



# 2022 Board Priorities

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# 1 South St. Paul Library

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE**

Dakota County is entering into an agreement with the City of South St. Paul to acquire land at 7th and Marie to build and operate a new Dakota County Library branch in South St. Paul.

Based upon 2021 Board direction:

1. A design firm is preparing plans and specifications in anticipation of Board direction to proceed with the project
2. Legislation requesting State assistance is being considered by the Legislature.
3. A coordinating Committee of County and City Elected Officials and staff are discussing terms of a potential JPA.

**MILESTONE**

**Q2:** Project design phase for the new South St. Paul library. Board direction on proceeding.

**NARRATIVE**

A joint powers agreement was adopted by the City of South St. Paul and Dakota County. Construction of the new library is on schedule for completion in December 2023.

**PARTNERS**

- Dakota County
- City of South St. Paul

**PARTNER UPDATE**

JPA signed between City of South St. Paul and Dakota County

**FUTURE MILESTONES**

- Q3:** Bid/Award Construction Contract
- Q4:** Construction Begins with anticipated completion in December 2023.

## 2 Dakota County Future Assessment

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE**

The Board has expressed interest in understanding long-term trends, particularly in the wake of COVID that will affect the County’s strategies and opportunities in the future.

The purpose is to provide opportunities to review current trends and future forecasts and incorporate that into the Board's planning and decision making.

**MILESTONE**

**Q2:** Staff will bring an update on work schedules and office space needs. As well as future planning in the post COVID-19 environment and conducting space planning for the future work and service environment.

**NARRATIVE**

Senior Leadership held several meetings to address and collect information on space usage, staffing work locations and frequency, and future expectations. Division Directors reported on current staffing work locations and frequency. A contractor has been selected to analyze space needs, initial kick off meeting has been completed. Employee work location tracking continues.

**PARTNERS**

Dakota County Administration  
 Dakota County Board of Commissioners

**PARTNER UPDATE**

A contractor for space evaluation has been selected.

**FUTURE MILESTONES**

**Q3:** Review the fiscal impacts of future planning in developing the 2023 budget and 2023-2027 CIP

**Q4:** Internal County strategic planning will include an updated outlook on future trends.

### 3 Redistricting

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE**

The US Constitution requires decennial redistricting to reapportion political districts. Redistricting is the process of redrawing the boundaries of election districts. It occurs every 10 years after the census. Redistricting evens out population shifts (increases and decreases) within a geographical area, like a county. The purpose is to make sure residents are equally represented. Dakota County must redistrict its own County Board and Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The State Supreme Court issued a redistricting order after the legislature did not meet the February 15 deadline. Cities and townships must redraw their precinct lines by March 29th. Following that, the County must reapportion the County Board and Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Staff recommend that the County Board pass a plan at their April 19 County Board Meeting.

**MILESTONE**

**Q2:** April 19 Recommended County Board redistricting plan adoption date

**NARRATIVE**

The County Board adopted the commissioner and soil and water conservation district plans on April 19th. The new maps are posted on the website and were published in the newspaper.

**PARTNERS**

County GIS  
Local GIS and Clerks  
PS&R and Elections Department Staff  
County Administration

**PARTNER UPDATE**

Dakota County GIS department worked tirelessly with Election Department staff and the state to streamline the entry of new districts into the Voter Registration System. The address ranges were thoroughly updated to exclude any non-residential addresses and updated address ranges were uploaded to the Voter Registration System creating a very up-to-date address database which will benefit voters and election officials.

**FUTURE MILESTONES**

**Q3:** Redistricting Notice to Voters  
August 9 State Primary

**Q4:** November 8 General Election

## 4 ARP Allocations

### BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

On March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act into law in response to the unprecedented impacts of the COVID-19 health emergency on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses. ARP provides various new resources to fund the County’s relief and response efforts related to COVID-19.

On May 18, 2021, the County Board authorized the acceptance of ARP Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) in the amount of \$83,332,300, which may be used to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, respond to workers performing essential work during the public health emergency, for the provision of government services to the extent of reduction in revenue due to the public health emergency, and to make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure.

