# **Metropolitan Council**

**2023 Capital Investment Requests** 

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# Metropolitan Council



### **Governor's bonding recommendations**

- \$72 million for busway capital improvement program ullet
- \$6 million for inflow and infiltration grant program •
- \$3 million for the regional parks and trails bonding • program

# Busway capital improvement program



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### **Arterial Bus Rapid Transit**

Governor Walz recommends \$72 million in general obligation bonds to support faster, more frequent and reliable service in our busiest corridors

- For environmental work, right-of-way acquisition, design, construction, and other potential bond-eligible uses to help advance upcoming lines
  - **F Line** (Central/53<sup>rd</sup>/University Avenues: downtown Minneapolis to Northtown)
  - **G Line** (Rice/Robert Street: West St. Paul to Little Canada)
  - **H Line** (Como/Maryland: Minneapolis to Sun Ray)
- Expands network of fast, frequent, all-day transitway service •

# **Bus Rapid Transit**



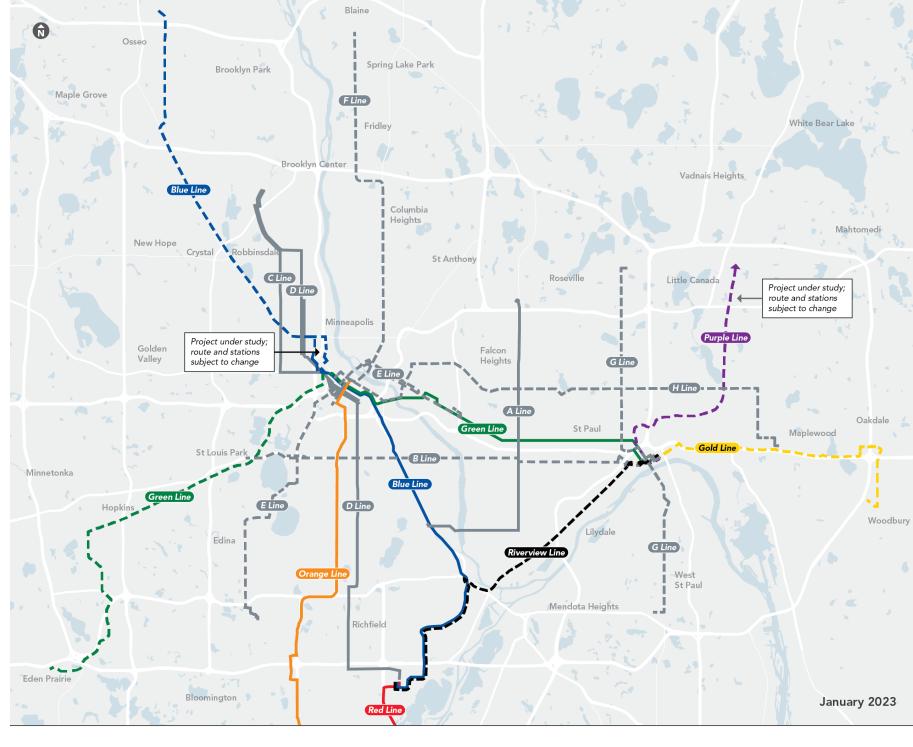
### **Faster, more reliable service**

- Pre-boarding fare payment for faster stops
- All-door boarding •
- Wider stop spacing
- More green time for buses and other transit priority treatments

## **Enhanced stations**

- Enhanced security with cameras and emergency • phones
- Heat, light, real-time signs ullet

## State, local and federal funding





### Planned METRO network

- Planned BRT \_ \_ \_
- Gold Line ----

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- Purple Line
- Project under study; route and stations subject to change.

