



Dakota County

Physical Development Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

9:00 AM

Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present

- Commissioner Mike Slavik
- Commissioner Joe Atkins
- Commissioner Laurie Halverson
- Commissioner William Droste
- Commissioner Liz Workman
- Chairperson Mary Liz Holberg
- Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland

Also in attendance were Heidi Welsch, County Manager; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; Georg Fischer, Physical Development Division Director; Liz Hansen, Administrative Coordinator.

Due to technical difficulties, the audio was not recorded for this meeting.

2. Audience

Commissioner Holberg asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to address the Physical Development Committee of the Whole on an item not on the agenda or an item on the consent agenda. No one came forward and no comments were submitted to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us.

3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

3.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held On December 2, 2025

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Liz Workman

Ayes: 7

4.2 Approval Of Joint Powers Agreements With Cities And Delegation Of Authority For Contracting And Right Of Way Acquisition To Accomplish 2026 Transportation, Parks, and Facilities Capital Improvement Projects

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Physical Development Administration Department regularly requests County Board approval for actions required to deliver projects in the adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and

WHEREAS, joint powers agreements with Cities and cost-share agreements with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and other agencies are standard agreements needed on projects in the CIP that adhere to County policies and have consistent language; and

WHEREAS, awarding construction contracts to the lowest responsible bidder is a regular consent action item brought forward to the Board for projects in the CIP; and

WHEREAS, any awards not to the low bidder or require the rejection of bids will be brought to the County Board for action; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not alter the Board process for adopting projects in the CIP each year or the process for obtaining Board approval for professional services contracts, study recommendations, appraisals, and right of way settlements; and

WHEREAS, quarterly reports on all contracts and project updates would continue to be presented by Finance to the Board; and

WHEREAS, staff will provide the Board with a detailed list of authorized projects, including budget reference information, and provide periodic updates on executed and construction contract awards; and

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with projects included in the 2026 Transportation CIP; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is the lead agency for right of way acquisition necessary in 2026 for construction to begin in 2027; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of property interests, such as fee title and temporary and permanent easements, from private property parcels identified in Dakota County 2026 Transportation CIP projects by the County is necessary to deliver and construct the projects during the programmed year; and

WHEREAS, all valuations of the property interests to be acquired are based upon independent valuation reports; and

WHEREAS, delegation of authority to approve appraisals of value and all first offers being made to the property owners by the Director of Physical Development or their designee will allow for more time for property owners to review the County's offers and resolved the acquisitions before eminent domain

may be necessary; and

WHEREAS, in the event that timely acquisition by direct negotiation of all required parcels does not appear possible, staff will seek County Board authorization for the County Attorney's Office to initiate quick-take condemnation of the remaining unsettled parcels; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners delegates authority to the Director of Physical Development or their designee to enter into joint powers agreements with cities and the appropriate Department Director or designee to award construction contracts to the lowest responsible bidder, consistent with County Policies, provided sufficient funds are available for the following projects:

Transportation:

County Project (CP) 04-018: CSAH 4 from County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 63 to Smith Ave Trail Gap in West St. Paul

CP 05-058: CSAH 5 at Southcross Signal Reconstruction in Burnsville

CP 5-060: CSAH 5 at Kenyon Ave in Lakeville

CP 9-065: CSAH 9 from 208th Street to CSAH 50 (Kenwood Trl) in Lakeville

CP 9-067: CSAH 9 from CSAH 70 (215th St) to South of 210th St in Lakeville

CP 9-069: CSAH 9 at Glacier Way in Lakeville

CP 11-033: CSAH 11 at I-35E Interchange Ramp Improvements in Burnsville and Apple Valley

CP 14-035: CSAH 14 from 20th Ave to 3rd Ave in South St. Paul

CP 23-088: CSAH 23 from CSAH 9 (179th Street) to CSAH 42 (150th Street) in Apple Valley and Lakeville