The goal is to make strategic, timely decisions on the utilization of ARP funds. Staff will implement and report funding, ensuring federal compliance with spending and reporting.

### MILESTONE

**Q2:** Quarterly Project and Expenditure Report and the annual Recovery Plan Performance Report due by July 31, 2022. Following the 2022 legislative session, review capital and operating funding needs, and consider additional ARP allocation decisions.

### NARRATIVE

The County received a \$83.3M ARP allocation. Funds must be obligated by the end of 2024 and expended by the end of 2026.

### PARTNERS

Dakota County Administration  
Dakota County Board of Commissioners

### PARTNER UPDATE

No partner updates at this time.

### FUTURE MILESTONES

**Q3:** Quarterly Project and Expenditure Report due by October 31, 2022

**Q4:** Quarterly Project and Expenditure Report due by January 31, 2023. Incorporate and align ARP spending decisions to the overall County capital and operating budgets.

## 5 Greenway Acceleration Program- Decision Making

### BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

In order to advance the County Board's vision of a 200-mile greenway system, staff are undertaking pre-design and design studies to help refine the understanding of capital costs, operational costs, and staffing requirements. This work will also better position projects for external funding. Based on study progress, staff would prepare budget requests for future County Board consideration.

The aim is to improve understanding of capital, operational, and staffing requirements for potential greenway acceleration. In addition, position projects for potential grant funding.

Preliminary focus:

Initial design of Tier 1 and 2 segments of the Lake Marion GW (Lakeville), Vermillion Highlands GW (Rosemount), and Mendota-Lebanon Hills GW (IGH & Eagan). Final designs of Vermillion River GW (Hastings) and River to River Greenway (Mendota Heights).

### MILESTONE

**Q2:** Authorization to proceed; site evaluations

### NARRATIVE

On track. Design consultants are under contract and have been given notice to proceed. Initial stages of design, including site evaluations, are underway.

### PARTNERS

Internal: Parks Administration, Transportation Project Management, Planning, Land Conservation, Right of Way, Construction Administration, Grounds Maintenance, Buildings Maintenance, Parks Outreach, Visitor Services, Outdoor Education, Natural Resources, Capital Projects. Risk Management GIS, Finance, Contracting, Patrol, Attorney.

External: Cities of Lakeville, Rosemount, IGH, Eagan, Hastings, Mendota Heights.

### PARTNER UPDATE

No partner updates at this time.

### FUTURE MILESTONES

**Q3 & Q4:** Design; refined cost and staffing estimates

**2023:** Complete preliminary and final designs; refined cost and staffing estimates. Determination by Board whether to accelerate progress.

## 6 ELF Policy

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE**

To obtain Board direction on the sources and uses of various revenues for the purpose of furthering Board goals in the areas of natural resource protection and enhancement, parks and greenways, and land conservation.

**MILESTONE**

**Q2:** Continued and refined discussion of current and potential revenues to understand the capacity to attain short and long-term goals. Obtain Board direction on revenues

**NARRATIVE**

Provided an update and received direction at the June 14, 2022 PDC meeting. Started developing criteria for specific funding sources to be incorporated into CIP development.

**PARTNERS**

Dakota County  
Potentially local governments

**PARTNER UPDATE**

No partner updates.

**FUTURE MILESTONES**

**Q3:** Preparation of 5-year Capital Improvement Plans based upon Board direction on revenues

**Q4:** Board adoption of CIP. Board decision on revenues

# 7 Veterans Memorial Greenway

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE**

Complete the five-mile greenway extending from Lebanon Hills Regional Park to the Mississippi River Greenway and include five to seven memorial nodes. At least one of the memorials would be designed to accommodate large group gatherings. The greenway is projected to serve 63,000 annual visits and honor the 25,000 veterans that have served from Dakota County communities. This is a multi-year project.

The objective is to complete the greenway from Lebanon Hills Regional Park to the Mississippi River Greenway, while honoring veterans through both design and amenities.

Funding for the Greenway will be pursued from state and federal sources. Work with Veterans' Services to identify veterans' groups to advocate for funding.

