



Dakota County

Legislation Text

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DEPARTMENT: Transportation

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TITLE

Public Hearing To Receive Comments On Eligible Projects For County Transportation Sales And Use Tax Funds

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on revisions to the list of transportation projects eligible for County Transportation Sales and Use Tax (SUT) funds and approve the list of eligible projects for SUT funds.

SUMMARY

To provide a safe and efficient multi-modal transportation system, Dakota County identifies priority transportation projects needed to improve safety and mobility. To provide adequate funding for priority transportation projects, Dakota County enacted a quarter-cent sales tax and \$20 excise tax on new vehicle sales starting October 1, 2017, by Resolution No.17-364 (June 20, 2017). The transportation SUT is authorized by Minn. Stat. § 297A.993 (The Act). The Act requires the County Board to designate the transportation projects that will use the Transportation SUT following a public hearing. The Sales and Use Tax may be used on more than one project and may be dedicated to a new project by resolution after a public hearing (see Attachment: Stat. § 297A.993).

The funds generated by the Transportation SUT have been identified to be used for a list of transportation projects, including transit, County highways, regional trails, and trunk highways. The proposed list of eligible projects requires an update to represent projected future transportation system needs identified in the 2040 Transportation Plan and included in the Draft 2023-2027 County Manager's Recommended Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The revised list of projects and accompanying map (see Attachment: Draft SUT Project List) include the following changes:

- Eliminating projects that have since been completed
- Updating total project cost estimates and descriptions where new information is available
- Adding County highway and regional trail projects that were identified as priorities in development of the Draft CIP

By Resolution No. 22-463 (November 1, 2022), the County Board scheduled a public hearing for November 29, 2022, to receive comments on the proposed list of eligible projects for the Transportation SUT. The public hearing was advertised in the *Dakota County Tribune* on November 18 and November 25, 2022 (see Attachment: Public Hearing Notice), with additional information

posted on the Dakota County website.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Dakota County Board of Commissioners conduct the public hearing to receive comments on the revised list of transportation projects eligible for Transportation SUT funds and approve the list of eligible projects after consideration of any public comments received.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

Adopting the proposed updates to the Transportation SUT eligible project list ensures that the Draft 2023-2027 CIP is consistent with the SUT project list. Not all projects on the SUT-eligible project list are included in the five-year CIP. Projects on the list will be added to future CIPs as project development advances and funding with partner agencies is secured.

- None
- Current budget
- Other
- Amendment Requested
- New FTE(s) requested

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 297A.993 (the Act) authorizes the Dakota County Board to levy up to one-half of one percent sales and use tax and an excise tax of \$20 per motor vehicle to fund statutorily defined transportation and transit projects; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-364 (June 20, 2017), the Dakota County Board enacted a quarter-percent sales tax and \$20 excise tax on new vehicle sales starting October 1, 2017, to fund identified transitway, transit expansion, regional County highway, trail, and trunk highway transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has identified a proposed updated list of transportation projects eligible for Transportation Sales and Use Tax funds based on the needs identified in the Draft 2040 Transportation Plan and through the development of the 2023-2027 Draft Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Act allows the County Board to dedicate the proceeds of the Transportation Sales and Use Tax to a new enumerated project by resolution after a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the County Board held a public hearing on the date hereof following the publication of notice as required by the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners dedicates the proceeds of the Dakota County Transportation Sales and Use Tax to the following projects:

METRO Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT): capital and operating costs

METRO Orange Line Extension BRT: capital and operating costs

CSAH 46 Expansion: from TH 3 to TH 52 in Rosemount and Empire Township

CSAH 46 Reconstruction: from Pleasant Drive to TH 61 in Hastings

CSAH 32 Expansion: from CSAH 71 to TH 52 in Inver Grove Heights

CSAH 42 Management improvements: from the western county Line to TH 52 in Burnsville, Apple Valley, and Rosemount

CSAH 86 Reconstruction: from the western county line to TH 3 in Greenvale, Eureka, and Castle Rock Townships

CSAH 23 Pedestrian overpass: at 140th Street in Apple Valley

CSAH 60 Expansion: from CSAH 9 (Dodd) to Highview in Lakeville

CSAH 88 Reconstruction: from CR 94 to TH 56 in Randolph Township

CSAH 88 Reconstruction: from TH 56 to west of Finch Ct in Randolph Township

CSAH 91 Reconstruction: from 210th to TH 316 in Marshan Township

CSAH 91 Reconstruction: from Miesville Trail to TH 61, Miesville, Douglas Township

TH 77 mobility improvements/E-ZPass expansion: in Apple Valley and Eagan

TH 3 safety and mobility improvements: from 55th Street to TH 55 in Inver Grove Heights

TH 3 safety and mobility improvements: from TH 149 to downtown Rosemount in Eagan, Inver Grove Heights, and Rosemount

TH 55 safety and mobility improvements: from TH 52 to General Sieben Drive in Rosemount, Nininger Township, and Hastings

TH 52 and CSAH 62/66 area interchange: in Vermillion Township

I-35 mobility improvements/E-ZPass extension to CSAH 50 in Burnsville and Lakeville, including I-35 and CSAH 50 interchange reconstruction in Lakeville

I-494 and Future CSAH 63 interchange: in Inver Grove Heights

TH 13 corridor improvements: from the western county line to Nicollet Avenue in Burnsville

TH 50 safety improvements: from TH 52 to TH 20/61 in Hampton and Douglas Townships

Non-transitway transit service expansion capital and operating costs (up to \$420,000 annually)

River to River Greenway Regional Trail: Mendota Heights, West St Paul, and South St Paul

Vermillion Highlands Greenway Regional Trail: Rosemount

North Creek Greenway Regional Trail: Apple Valley, Lakeville, and Farmington

Lake Marion Greenway Regional Trail: Lakeville and Burnsville

Mississippi River Greenway Regional Trail: South St Paul

Rosemount Greenway: Rosemount

Vermillion River Greenway: Hastings

Mendota to Lebanon Hills Greenway: Eagan, Inver Grove Heights

Greenway collaborative

Greenway wayfinding installation

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

17-364; 06/20/17

22-463; 11/01/22

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Stat. § 297A.993

Attachment: Draft Sales and Use Tax Eligible Project List

Attachment: Public Hearing Notice

BOARD GOALS

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A Successful Place for Business and Jobs

A Healthy Environment

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