CP 26-060: CSAH 26 from Trunk Highway (TH) 3 to CSAH 73 Reconstruction in Inver Grove Heights

CP 26-068: CSAH 26 from CSAH 73 to Cahill Ave Trail Gap and Reclamation in Inver Grove Heights

CP 28-069: CSAH 28 (80th Street) Trail Gap in Inver Grove Heights

CP 31-113: CSAH 31 at CSAH 50 (W Junction) in Farmington

CP 31-115: CSAH 31 from CSAH 74 (Ash St) to CSAH 50 (212th St) in Farmington

CP 31-118: CSAH 31 at Upper 147th Street Access Restriction in Apple Valley

CP 31-119: CSAH 31 from 144th Street to Corporate Center Dr in Apple Valley and Eagan

CP 31-124: CSAH 31 at Crestridge Ln in Eagan

CP 31-125: CSAH 31 at CSAH 46 (160th Street) in Apple Valley and Lakeville

CP 31-126: CSAH 31 at Wescott Rd/Kings Wood Pond Rd in Eagan

CP 32-093: CSAH 32 from Johnny Cake Ridge Road to CSAH 31 (Pilot Knob Rd) in Eagan

CP 33-019: CSAH 33 from 140th St/Connemara Trl to CSAH 31 (Pilot Knob Rd) in Apple Valley and Rosemount

CP 38-061: CSAH 38 from CSAH 5 to Aldrich Ave in Burnsville

CP 38-068: CSAH 38 from Garden View Dr to Hanover Ave; W of Diamond Path

in Apple Valley

CP 42-161: CSAH 42 from Lock Blvd to Vermillion Street Overlay and Trail Construction in Hastings

CP 42-163: CSAH 42 from Redwood Dr to 147th Street Reconstruction in Apple Valley

CP 42-167: CSAH 42 from CSAH 5 to Nicollet Ave in Burnsville

CP 42-170: CSAH 42 at Trunk Highway 3 in Rosemount

CP 42-172: CSAH 42 from Cedar to Pilot Knob Federal Overlay in Apple Valley

CP 42-173: CSAH 42 from CSAH 33 (Diamond Path) to TH 3 in Apple Valley and Rosemount

CP 42-174: CSAH 42 at TH 52 Interchange Improvements in Rosemount

CP 42-177: CSAH 42 at Garrett Ave and At Pilot Knob Road Signal Replacement in Apple Valley

CP 42-179: CSAH 42 from West of Business Pkwy to Auburn Ave in Rosemount

CP 43-057: CSAH 43 from Keefe St to TH 55 in Eagan

CP 43-059: CSAH 43 at Northview Park Rd in Eagan

CP 47-047: CSAH 47 from North of CSAH 86 to TH 50 Reconstruction in Castle Rock Twp and Hampton Twp

CP 50-033: CSAH 50 at I-35 Interchange in Lakeville

CP 50-038: CSAH 50 at CSAH 60 in Lakeville

CP 54-011: CSAH 54 from 18th Street to CSAH 68 in Hastings and Ravenna Township

CP 56-014: CSAH 56 Corridor Pedestrian Improvements in Inver Grove Heights

CP 60-029: CSAH 60 at Orchard Trail in Lakeville

CP 63-033: CSAH 63 from Marie Ave to TH 149 Reconstruction in Mendota Heights and West St. Paul

CP 64-027: County Road 64 (Flagstaff Ave) from 200th Street to 195th Street in Farmington

CP 74-011: CSAH 74 from CSAH 31 (Denmark Ave) to Honeysuckle Ln in Farmington

CP 86-043: CSAH 86 at TH 56 Roundabout in Randolph Township

CP 86-044: CSAH 86 at TH 3 Roundabout in Castle Rock Township

CP 91-030: CSAH 91 from 675' South of Nicolai Ave to TH 61 Reconstruction in Miesville