**MILESTONE**

**Q2:** Complete 60% design review for Phase 2, continue right-of-way negotiations for Phase 1, Public Outreach with 105th Street, complete Interpretive Plan

**NARRATIVE**

Finalize donation of land with Flint Hills Resources. Continued discussions with UP Rail will take place including discussions on progressing to a maintenance agreement or variance request to cross the tracks. Alternatives analysis of reconstructing 105th Street in Inver Grove Heights are occurring. Federal environmental document work is likely to begin on all three phases. Interpretive Memorial plan to be finalized.

**PARTNERS**

- Veterans groups
- Dakota County Veterans Services
- Private property owners
- Businesses
- Local governments

**PARTNER UPDATE**

No partner updates at this time.

**COVID-19 IMPACT**

No impact currently. There could be potential impacts when open houses are scheduled later this summer.

**FUTURE MILESTONES**

**Q3:** Public outreach, continue right-of-way negotiations for Phase 1, finalize 60% design review for Phase 2, begin 90% design for Phase 1, finalize interpretive node public outreach process.

**Q4:** Finalize 60% design review for Phase 2, begin right-of-way process on Phase 2, finalize design and submit plans for Phase 1, complete right-of-way negotiations for Phase 1.

## 8 Broadband

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE**

The Dakota Broadband Board (DBB) was formed in 2017 with the approval of a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) by eleven member participants. Eight members executed the Indefeasible Right of Use (IRU) agreement. The remaining elected bodies, including Dakota County, have not voted on the IRU.

With direction from Dakota County Board regarding participation in the DBB, complete a plan for future Dakota County participation. Implement a plan including the creation of a new JPA.

**MILESTONE**

**Q2:** Work with cities and potentially school districts to potentially create new JPA.

**NARRATIVE**

The DBB Board voted in June to direct the DBB Executive Director to prepare a plan for dissolution of the DBB. County staff will participate in the plan preparation process along with other members. Staff is also considering options for the future operation and maintenance of our I-Net infrastructure and is open to partnerships in this area.

**PARTNERS**

Dakota County Board and staff  
 DBB staff  
 DBB Technical Advisory Committee members  
 DBB Board members  
 Dakota County City Administrators/Managers  
 Dakota County Superintendents

**PARTNER UPDATE**

No partner updates at this time.

**FUTURE MILESTONES**

**Q3:** Implement JPA including increased Dakota County capacity.

**Q4:** To be determined.

## 9 Host Fees Agreements

### BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

Dakota County has negotiated Host Fee Agreements in lieu of Surcharge since 1998. These agreements apply to six active landfills in Dakota County, Pine Bend Sanitary Landfill, Burnsville Sanitary Landfill, Burnsville Demolition Landfill, SKB Rich Valley Demolition Landfill, Frattalone's Dawnway Landfill, and the SKB Industrial Waste Landfill. Proceeds from these agreements are placed in the County's Environmental Legacy fund which is for the purposes of protection, preservation, or enhancement of the environment.

The purpose is to Negotiate updated Host Fee Agreements with the six active landfills in Dakota County and ensure adequate compensation to the County for hosting Landfills.

### MILESTONE

**Q1-Q2:** Obtain board direction and begin negotiations with partners.

### NARRATIVE

Continued meeting with partner organizations to discuss and refine terms for future Host Fee Agreements.

### PARTNERS

Physical Development, Environmental Resources, Finance, and the County Attorney's Office

Republic Services, SKB Environmental, Waste Management, and Frattalone Companies

### PARTNER UPDATE

Partner organizations provided counterproposals for consideration by the County negotiating team.

### COVID-19 IMPACT

Meetings have been virtual to date.

### FUTURE MILESTONES

**Q3:** Present draft agreements to the County Board for Consideration

**Q4:** Finalize and approve agreements

# 10 Review and Update Energy Policies and Strategies

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE**

Adopt a County Energy Conservation and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Strategy in order to reduce County facility and equipment energy consumption, increase investment in clean energy alternatives, and reduce GHG production.

The goal is to Adopt County Energy Conservation and Greenhouse Gas Reduction strategy.

