



Legislative Update

Oct. 21, 2025

Agenda



1. Final review of platform and priorities
2. Legislative timeline
3. Informational items

Legislative platform



- Reflects staff and commissioner suggestions from previous GGP committee discussions.
- Includes new capital priorities.
- Formal approval scheduled for Nov. 4.
- Questions?

2026 Policy Priorities



1. Human services modernization

- Solve immediate issues created by new federal requirements, reduce errors and fight fraud
- Get on track to replace outdated, disparate systems with a modern system with centralized core functions.

2. Human services cost shifts

- The State of Minnesota should absorb SNAP federal cost shifts.

3. Housing support operations management allocation

- Allow provider agencies, including counties, to set aside a portion of Housing Support funds to pay for administrative work.

4. Crisis mental health services

- The legislature should create a long-term funding plan to ensure sustainability of the mental health system in Minnesota.
- While long-term funding is being developed, the legislature should provide a direct appropriation to Dakota County to support and expand its existing, critical services.

1. County Road 50 and Interstate 35 interchange — **\$12.6 million**
 - County Road 50 safety and pedestrian improvements — \$10.8 million
 - Transportation improvements for construction detour — \$1.8 million
2. Lebanon Hills and Lake Byllesby campground buildings and beach house replacement — **\$22 million**
3. County Road 46 expansion from TH 3 to TH 52 — **\$22.5 million**

Legislative timeline



- Nov. 4: Approve final platform and priorities on County Board consent agenda
- November—January: Develop one-pagers/supporting documents for priorities
- Feb. 6: Pre-session event with legislative delegation at CDA
- Feb. 17: 2026 legislative session begins

Informational items



- Other?