Paved Highway Surfaces

Gravel Highway Surface

Gravel Highway Surface - Repairs

Crack Seal

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

Retaining Wall Maintenance

Traffic Safety & Operations - Pavement Markings

Storm Sewer System Maintenance

Signal Revisions/Communications

Traffic Signal - New/Replacement

Trail Gap Setaside

Parks:

2000230: Greenway Preservation
2000236: Miesville Ravine Park Reserve Long-Range Plan Improvements
P00147: Veterans Memorial Greenway
River to River Greenway: TH 149 Crossing and trail improvements south of Marie
Countywide Greenway and Park Wayfinding Installation
Lebanon Hills Greenway: Lebanon Hills Regional Park to Dodd Road
Lake Marion Greenway: Lakeville - Ritter Farm Park to Holyoke
Lebanon Hills Regional Park: Sustainable Trail Improvements
Whitetail Woods Regional Park: Stage and Shade Improvements
Lake Byllesby Regional Park Turbine Exhibit and Road and Trail realignment

Facilities:

Roof Replacement Program
Window Replacement Program
Law Enforcement Center Housing Unit Fixture Replacement
Boiler Replacement Program
Chiller Replacement Program
Air Cooled Condenser Replacement Program
HVAC, Pumps, and Fans Replacement Program
Cabinet Unit Heater Replacement Program
Empire Maintenance Facility Geothermal Heat Pump Replacement
Judicial Service Center and Western Service Center Fire Pump Replacement
Countywide Life Safety Enhancement Program
Generator, ATS, Main Electrical, and MCC Replacement Program
Uninterruptible Power Supply Replacement Program
Miscellaneous Projects
Accessibility Barrier Removal Program
Exterior Building Envelope Maintenance Program
Exterior Door Replacement Program
Water Heater Replacement Program
Sanitary Waste Pump Replacements
Air Handling Unit Replacement Program
Make-Up Air Unit Replacements
HVAC Controls/Automation System Replacements
Electrical Service Gear Replacement Program
Flooring Replacement Program
Parking Lots Pavement Program
Energy Efficiency Program

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Physical Development or their designee to approve appraisals of value and to make initial offers based on appraised value for any right of way acquisitions needed for the following 2026 Transportation Capital Improvement Program projects:

Real Estate Office Right of Way Acquisitions:

CP 23-088: Mill and overlay CSAH 23 (Cedar Ave) from CSAH 9 (179th St) to CSAH 42 (150th St) in Apple Valley and Lakeville

CP 28-079: Signal replacement at CSAH 28 (Yankee Doodle Ave) and Denmark Ave in Eagan

CP 31-115: Roadway reconstruction CSAH 31 (Denmark Ave) from CSAH 74 (220th St) to CSAH 50 (212th St) in Farmington

CP 31-124: Intersection improvements at CSAH 31 (Pilot Knob Rd) and Crestridge Ln in Eagan

CP 31-125: Signal replacement at CSAH 31 (Pilot Knob Rd) and CSAH 46 (160th St W) in Apple Valley and Lakeville

CP 31-126: Signal replacement at CSAH 31 (Pilot Knob Rd) and Wescott Rd/Kings Wood Pond Rd in Eagan

CP 38-061: Intersection improvements at CSAH 38 (McAndrews Rd) and Burnhaven Dr and trail gap study from CSAH 5 to Burnhaven Dr in Burnsville

CP 38-068: Retaining wall replacement along CSAH 38 (McAndrews Rd) between Hannover Ave and Gardenview Dr in Apple Valley

CP 42-173: Mill and overlay CSAH 42 (150th St) from CSAH 33 (Diamond Path) to TH 3 in Apple Valley and Rosemount

CP 42-175: Pedestrian underpass of CSAH 42 (145th Street), approximately 900 feet east of County Road (CR) 73 (Akron Avenue) in Rosemount

CP 42-183: Signal replacement at CSAH 42 (150th St W) and Galaxie Ave in Apple Valley

