



Authorization to Submit Applications For 2026 Regional Solicitation Grant Funding Opportunity and Approve Letter Of Support For City-Led Project Applications

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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2026 Regional Solicitation Details



- Competitive process to award transportation funding to projects that meet regional transportation needs within Metro Area.
- This round includes:
 - Regional Solicitation (including Highway Safety Improvement Program) with approximately \$250 million available for construction years 2030-2031
 - Active Transportation Solicitation with approximately \$50 million available for construction years 2027-2031
- Due June 18th 2026
- Award announcement, end of 2026



2026 Funding Cycle Changes



- New funding categories, including Proactive and Reactive Safety categories, New Interchanges, and EV Charging.
- Sales and Use Tax provides funding for Active Transportation categories.
- New criteria and measures align with Imagine 2050 and the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan.
- Maximum awards have been increased in many categories.

2026 Funding Categories



Categories recommended for project applications by staff

Safety

Proactive Safety (All Modes):

Small Projects (HSIP)
Large Project (Reg Sol Federal Funding)

Reactive Safety (All Modes):

Small Projects (HSIP)
Large Projects (Reg Sol Federal Funding)

Dynamic and Resilient

Bicycle/Pedestrian

Federal Reg Sol Funding

Regional Bike Networks

Regional AT Funding

Local Bike Networks

Local Pedestrian Networks

AT Planning

Transit

Transit Expansion (Including Microtransit)

Arterial Bus Rapid Transit

Transit Customer Experience

Roadway

Roadway Modernization

Reliability/ Excessive Delays

Interchanges

Important Bridge Connections

Environment

EV Charging Infrastructure

TDM

Proposed Highway Project Applications



Congestion Management/Roadway Modernization

	City	Minimum Request	Maximum Request	Min Local Match
1.1 CP 50-033 - CSAH 50/CSAH 5 (Kenwood Trail) and I-35 interchange	Lakeville	\$1 Mil	\$10 Mil	20%
2.1 CP 38-061 - CSAH 38 (McAndrews Rd.) from CSAH 5 to Burnhaven Drive	Burnsville	\$1 Mil	\$10 Mil	20%
2.2 CP 09-065 - CSAH 9 (Dodd Ave.) from CSAH 50 (Kenwood Trail) to 208 th Street	Lakeville	\$1 Mil	\$10 Mil	20%

Highway Regional Solicitation Safety and Safety Improvement Program - Reactive and Proactive Safety

	City	Minimum Request	Maximum Request	Min Local Match
3.1 CP 09-068 - CSAH 9 (Dodd Ave.) and Indiana Ave/194 th Street intersection and CSAH 9 (Dodd Ave.) and 190 th Street Intersection	Lakeville	\$0	\$7 Mil	10%
4.1 CSAH 46 US 52 to 400' W of General Sieben Dr	Vermillion TWP	\$0	\$7 Mil	10%

