

# **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- Get on track to replace outdated, disparate systems with a modern system with centralized core functions.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.

### 2026 Policy Priorities (cont'd)



#### 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.

#### 2026 Capital Priorities



- 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?