



Legislative Update

Sept. 9, 2025

Agenda



1. Review legislative platform updates
2. Begin legislative priorities discussion
3. Review timeline for legislative planning
4. Other?

Platform review



Key updates since Aug. 26:

- Capital investment priorities changes:
 - Project descriptions updated
 - Removed: Energy projects, Whitetail Woods camper cabins
 - Municipal water projects detailed
 - Clarified road projects
- Parks language on e-bikes made more specific
- Greenhouse gas mitigation and transit development items updated
- Human services modernization description updated

Legislative priorities discussion



2026 Legislative Priorities timeline

- Sept. 9: Review 2025 capital and policy priorities
- Sept. 23: Continued 2026 priorities discussion; identify capital priorities
- Oct. 7: Finalize legislative priorities
- Oct. 17: Deadline for capital projects for consideration in governor's proposal
- November–January: Develop one-pagers/supporting documents for priorities

Legislative priorities discussion



Looking back: 2025 priorities

Capital

- County Road 50 and Interstate 35 Bridge Improvements
- Recycling Zone Plus
- Thompson County Park Inclusive Recreation Enhancements
- County Building Energy Efficiency Improvements

Policy

- Modernize human services programs and technology
- MnCHOICES reassessment process improvement
- Sustainable crisis mental health services funding
- Housing support operations management allocation
- Increased SCORE funding for state waste mandates

Legislative priorities discussion



Looking ahead: 2026 priorities

Capital

- Should we include all the county capital projects in the updated platform?
- Do we rank our priorities from the outset?

Policy

- Should we repeat any of the 2025 priorities?
- What new items should become priorities?

Pre-legislative session planning



Timeline

- Sept. 23: Final review of platform changes at GGP. Discuss legislative priorities
- Oct. 7: Board approval of platform
- Oct. 17: MMB deadline capital budget requests edits
- November–January: Finalize legislative priorities (bonding and policy)
- Early February: Pre-session event with legislative delegation
- Feb. 17: Legislative session begins

Other items



- Other items?