CP 42-184: Signal replacement at CSAH 42 (150th St W) and Pennock Ave in Apple Valley

CP 43-057: Construction of a multi-use trail along the east side of CSAH 43

(Lexington Ave) between Keefe St and TH 55 in Eagan

CP 43-059: Roundabout at CSAH 43 (Lexington Ave) and Northview Park Rd in Eagan

CP 46-064: Signal replacement at CSAH 46 (160th St W) and Galaxie Ave in Apple Valley and Lakeville

CP 46-065: Signal replacement at CSAH 46 (160th St W) and Foliage Ave in Apple Valley and Lakeville

CP 47-048: Roadway reconstruction on CSAH 47 (Northfield Blvd) from TH 3 to south of CSAH 86 (280th St) in Waterford Township, Sciota Township, and Castle Rock Township

CP 50-033: Reconstruction of the interchange at I-35 and CSAH 50 in Lakeville

CP 50-038: Roundabout at CSAH 50 (Kenwood Trail) and CSAH 60 (185th St)

in Lakeville

CP 60-029: New signal system at CSAH 60 (185th St) and Orchard Trail in Lakeville

CP 74-011: Roadway reconstruction CSAH 74 (220th St) from CSAH 31 (Denmark Ave) to Honeysuckle Lane in Farmington

CP 99-013: Expansion of CSAH 46 from TH 3 to 1,300 feet east of CR 48 in

Rosemount, Coates, and Empire Township from two lanes to a four-lane divided

section

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 1/20/2026.

Ayes: 7

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Discussion On Regional Solicitation For Metropolitan Council Transportation Advisory Board

Erin Laberee, Transportation Director, presented this item and responded to questions. There are five categories for Regional Solicitation Funding proposed: Safety, Bicycle/Pedestrian, Transit, Roadway, and Environment. For each Category, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) are considering a variety of criteria and weighting for those criteria. The proposed criteria and weighting for each category were discussed. Most of the criteria and measures identified for are measurable and objective. However, the measures for Community Considerations are much more subjective, including measures like “community data and context”, “community need and future engagement” and “community benefits”.

Representative from the Counties that serve on the TAC provided a recommendation to the Metropolitan Council to adjust the weighting for the various categories to focus more on safety and less on the subjective measures associated with Community Considerations. Metropolitan Council responded by adjusting the weighting in one of the five categories, Safety, from 20% for Community Considerations down to 15% with a commensurate increase in “Improvements for People Outside of Vehicles” from 20% to 25%. The weighting for the other four categories was not adjusted.

The Committee discussed whether or not the Dakota County representative to TAB should continue to advocate for changes to the weighting. There was general agreement that the weighting for Community Considerations was too high and that it should be reduced, with a corresponding increase to the weighting for safety within all the categories. The TAB representative was directed to continue to seek those changes at the TAB meeting on January 21, 2026.

Commissioners asked staff to forward a copy of the e-mail and recommendation that were prepared by the County TAC representatives. Staff agreed to forward the information.

Information only; no action requested

5.2 Review Draft Objectives And Strategies For Parks Natural Systems Plan

Tom Lewanski, Natural Resources Manager and Mary Jackson, Sr. Planner presented this topic and responded to questions.

Commissioners thanked staff for the presentation and appreciated the information they received. Based on the discussion, commissioners requested additional information from staff such as a one-page document that provides details on the number of acres restored and managed in the parks, for the greenways and on private property through the Land Conservation Program. Parks staff will work with Communications Department staff to develop the document.

Information only: no action requested.

6. Physical Development Director's Report

Georg Fischer, Physical Development Director, provided the Committee with a written Division update.

7. Future Agenda Items

Chair, Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg, asked the Committee if anyone had a topic they would like to hear more about at an upcoming Physical Development Committee of the Whole. No Commissioners requested topics for future meetings at this time.

8. Adjournment

8.1 Adjournment

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

On a motion by Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Mike Slavik, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Hansen
Administrative Coordinator