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- Green Line Extension Blue Line Extension
  - Project under study; route and stations subject to change.
- --- Riverview Line

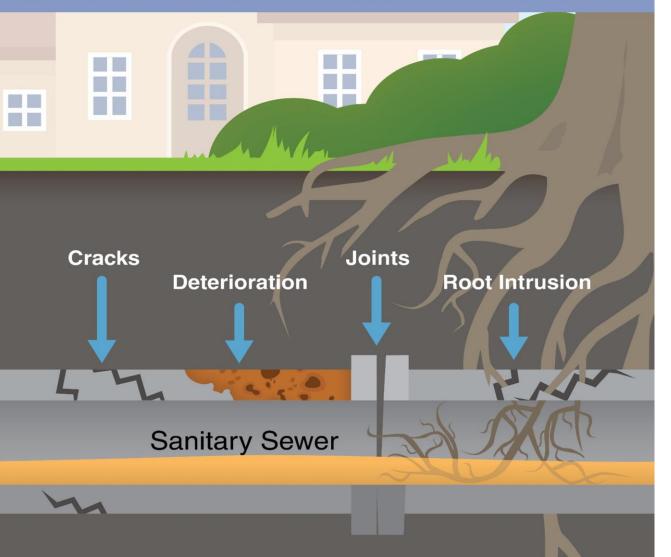
# Inflow and infiltration grant program



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### Keep clear water out of the wastewater

Clear water – stormwater and groundwater – through I/I sources enters the wastewater systems. Excessive I/I increases the need to build larger and more expensive sewer pipes and treatment facilities.



## **Protecting health, homes, and environment**

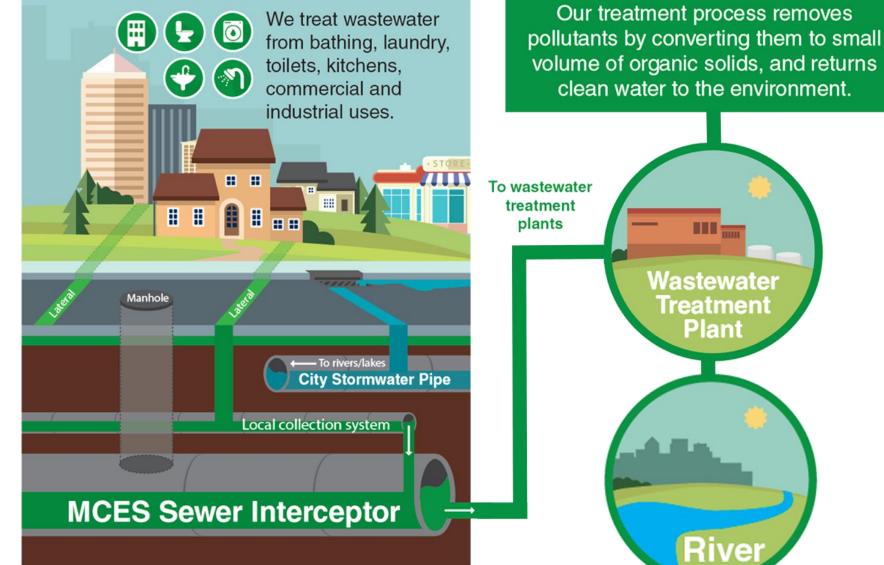
**Governor Walz recommends \$6 million for grants for** cities to repair sewer pipes that connect to the regional wastewater system.

- Grants to local government to cover up to 50% of the inflow and infiltration portion of project cost
  - Prevents groundwater and stormwater from entering the regional sewer system
  - Averts system overloads that can cause costly sewer backups into homes and buildings
  - Avoids sewer overflows into rivers and lakes
  - Keeps sewer and utility fees in check
  - Preserves local and regional wastewater investments

# **Regional wastewater system**

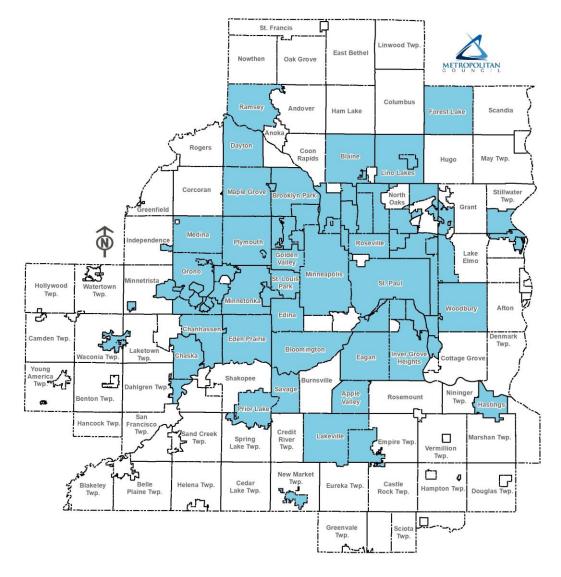
### **Clean water for** future generations