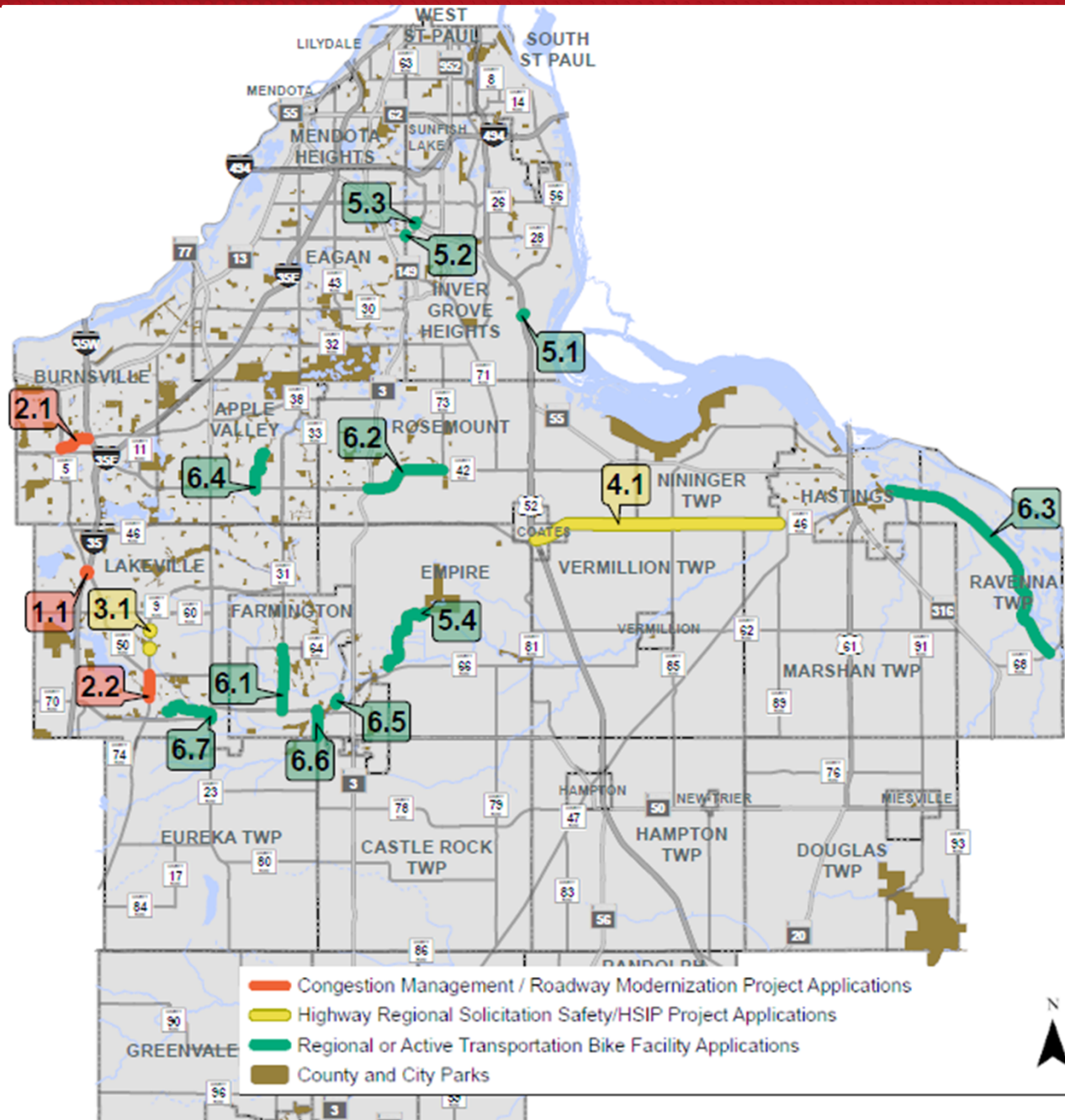
Proposed Regional and Active Transportation Facilities Applications



Regional and Active Transportation Local Bike Facilities`

	City	Minimum Request	Maximum Request	Min Local Match
5.1 CP 98-020 - Veteran's Memorial Greenway, grade separation at US 52	Inver Grove Heights	\$1 Mil	\$5.5 Mil	20%
5.2 CP-28-073 - Lebanon Hills Greenway, Underpass of CSAH 28	Inver Grove Heights	\$1 Mil	\$5.5 Mil	20%
5.3 Lebanon Hills Greenway, Overpass of TH 55	Inver Grove Heights	\$1 Mil	\$5.5 Mil	20%
5.4 Vermillion Highlands Greenway, Whitetails Woods to Vermillion River (near CSAH 66)	Empire	\$1 Mil	\$5.5 Mil	20%
6.1 CP 31-111 - Trails along CSAH 31 from CSAH 74 (Ash Street) to CSAH 50 (212th Street)	Farmington	\$150,000	\$3.5 Mil	5%
6.2 CP 42-180 - Trails along CSAH 42 from TH 3 to CR 73 (Akron Ave)	Rosemount	\$150,000	\$3.5 Mil	5%
6.3 CP 54-011 - Trails along CSAH 54 from Hastings to CSAH 68	Ravenna TWP	\$150,000	\$3.5 Mil	5%
6.4 North Creek Greenway from CSAH 42 to 140 th St	Apple Valley	\$150,000	\$3.5 Mil	5%
6.5 North Creek Greenway – Rambling River Park	Farmington	\$150,000	\$3.5 Mil	5%
6.6 CP 31-115 - Trails along CSAH 31 from CSAH 50 to CSAH 74	Farmington	\$150,000	\$3.5 Mil	5%
6.7 Lake Marion Greenway – Through industrial park in Lakeville	Lakeville	\$150,000	\$3.5 Mil	5%

2026 Regional Solicitation Projects Map



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the submittal of the previously mentioned project applications to the Regional Solicitation application process for funding

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves letters of support for the aforementioned city-led project applications to be signed by the Board Chair

Discussion



Questions?