



# Dakota County

## Legislation Text

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**DEPARTMENT:** Transportation

**FILE TYPE:** Consent Action

### TITLE

**Authorization To Amend Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget For County Project 88-24, County State Aid Highway 88 Reconstruction From Trunk Highway 56 To Finch Court In Randolph Township**

### PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize to amend 2023 Transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget for County Project (CP) 88-24 in Randolph Township.

### SUMMARY

To provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with CP 88-24 to reconstruct County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 88 in Randolph Township from Trunk Highway (TH) 56 to Finch Court (see Attachment: Project Location). The reconstruction of CSAH 88 between the East Dakota County Line and Finch Court is the first phase, CP 88-20, with construction scheduled to begin in the summer of 2023.

The purpose of CP 88-24 is to address pavement quality, safety, and operational issues. The existing road has minimal paved shoulders, no turn lanes, and multiple curves with advisory speeds below the posted speed limit. In addition, CSAH 88 currently intersects Highway 56 at a skew near a railroad crossing, which has led to several crashes. County Project 88-24 will also explore the feasibility of a trail along existing and reconstructed CSAH 88 to connect the Dakota County Park on both ends of the project, utilizing the right of way needed for the road reconstruction. This project, when complete, will be consistent with County and CSAH standards for this type of County facility.

The budget for right-of-way was established in 2019 for CP 88-20 and in 2021 the project was split into two phases with CP 88-24 representing the second phase. County Project 88-20 utilized the full right of way budget to procure the easements required to construct the first phase in 2023. A right of way budget needs to be established for CP 88-24 to acquire the necessary easements and to execute a total acquisition required for the project. Appraisals have been completed for all necessary parcels on CP 88-24, which has informed the right-of-way budget estimate of \$4,500,000. This estimated right-of-way amount was established based on appraisal amounts and experience negotiating settlements with parcels that have irrigation impacts as well as the relocation acquisition process. Staff proposes to utilize Transportation Fund Balance to amend the Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget by adding funding for right-of-way acquisitions to the CP 88-24 budget.

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends to authorize amending the 2023 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget for CP 88-24 to account for right of way acquisitions.

## EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

The project budget was originally established with CP 88-20 in 2019. In 2021, the project was separated into two phases with CP 88-24 representing the second phase for construction in 2024. County Project 88-24 has a total adopted budget of \$8,288,387 and to account for right of way acquisitions, a budget amendment of \$4,500,000 is requested (see Attachment: Financial Summary). The requested budget amendment would transfer funds from the Transportation Fund Balance.

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

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dakota County and Randolph Township are partnering on County Project 88-24 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project includes the segment of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 88 from Finch Court to TH 56; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and need for the Project is to improve safety, operations, and capacity along the Project corridor; and

WHEREAS, to address the purpose and need for the Project, the County is proposing to reconstruct CSAH 88 to address pavement quality, safety, and operational issues by improving drainage, modifying access, improving sight angles, and adding turn lanes; and

WHEREAS, the County is the lead agency for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County utilized public engagement for this project, including a public open house on October 8, 2020, at Lake Byllesby Park and December 16, 2021, at United Methodist Church and presentations at the Randolph Township Meetings on September 15, 2020, May 24, 2022, and June 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, right of way acquisition is needed to allow CP 88-24 construction to begin in 2024 as scheduled; and

WHEREAS, appraisals have been completed for all necessary parcels on CP 88-24, which has informed the right-of-way budget estimate of \$4,500,000; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment is needed in the 2023 Transportation Capital Improvement Program for County Project 88-24 necessary for right of way acquisitions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a budget amendment for County Project 88-24 to add \$4,500,000 for right of way acquisitions, subject to approval by the County Attorney's

Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2023 Transportation Capital Improvement Program budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Expense**

CP 88-24 ROW Expense	<u>\$4,500,000</u>
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<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$4,500,000</b>
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**Revenue**

Transportation Fund Balance	<u>\$4,500,000</u>
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<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,500,000</b>
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**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION**

18-423; 8/14/18

19-887; 12/17/19

20-629; 12/15/20

22-428; 10/4/22

22-498; 10/15/22

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment: Project Location

Attachment: Financial Summary

**BOARD GOALS**

☐ A Great Place to Live

☐ A Healthy Environment

☐ A Successful Place for Business and Jobs

☒ Excellence in Public Service

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL**

☐ Inform and Listen

☒ Discuss

☐ Involve

☐ N/A

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