**MILESTONE**

**Q2:** Identify energy conservation projects that will reduce the County’s long-term facility and equipment operating costs and provide ROI within the life expectancy of improvement.

Seek external funding to offset the cost of energy efficiency improvements.

**NARRATIVE**

Identified Energy Conservation projects to submit for Federal Appropriations funding. \$5.63M in projects identified at 3 Dakota County sites involving solar, EV charging, and mechanical system upgrades. Successful in getting support from Federal Congressional representatives to include in Federal Appropriations request. Currently in Federal Committees for review and consideration.

**PARTNERS**

Energy Consultant

Affected Cities

Energy related groups

**PARTNER UPDATE**

County working with consultants, federal legislative representatives, and County lobbyists to seek support for energy conservation projects at the Federal level.

**FUTURE MILESTONES**

**Q3 and Q4:** Implement energy improvements that meet ROI goals and reduce long-term operational costs, resulting in saving of County tax dollars.

# 11 COVID-19 Information and Response

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE**

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, public health has taken the lead role in the COVID-19 pandemic response. The purpose going forward is to decrease the number of COVID-19 cases in Dakota County by increasing vaccination rates, offering testing options and informing residents of other mitigation strategies. Employee Relations and Risk Management take the lead in the employee response but consult with public health. Public health provided technical assistance to schools and businesses, however, does not provide policy decisions.

**MILESTONE**

**Q2:** demobilize by April 20th

**NARRATIVE**

Currently, we are in the process of demobilizing and utilizing our current staff for the response. We have COVID grant funding through 12/31/23 to support additional/temp staff.

**PARTNERS**

- Cities
- Schools
- Clinics
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Businesses
- MDH
- Other metro counties

**PARTNER UPDATE**

All partners involved in the response are managing the response with little help from their public health liaison.

**COVID-19 IMPACT**

The COVID-19 pandemic is one of the largest global disruptions of the past 75 years and has taken the lives of over 5 million people worldwide. The disease has infected over 68,000 Dakota County residents, hospitalized over 3,400 and killed nearly 600. The best solution to control this is the administration of COVID-19 vaccines Dakota County Public Health collaborated with dozens of partners to plan for and administer over 76,000 COVID-19 vaccinations. COVID-19 has impacted every sector over the last two years.

**FUTURE MILESTONES**

**Q3 and Q4:** monitor and remobilize if needed

# 12 Groundwater Agricultural Chemical Reduction Effort (ACRE)- Plan Development

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE**

The development of an ACRE Plan was identified as a priority in the adopted 2020-2030 Dakota County Groundwater Plan (tactic 1B1B). The purpose of ACRE is to partner with farmers, SWCD, UMN, and other state, regional and local agencies to develop, adopt, and implement prioritized, targeted, and measurable strategies that protect the health of drinking water wells and the environment from agricultural chemicals such as nitrates, pesticides, and chloride. The goal is approval of an ACRE Plan to address nitrate contamination in Dakota County.

Using the 2020-2030 Groundwater Plan as a starting point, staff will work with stakeholder groups (including an organized Ag. Advisory Group) to develop an ACRE Plan that provides prioritized, targeted, and measurable strategies to reduce ag. chemicals (with focus on nitrate) in groundwater. The draft strategies and tactics will be presented to the Planning Commission and Physical Development Committee of the Whole (PDC) for consideration. Revised strategies, based on Planning Commission and PDC direction, and feedback from stakeholder groups, will be presented to the County Board for possible adoption.

**MILESTONE**

**Q2:** (1) Contractor to complete groundwater nitrate model identifying nitrate reduction goals at the local level (e.g., township/city); (2) Complete draft plan document and present draft plan summary to the Planning Commission and County Board, seek recommendation to release for public review and comment; (3) Start 45-60 day public/stakeholder review period.

**NARRATIVE**

Contractor completed the groundwater nitrate model; data was used to identify practice adoption rate goals for the Plan. The final report is anticipated to be completed and posted mid-July.

The draft plan was presented to the Planning Commission on 6/23/2022. The plan was recommended for release for a 30-day public review period.

