

# 2024 Legislative Priorities Summary

The Washington County Board collaborates with the state to advance local, regional, and state goals that benefit the safety and wellbeing of the public.

The County Board has determined the following items are the top county priorities in the 2024 legislative session.



## Trunk Highway 36 and Trunk Highway 120 (Century Avenue) Grade Separated Interchange Design

**REQUEST:** \$3 million in state funds for the design of the multimodal Trunk Highway (TH) 36 and TH 120 (Century Avenue) Grade Separation Project.

## County Road 19A & 100th Street Realignment Project

**REQUEST:** \$12.5 million in state funds to construct the County Road 19A and 100th Street Realignment Project.

## CSAH 5 (Stonebridge Trail) and Brown's Creek State Trail Connection Project

**REQUEST:** \$3 million in state funds to construct a trailhead and trail connection(s) from County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5 to the Brown's Creek State Trail.

## Hardwood Creek Regional Trail Extension

**REQUEST:** \$1 million in state funds for land acquisition, design, and construction to close a one-mile gap in the Hardwood Creek Regional Trail.

## Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park Trail Lighting

**REQUEST:** \$2 million in state funds for trail lighting in Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park.

## Washington County Southern Public Works and Environmental Center Campus

**REQUEST:** \$10 million in state funds for the design and construction of a Washington County Southern Public Works and Environmental Center Campus.

## East Metro Food Waste Digestion Project

**REQUEST:** \$30 million in state funds for a public-private partnership to design, construct, and operate an anaerobic digestion facility.

## Increase Number of Beds in Housing Support Metro Demonstration Project

**REQUEST:** An increase in the number of units (or beds) in the Housing Support Metro Demonstration Project from 226 to 500.

## Emergency Housing Services Building

**REQUEST:** \$5 million in state funds to construct an Emergency Housing Services Building.

While these have been identified as the county's top priorities this year, the needs extend beyond this list and the county is proud to work with partners at the Association of Minnesota Counties, Minnesota Inter-County Association, and Partnership on Waste to Energy in support of their legislative platforms to address shared goals and interests.