



June 23, 2026

Elaine Koutsoukos, Transportation Coordinator
Transportation Advisory Board
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street North

RE: 2026 Regional Solicitation Application for the Downtown Lakeville Sidewalk project

Dear Ms. Koutsoukos:

Dakota County is pleased to offer our support for the City of Lakeville's application for Regional Solicitation funding in the Active Transportation category for the Downtown Lakeville Sidewalk project.

The Downtown Lakeville Sidewalk Project represents an important investment in pedestrian safety and accessibility within the City of Lakeville. This project will add new sidewalk along 209th Street West, connecting the existing public parking lot to Holyoke Avenue, and along Howland Avenue from 209th Street West to Upper 209th Street West. It also includes a new midblock east-west walkway between Howland Avenue and Holyoke Avenue, as well as a midblock pedestrian crossing on Howland Avenue featuring a marked crosswalk and rectangular rapid-flashing beacons. In addition, the project will install new ADA-compliant curb ramps and upgrade several existing ramps to meet current standards.

On behalf of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, I offer our full support for this important project, which will improve mobility, enhance safety in the downtown area, and strengthen the overall transportation network for residents and visitors allowing downtown Lakeville to become even more vibrant and economically viable for years to come.

Sincerely,

Laurie Halverson, Chair
Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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