

Dakota County 2019 State Bonding Priorities



Dakota County is home to 422,000 people — 8 percent of the state population — and popular destinations and attractions that draw thousands of visitors each year. The County seeks state bonding support to enhance pedestrian, bicycle and commuter safety, and further develop a regional greenway system.

Public safety and greenway improvements — \$22.75 million

Dakota County residents and visitors value and use our open space, parks and trails. More than 200,000 walkers, cyclists and families use just one of our greenways, for example. But with more walkers and cyclists comes more risk. There are 10 miles of critical trail gaps in the greenway system and 10 dangerous crossings that place hundreds of thousands of walkers and cyclists at risk of harm. State bonding funds will help to protect greenway users and commuters by plugging these critical trail gaps and constructing crossings to enhance safety.

Requests include:

River to River Greenway — \$5.5 million

- Dodd Road Underpass
- Marthaler Trailhead
- Robert Street Underpass

Mendota to Lebanon Hills Greenway — \$4.5 million

- Inver Grove Heights / Mendota Heights Gap
- Cliff Road Underpass

Mississippi River Trail — \$4.1 million

- Wakota Trailhead
- River Access Enhancements
- Rosemount East Gap

Minnesota River Greenway - \$3.94 million

- Fort Snelling Gap
- Nicols/Cedar Traihead

Lake Marion Greenway — \$2.39 million

- County Road 42 Pedestrian Underpass
- · Ritter Farm Trail Gap

North Creek Greenway — \$2.32 million

- 155th Street & JCCR Underpasses
- County Road 42 Pedestrian Underpass
- Lakeville/Farmington Trail Gaps