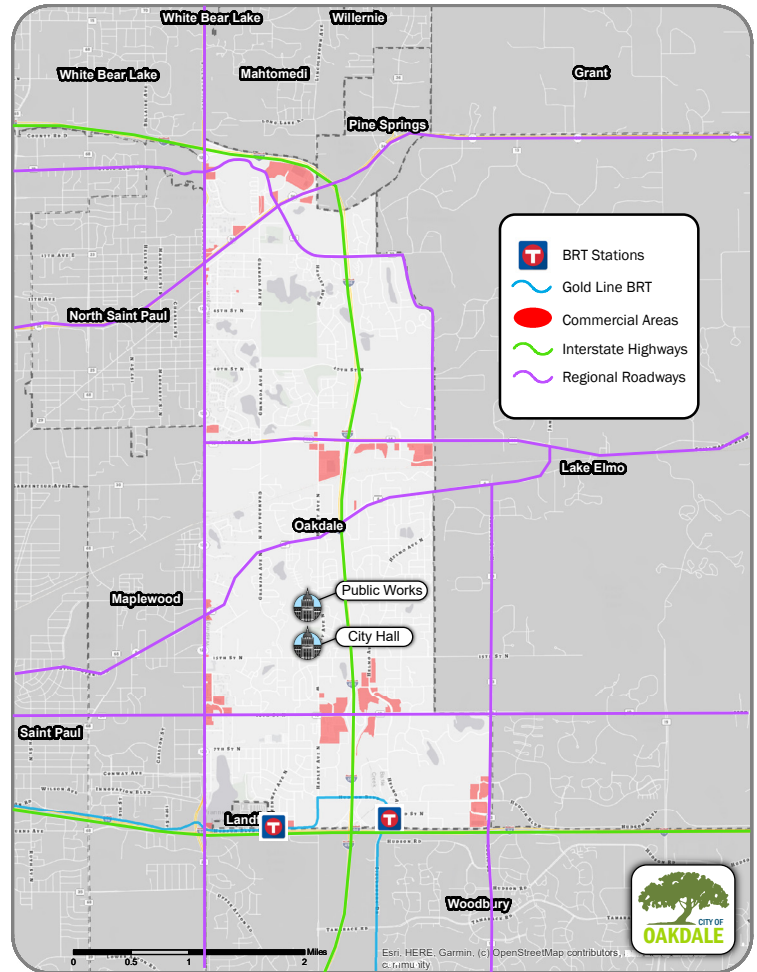


The City of Oakdale, located in Washington County, is a second-ring suburb of Saint Paul and bordered by the cities of Maplewood, North Saint Paul, White Bear Lake, Pine Springs, Lake Elmo, Woodbury, and Landfall. The City of Oakdale is home to approximately 29,000 residents, 12,000 households, and 12,000 jobs. Due to Oakdale's size and shape – generally two miles east-to-west and six miles north-to-south – many non-residents visit destinations in or travel through the City. These persons cause additional and significant demands on the City's public facilities and services whose costs are borne by the owners of property in Oakdale.

Regional significance as addressed in this document relates to the providing higher levels of services and facilities arising from demands for employment, commercial activity, transportation, leisure/recreation, and inter-jurisdictional activities.



Employment

- Non-residents hold 89.8% of the 12,104 jobs in Oakdale (*U.S. Census data, 2017*)

Retail Sales

- Retail sales for seven categories of common consumer good totaled over \$222 million (*Envionics Analysis, data for 2018 in 2019 report*)
- Non-residents account for approximately 37% of retail sales (*U of M Extension*)

Transportation

- Encompasses 27 miles of state and regional roadways; approximately 113,000 trips per day on I-94 alone, and 85,000 on I-694, which bisects Oakdale
- Two major transit stations on the Gold Line BRT route will be built in Oakdale: the Helmo Station and the Greenway Station. As currently scheduled, the Gold Line BRT route will be in operation in 2024, and expects an average of 500 riders per day accessing the line in Oakdale

Leisure/Recreation

- Parks and facilities with regional draw: 200-acre Oakdale Nature Preserve, Discovery Center, Oakdale Bark Park, Richard Walton Park and skatepark
- Non-residents accounted for between 32-44% of facility rentals and program registrations in 2018 & 2019

Oakdale Police Facility

The Police Department has occupied its current facility since 1992, and during that time its sworn officer staff has increased 60% while responding to the change in service needs and demands in a growing community. The police station is beyond the capacity of the Department's current operational needs, and its inefficiencies hinder the ability to meet the increasing needs in Oakdale and its immediate region. The urgently-needed facility improvements are necessary to continue to provide services to non-residents and businesses at current levels as well as increased demands for services as the East metro develops in the future. Financing the expanded and re-programmed police station through a City sales tax is an equitable method to reflect the benefits of the region surrounding Oakdale that relies on its need to provide police services to them.

Inter-jurisdictional Activities

The Oakdale Police Department is a key participant and provides facilities in regional organizations whose activities cut across jurisdictional boundaries. They include:

- East Metro Sex Trafficking Task Force
- Washington County Mobile Field Force
- Washington County SWAT Team
- Tartan High School, school resource officers (SRO)
- In 2019 responded to 265 incidents occurring on regional roadways upon which the Minnesota State Patrol has primary jurisdiction

Oakdale Public Works Facility

The Public Works Department occupied its current facility beginning in 1985, and had three subsequent additions through 2009. It is crowded, inefficient, and prone to structural and health concerns due to its location next to a wetland. The urgently-needed facility improvements are necessary to continue to provide services to non-residents and businesses at current levels as well as increased demands for services as the East metro develops in the future. Financing the a new public works facility through a City sales tax is an equitable method to reflect the benefits of the region surrounding Oakdale that relies on its need to provide public works services to them.

Inter-jurisdictional Activities

- The site for the current facility has outgrown its capacity to serve the operational needs for public works and the on-site water treatment facility. The water plant is treating the PFAS-contaminated groundwater affecting not only Oakdale but the cities in the downstream plume in central and southern Washington County.
- Oakdale Public Works will be responsible for the maintenance of 1.5 miles of the approximately 2.4 miles of the Gold Line BRT route that will be on city streets.
- Oakdale services ten ball fields and five soccer/lacrosse fields at four schools of ISD 622 (Maplewood-Oakdale-North St. Paul School District) that are used for organized athletics. Ball fields are prepared (mowing, dragging, and chalking) over 1000 times per year. Soccer fields are prepared (mowing and chalking) for 200 times per year. These facilities are serviced by Oakdale for its residents and those of surrounding communities.