- **Metropolitan Council** 
  - Regional infrastructure
- **Cities and townships** 
  - Connect from the street to regional infrastructure
- **Property owners** 
  - Connect from the property to the street



# Over 80 cities and townships impacted by inflow and infiltration

Apple Valley • Arden Hills • Bayport • Birchwood • Blaine • Bloomington • Brooklyn Center • Brooklyn Park • Carver • Centerville • Chanhassen • Chaska • Columbia Heights • Crystal • Dayton • Deephaven • Eagan • Eden Prairie • Edina • Elko-New Market • Excelsior • Farmington • Forest Lake • Fridley • Golden Valley • Greenwood • Hastings • Hopkins • Inver Grove Heights • Lakeville • Lauderdale • Lexington • Lilydale • Lino Lakes • Little Canada • Long Lake • Mahtomedi • Maple Grove • Maple Plain • Maplewood • Medicine Lake • Medina • Mendota • Mendota Heights • Minneapolis • Minnetonka • Minnetonka Beach • Mound • Mounds View • New Brighton • New Hope • Newport • North St. Paul • Oak Park Heights • Oakdale • Orono • Osseo • Plymouth • Prior Lake • Ramsey • Robbinsdale • Roseville • Savage • Shoreview • Shorewood • South St. Paul • Spring Park • St. Anthony • St. Bonifacius • St. Louis Park • St. Paul • St. Paul Park • Stillwater • Spring Park • Tonka Bay • Vadnais Heights • Waconia • Wayzata • West St. Paul • White Bear Township • Woodbury



# Regional parks and trails bonding program



# **Regional parks and trails** bonding program



### Supporting a world-class parks system

**Governor Walz recommends \$3 million in state general obligation bonds** appropriated to improve regional parks and trails

- Met Council matches every \$3 of state general obligation bonds with \$2 of regional park bonds.
- Funds pass through to parks implementing agencies
- Acquisition, development, and redevelopment projects in the regional parks • system
- Providing and maintain public park areas, open spaces, trails, and facilities •

# **Regional park** system



**NATURE-BASED SYSTEM PROVIDES SIGNIFICANT GREENSPACE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT** 



**8** SPECIAL RECREATION FEATURES (LIKE COMO PARK ZOO & CONSERVATORY AND GALE WOODS FARM)



**56** REGIONAL **PARKS AND PARK RESERVES** 

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**OVER 415 MILES OF INTERCONNECTED REGIONAL TRAILS** 





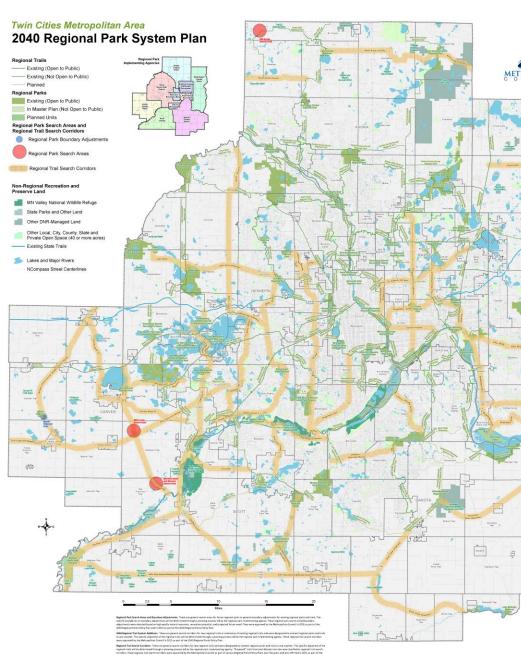
**54,500** ACRES **OF LAND** 



# **Regional parks system**

# The region's parks and trails

- Connect people to the outdoors
- Protect natural resources
- Make sure everyone in the region has access and feels welcomed
- 10 Regional Parks
  Implementing Agencies









### **Charlie Zelle**

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