Due to delays in completing the nitrate model, staff are presenting the draft Plan to the County Board on July 12 to seek recommendation to release for public review and comment. The 30-day public review period is projected for July 20 - Aug 19. The 1-month delay with starting the public review period should not impact the completion date.

**PARTNERS**

Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Minnesota Department of Health (MDA) and other state regulatory agencies, farmers and rural residents, LGUs/municipalities located in rural Dakota County, and other County departments/ units.

**PARTNER UPDATE**

The SWCD, the Ag. Advisory Group and the Technical Advisory Group provided comments on the preliminary draft Plan.

**FUTURE MILESTONES**

**Q3:** (1) Complete 45-60-day public/stakeholder review period; (2) Compile, summarize, and respond to public comments; finalize changes to Plan document; (3) Present final Plan to County Board and seek approval for Plan adoption.

# 13 Freeway Landfill

**BACKGROUND/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.

The purpose is to ensure that the Freeway Landfill is remediated to protect public health and the environment.

**MILESTONE**

**Q2-Q3:** Monitor MPCA, City of Burnsville, and private party actions related to Freeway Landfill.

**NARRATIVE**

No significant actions were completed during this quarter. County staff continue to monitor progress with partner organizations.

**PARTNERS**

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

**PARTNER UPDATE**

Bidding by MPCA for the project is still anticipated to take place in Fall 2023.

**COVID-19 IMPACT**

All meetings were held virtually

**FUTURE MILESTONES**

**Q4:** Review proposed MPCA Legislative Actions of Freeway landfill and determine the applicability of County Host Fees.

# 14 Support 2022 Legislative Priorities

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE**

The County is pursuing a number of legislative priorities during the 2022 Legislative Session. This priority will include updates on the status of County priorities, reporting on legislative-related events, and preparations for the 2023 legislative session. Continue to Work with partners in the State Legislature, executive branch, and among other local units of government to pursue the County's legislative priorities.

**MILESTONE**

**Q2:** Provide updates to the Board on the status of 2022 legislative priorities and host a post-session forum with the legislative delegation.

**NARRATIVE**

The Legislative Advisory Workgroup has provided regular updates to the Board during GGP and County Board legislative updates. A post-session forum with the delegation has not been held due to the uncertainty regarding a special session, and a lack of action during the regular session.

**PARTNERS**

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

**PARTNER UPDATE**

Stinson LLP and Downs Government Affairs continue to advocate for our state and federal legislative priorities.

**COVID-19 IMPACT**

The Legislative Advisory Workgroup provides updates on our COVID-19 response to the Legislative Delegation as needed. Legislative activities are beginning to transition to in-person rather than virtual.

**FUTURE MILESTONES**

**Q3:** Begin development of 2023 legislative priorities.

**Q4:** Finalize the 2023 Legislative Platform and schedule a 2023 pre-session forum with the legislative delegation.

# 15 Priority Transportation Projects

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE**

To track progress and provide updates to the County Board on high priority 2022 Trunk Highway transportation improvement projects identified in the adopted legislative platform.

- Interstate 35 and the interchange at I-35 and CSAH 50, Lakeville and Burnsville
- Trunk Highway 77, Apple Valley and Eagan
- Trunk Highway 3, Rosemount, Eagan and Inver Grove Heights
- Trunk Highway 55 from Rosemount to Hastings.

**MILESTONE**

**Q2:** Provide update to County Board on any 2022 traffic data available from MnDOT and the Met Council on regional travel patterns and traffic volumes.

**NARRATIVE**

**I-35 and County Highway 50 Interchange** MnDOT has negotiated the consultant contract for leading the corridor evaluation of I-35 and expects to have a signed contract and notice to proceed sometime in July. A funding request for the design of the interchange was submitted by all members of the County's federal delegation for congressionally directed spending. Staff are evaluating the new Federal Bridge Investment Program (BIP) through USDOT/FHWA for potential grant opportunities.

**Trunk Highway 77 Congestion Mitigation Study** documents were completed in June. Next steps are pending review of post-pandemic travel patterns in the corridor and the region.

