform.*

### **Goals**

*To keep the Board informed about progress on capital improvement projects and seek their input and assistance in moving the projects towards implementation.*

Quarterly Milestones:

Q1: Monitor City of Burnsville's response to the R.B McGowan Company, Inc. request to reopen and expand Freeway Landfill.

**Q2-Q4: Provide the Board with ongoing updates on High Priority Capital Improvement Projects.**

Action or Monitoring Designation: Monitoring

Resource Requirements

County Staff and agency partners including Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), Cities, Transit Providers, Met Council, and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Consultants as required to for project plans and delivery.

List of Partners

MnDOT, Met Council, Cities, Transit Providers, other local government, and internal staff.

### **● Status**

**Q3 Update:**

**Updates continue to be provided on specific CIP projects through the Division Directors' written reports and RBAs. Parks is preparing a CIP update for the October 22<sup>nd</sup> County Board meeting.**



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## 9) Freeway Landfill

Responsible Division(s): PDD

Background Information:

### **Purpose**

*The Freeway Landfill, located west of Interstate 35W in Burnsville, opened in the early 1970s and accepted approximately 5.3 million cubic yards of municipal solid waste for disposal through 1990. The Freeway Dump, located on the east side of Interstate 35W, was an unlicensed dump that accepted an estimated 790,000 cubic yards of waste between 1966 and 1971. The Landfill and Dump lack most of the environmental protection mechanisms required to ensure the areas surface water and groundwater are adequately protected. Neither location has a liner beneath the waste, and both have inadequate groundwater and methane gas monitoring and venting and lack leachate collection systems.*

*The City of Burnsville's municipal water supply wells are located within one mile of the Dump and Landfill. When the nearby Kraemer Quarry stops pumping water out of the quarry, groundwater in the areas will rise and come into contact with the waste at the Landfill and Dump, potentially polluting the city's water supply. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is currently reviewing options for the proper cleanup of the property.*

### **Goals**

*Ensure that the Freeway Landfill is remediated to protect public health and the environment.*

Quarterly Milestones:

County staff will stay in contact with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and the City of Burnsville to monitor progress and discuss potential cleanup options. Staff will report any progress to the County Board.

Q1-Q2: Monitor MPCA legislative actions for Freeway Landfill.

**Q1-Q4: Monitor MPCA progress on Freeway Landfill. Report any progress to the County Board.**

Action or Monitoring Designation: Monitoring

Resource Requirements:

Staff time and County Board direction



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List of Partners:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, City of Burnsville, County Attorney's Office

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**Q3 Narrative:**

**The MPCA has the project on hold.**



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## 10) Opioid Settlement

Responsible Division(s): CSD

Background Information:

### **Purpose**

*To monitor and provide strategy on the use of opioid settlement funds and provide updates to the County Board on significant 2024 opioid settlement projects.*

### **Goals**

*To keep the County Board up-to-date on the progress and strategy related to opioid settlement funded projects and seek their input and direction in the expenditure of future funding.*

Quarterly Milestones:

**Q1-Q4: Provide the County Board with ongoing and relevant updates on projects utilizing Opioid Settlement Funds and items related to the Opioid Response Advisory Committee.**

Action or Monitoring Designation: Monitoring

Resource Requirements:

Staff time and County Board direction

List of Partners:

Public Health, Social Services, Community Corrections, Sheriff's Office, County Attorney's Office, Opioid Response Advisory Committee, Financial Services

### **● Status**

**Q3 Narrative:**

**Public Health provided updates to the County Board related to opioid settlement funds and Opioid Response Advisory Committee(ORAC) in June and September of 2024. The Board authorized adoption of the ORAC's 2024 workplan and allocation of opioid funds for training, the purchase of nasal naloxone, and execution of related contract amendments as necessary.**

**Q3 Partner Update:**

**Planning is underway for the annual cities meeting, as required by the Memorandum of Association.**



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## 11) Planning for New County Website

Responsible Division(s): EFIS/County Admin

Background Information:

### **Purpose**

*The county website has a need to be updated for several reasons. The new website will offer the county the ability to increase accessibility, improve information sharing and offer additional online services to residents.*

### **Goals**

*To have a new county website and platform in place by the end of 2025.*

Quarterly Milestones:

Q1: Committee work, gather input from users.

Q2: Gather input from users, start development of RFP.

**Q3: Release RFP and select vendor for website development.**

Q4: Work with all partners and vendor in developing new website.

Action or Monitoring Designation: Monitoring

Resource Requirements:

County staff time. Consultant costs.

List of Partners:

IT, Communications, EFIS Administration

### **● Status**

**Q3 Narrative:**

**The request for proposal for the public website re-platform project was released on August 23, 2024. Responses were due back to the county by October 11, 2024. It is anticipated that a recommendation will be made in the selection of a contractor to the County Board for this project in the first quarter of 2025.**