



Update And Discussion Of Proposed Transit Investments In Capital Improvement Program

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- 2040 Transportation Plan Guidance
- Transportation Sales and Use Tax Set Aside
- Proposed CIP Transit Projects
- Discussion

- County role shifting from Project Manager to:
 - Stakeholder
 - Advocate
 - Technical Resource
 - Mobility Management: GoDakota (Community Services)
 - Funding Partner

- County Highway Improvements
 - T2 “identify and pursue feasible improvements to county highways ...”
 - T4 “Provide infrastructure for transit operations and transit service access within county highway right-of-way...”

- Capital and Operating Enhancements
 - T1 “... consider providing funding contributions for other services on an individual basis...”
 - F9 “Consider participation in transit capital and operating enhancements, or pilot projects, up to 50 percent after application of federal or state funds available for the project as determined by the county.”

- Up to \$420,000 annually for non-transitway transit service expansion capital and operating costs
- Previous projects funded:
 - Dakota County Technical College Transit Pilot
 - Bus Shelter Pad Construction, County Highways

Proposed CIP Transit Projects



- County Highway Improvements
 - Bus Shelter Pad Construction, County Highways
- Capital and Operating Enhancements
 - Bus Shelter Pad Construction, Off County Highway System
 - DARTS Loops

County Hwy Bus Pads



- Installation of concrete bus pads at stops along County Highways
- 2022-2026 CIP
 - \$50,000 annually
- 2023-2027 CIP
 - propose \$65,000 annually

Off-System Bus Pads



- County funding for concrete bus pads at priority transit stops not along County highways
- 2022 project and JPA approved in May
- Board discussion identified concerns with project
- 2022-2026 CIP:
 - \$100,000 in 2022, \$200,000 annually 2023-2026
- 2023-2027 CIP:
 - Propose \$100,000 annually

- Provide weekly accessible trips for Seniors to access services and shopping.
- Existing Loops:
 - Hastings
 - Lakeville
 - South St. Paul (every other week)
 - West St. Paul

DARTS Loops



- CIP includes County support for DARTS loops
 - One-time bus purchase
 - New service in Farmington
 - Funding gaps for Hastings and South St. Paul
- 2022-2026 CIP:
 - \$92,500 in 2022 (includes contribution toward bus)
 - \$32,500 annually 2023-2026 for loop operations
- 2023-2027 CIP:
 - Propose \$32,500 annually for loop operations

- Vehicle purchase will support all Loops in County and enable new pilot service
- New Farmington service will focus on grocery access
- Farmington and Hastings currently unserved by other providers
- SSP loop currently bi-weekly due to funding gap

- Are these projects addressing County Board priorities?
- Are there other priorities or projects to pursue?
- Ongoing projects and services vs. new pilot projects