**Trunk Highway 55** No change from Q1. MnDOT is planning on starting this effort in early 2023 to inform planned bridge and pavement project in MnDOT's 10-year Capital Highway Investment Plan.

**Trunk Highway 3** No change from Q1. This effort is scheduled to begin in 2023 after the TH 55 initiative is underway.

**PARTNERS**

MnDOT, Cities, transit providers, Met Council, FHWA, public and other agencies through public engagement efforts.

**PARTNER UPDATE**

County and MnDOT staff continue to monitor traffic patterns to understand the level of continued telework and the resulting impact on of post-pandemic travel patterns.

**FUTURE MILESTONES**

**Q3:** Provide update to County Board on I-35 corridor study. Identify next steps for TH 77 Preliminary Engineering.

**Q4:** Assist MnDOT with TH 55 scope of work and timeline. Identify timing and project lead (county or state) for TH 3 study.

# 16 Priority County Building Projects

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE**

To track progress and provide updates to the County Board on high-priority 2022 Building CIP projects.

**PROJECTS**

South St. Paul Library

- Q1:** Design Development
- Q2: Construction Documents**
- Q3:** Bidding and Contract Award
- Q4:** Onsite Construction Begins

Mendota Heights Youth Shelter

- Q1:** Due Diligence Period
- Q2: Close on Property**
- Q3:** Alterations to Exterior and Interior
- Q4:** Begin Operations

Adult IR Treatment Services Facility

- Q1:** Grant Accepted by Board
- Q2: Work with West St. Paul on Zoned Location**
- Q3:** Produce Predesign for City Review
- Q4:** Due Diligence & Land Acquisition

LEC Mental and Medical Health Treatment Addition

- Q1:** Designer Selection Process
- Q2: Program Verification/ Predesign**
- Q3:** Begin Design (pending State funding)
- Q4:** Schematic Design

County-wide Building Conditions Assessment

- Q1:** Sign Vendor to Contract, Gather Source
- Q2: Execute On-site Assessments**
- Q3:** Enter Site Data into Software
- Q4:** Software Training and Analysis

Recycle Zone II:

- Q1:** Site Search, Program Test Fit
- Q2: Site Search, Revise Grant Information**
- Q3:** Site Search
- Q4:** Due Diligence

**PARTNERS**

The cities of South St. Paul, Mendota Heights, West St. Paul and other municipalities depending on site selection. Also, Scott County, various State agencies, nonprofit partners and private landowners.

**PARTNER UPDATE**

Partnerships with cities (SSP, WSP and others) and Scott & Washington Counties continue for property acquisitions and project planning/zoning.

**COVID-19 IMPACT**

Although bidding of projects remains strong. Price inflation is affecting original budgets. Also, extended lead times for simple but key items (doors, etc.) are affecting initial substantial completion dates. Uncontrollable backups at BCA for background checks have doubled the wait time for tradesman to be cleared for badging. These affect start and end times for projects beyond the control of the general contractor.

**Q2 PROJECT UPDATES**

South St. Paul Library Design development phase was completed. Bidding started July 1st

Mendota Heights Youth Shelter Purchase is complete, and construction began both interior and exterior. On tract for October use as intended.

Adult IR Treatment Services Facility Board directed to proceed with site at Northern Service Center. Selection of design team started.

LEC Mental and Medical Health Treatment Addition Board approved Wold Architects & Engineers as the design firm for project design. Pre-design work nearly complete; Schematic Design will commence in Q3.

County-wide Building Conditions Assessment All field work by consult complete. Software training using this data will occur in Q3.

Recycle Zone II- Search for suitable sites continues along with Scott County partnership in mutually preferred search areas. Planning department now working to engage individual cities.

# 17 Priority Parks and Greenways Projects

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE**

To track progress and provide updates to the County Board on high-priority 2022 park and greenway improvement projects.

