

2026 Legislative Priorities

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
- Lebanon Hills & Lake Byllesby campground buildings and beach house replacement —
 \$22 million
- 3. County Road 46 expansion from TH 3 to TH 52 \$22.5 million

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 - Get on track to replace outdated, disparate systems with a modern system with centralized core functions.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 their 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 a long-term funding is being developed, the legislature should provide a direct appropriation to Dakota County to support and expand its existing, critical services.