**PROJECTS**

Bison Reintroduction Project (Spring Lake Park Reserve)

- Q1: Construct required infrastructure
- Q2: **Substantial completion of infrastructure**
- Q3: Final preparation
- Q4: Bison arrival

Natural Resource Restoration Activities (systemwide)

- Q1: 2022 Workplan development
- Q2-Q4: **Conduct restoration activities**

Sustainable Trails Study (Lebanon Hills Regional Park)

- Q1: Solicit consultant proposals
- Q2: **Award contract; initiate project**
- Q3: Data collection; recommendation development
- Q4: Finalize study

Updates to Park System Plan, Visitor Services Plan, and Natural Resource Management System Plan (systemwide)

- Q1: **Conduct pre-planning tasks to prepare for updates (e.g., confirm inventory, identify issues, develop RFP)**
- Q4: Solicit consultant proposals; initiate project
- 2023: Conduct planning updates

Donor Recognition Policy (systemwide)

- Q2: **Develop a draft policy**
- Q3: Present policy to Board for adoption
- Q4: Implementation

**PARTNERS**

Internal: Planning, Land Conservation, Transportation, Grounds Maintenance, Buildings Maintenance, Parks Outreach, Visitor Services, Outdoor Education, Natural Resources, GIS, Finance, Contracting, OPA, Patrol, Attorney.

External: Met Council, cities, MnDNR, Minnesota Zoo, and community members.

**PARTNER UPDATE**

No partner update at this time.

**COVID-19 IMPACT**

Pandemic effects, staff capacity, and leadership transitions have delayed efforts to update Park System Plan, Visitor Service Plan, and Natural Resource Management Plan.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

All Q2 milestones have been achieved for each specific project.

# 18 Housing Business Plan

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE**

Housing Leadership Work Group reconvened in 2021 to review learnings and accomplishments from Housing Business Plan 1.0 and to recommend future investments and activities for Housing Business Plan 2.0. The workgroup recommended future investments focused on three areas: shelter, prevention, and affordable housing units.

The goal is to update the County Housing Business Plan based on stakeholder input, learnings from Housing Business Plan 1.0 and the changing dynamics of the housing work in Dakota County following the COVID Pandemic.

**MILESTONE**

**Q2:** Present Prevention strategies and possible investments to the Board; Further explore shelter opportunities based on recommendations previously provided to Board

**NARRATIVE**

Continued shelter planning with PD. Started research and planning for the prevention strategy recommendations to be made to the Board in July.

**PARTNERS**

Internal: Community Services; Physical Development (PD) and Capital Projects, OPA, CSA

External: Community Development Agency (CDA), cities, community partners, people experiencing homelessness, landlords.

**PARTNER UPDATE**

Continued partnership with PD for shelter planning.

**FUTURE MILESTONES**

**Q3:** Present affordable housing recommendations; Continue follow-up work from Q1 and Q2

**Q4:** Continue follow-up work from Q1-Q3; bring all elements together under Housing Business Plan 2.0.

# 19 Same-day Driver’s License Issuance Pilot at Lakeville License Center

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE**

This project is required by the State Legislature as of 7/1/21. A same-day driver's license pilot project has been initiated, with the Minnesota pilot locations of Lakeville and Moorhead participating. The pilot will commence on October 1, 2022 and run through June 30, 2023. The pilot will be monitored by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and Driver & Vehicle Services and a report is due to the MN Legislature by January 1, 2024. That report will be drafted by DPS.

The goal behind this legislation is to provide customer convenience - instant issuance of a standard driver's license credential, identification card, or instructional permit.

**MILESTONE**

**Q2:** DPS to complete card design, all parties complete MOU

**NARRATIVE**

Project is on track and meetings are being held regularly between DPS, DVS, and pilot locations. A User Acceptance Testing (UAT) Plan has been developed and is being reviewed by all parties. Interface testing, user training, and UAT will all commence in Q3.

**PARTNERS**

Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Minnesota Driver & Vehicle Services, Public Service & Revenue Division, Service & License Center Department, Lakeville License Center.

**PARTNER UPDATE**

Security enhancements are underway and will finish in Q3. Dakota County along with DPS will begin deploying our communications plans in Q3. IDEMIA (card vendor) will deliver the card printer & all consumables to the pilot locations in Q3.

**FUTURE MILESTONES**

**Q3:** LLC staff training by DPS

**Q4:** Go live

## 20 Mental Health Continuum

### BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

System partners have been working together for years to develop partnerships and new models of service delivery related to mental health crisis care continuum. We continue to implement innovative partnerships to address the needs of community members who experience mental health crisis. Work to Continue to expand the crisis services continuum in the areas of:

1. someone to call
2. mobile crisis response
3. somewhere to go, and
4. crisis follow-up.

### MILESTONE

**Q2:** Continue with hiring, orientation, and program expansion

### NARRATIVE

Continuing 911 call transfer process: Sept 15, 2022 - June 23, 2022, 764 call transfers from 911 to Crisis Response Unit, 78% of calls were handled without need for law enforcement (LE) response.

Hiring, training and onboarding new FTE to expand mobile crisis team - 5 staff hired, onboarded and now providing mobile response with 1 additional hire starting in July 22nd. Continuous posting and interviewing for remaining positions.

Board approval for site selection of Crisis and Recovery Center; working with Capital Project Management (CPM) and city on zoning issues.

Completed LOI for Embedded Social Worker Partnership program expansion and got Board approval (April) for countywide expansion and Joint Powers Agreements; initiated hiring process for SW positions (4/8 embedded SW positions filled).

Developing workflow and data tracking systems for services, in partnership with GIS. Continued high level of partner and community engagement around expansion activities, including through LACs, MH and substance use disorder (SUD) roundtables, community presentations, etc.

### PARTNERS

Internal partners: CAO, ER, IT, Sheriff's Office (SO), CS Admin., Physical Development/Capital Project Management (CPM), etc. External partners (several): 11 local Law Enforcement (LE) agencies; Sheriff's Office; Dakota County Communications Center/911; Guild; people with lived experience/Local Advisory Council (LAC); East Metro Crisis Alliance, Service Safety and Justice (SSJ) Committee, etc.

### PARTNER UPDATE

All going well with 911 transfers from County, LE and Dakota County Communications perspectives. LE partners and community partners report high satisfaction with more mobile response. In recent meetings with all Dakota County LE agencies, high satisfaction and excitement for continuing to build partnerships was indicated. The team continues to grow.

### COVID-19 IMPACT

Internal: Workforce shortages impacting pace of hiring but still getting good candidates.

External: broader workforce shortages are also impacting availability of MH and SUD services.

### FUTURE MILESTONES

**Q3:** Monitor staff progress and service expansion

**Q4:** Evaluate program progress.

## 21 Dakota Communications Center (DCC) Governance Reform

### BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

In 2021 a County Board priority was to review the governance of the Dakota Communications Center (DCC). The DCC was established in 2005 as a Joint Powers Agreement between Dakota County and eleven cities located within the county. To comply with an FBI requirement that the DCC has a management control agreement with a law enforcement agency, the Dakota County Sheriff’s Office assumed this responsibility. Complying with this requirement led to discussions on whether the County should assume primary ownership and management of the DCC. Upon request by the Board of Commissioners to examine governance the DCC Board of Directors created a Financing Task Force to evaluate the County’s future involvement and participation in the DCC. Three key actions were identified by the Task Force: County phase up to cover 50% of fixed costs from 2022-2024, approximately a \$250k increase per year. Identifying possible changes to the committee structure. Identifying measures to provide greater County influence over fixed cost spending decisions. Progress will be evaluated after the initial 3 years.

### MILESTONE

**Q2:** Completion, approval, and signing of new JPA

### NARRATIVE

All governance partners have approved the revised JPA, signature collection is nearly complete as of the end of June. The name has officially been changed from Dakota County Communications to Dakota 911. The website has transitioned to [www.Dakota911MN.gov](http://www.Dakota911MN.gov). The 2023 budget has also been approved.

### PARTNERS

Dakota County Board  
 Dakota County Cities  
 Dakota County Administration  
 Dakota County Sheriff  
 DCC Executive Committee  
 DCC Staff  
 Dakota County Attorney’s Office

### FUTURE MILESTONES

**Q4:** Report to Board of Commissioners on funding implementation, operations efficiency, and costs evaluations.