

# Minnesota Department of Public Safety



## Capital Budget Overview

House Capital Investment Committee  
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## Capital Budget Requests 2025

1. **BCA Southern Minnesota Regional Office and Laboratory | \$68.684M**
2. **BCA Bemidji Regional Office and Laboratory Expansion | \$4.203M**
3. **Minnesota State Patrol Headquarters | \$97.026M**



# BCA Southern Minnesota Regional Office and Laboratory

BCA Superintendent Drew Evans

# BCA Southern Minnesota Regional Office and Laboratory

## Crime trends have shifted and increased over last decade

- Testing of sexual assault kits now required by law.
- Digital evidence unheard of 10 years ago.
- Methamphetamine and opioid abuse rampant in communities.
- Internet crimes have added to child abuse and human trafficking cases.

## Criminal Justice Needs

- Evidence submissions for DNA analysis have increased 200% in last decade.
- Controlled substance submissions have nearly doubled over the last five years.
- Tips of cybercrimes involving exploitation of children has risen 353% in the past five years; each of these has a digital evidence component.



# Evidence storage, firearms testing & lab beyond capacity



# BCA Southern Minnesota Regional Office and Laboratory

## **Additional facility to meet the needs of criminal justice partners**

- Lack of regional facility causes case delays and depletes local resources.
- Provide investigative, laboratory and training services at regional level in southern Minnesota.
- Eliminate local agency time and resources to transport items to BCA headquarters in St. Paul.
- Reduce turnaround time for evidence testing.

## **Operational needs for additional facility**

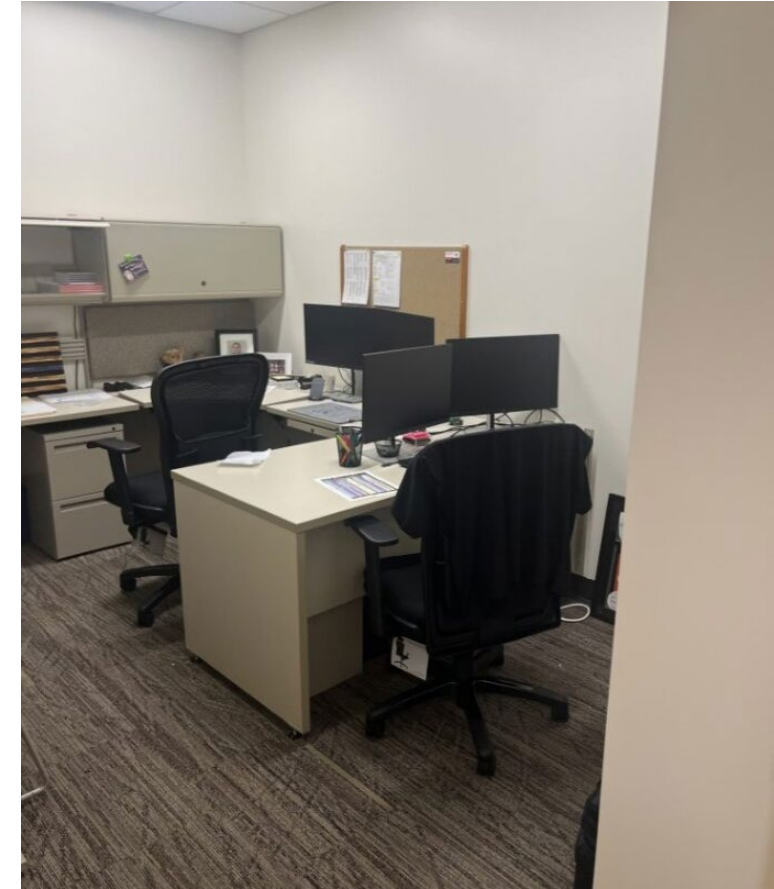
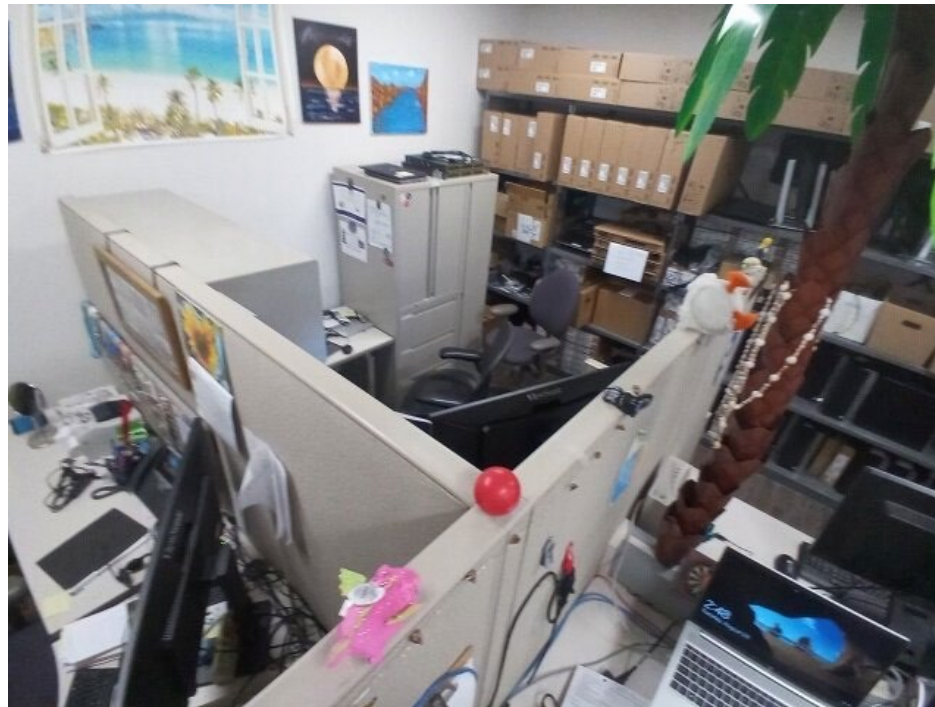
- St. Paul Headquarters over capacity by ~175 staff – plan to relocate >20 staff.
- Highly technical services with unique instrumentation, equipment, storage and security requirements.



# Staff working in small confined spaces



# Special agents tripled in just one office & overcrowding





# Deficiency of space for necessary equipment



# BCA Southern Minnesota Regional Office and Laboratory

## **\$68.684 Million – Southern Minnesota Regional Office construction**

- Approximately 44,000 square feet
- Initial staffing 40-50 FTEs (relocating some staff from St. Paul)
- Planning for current and future needs with capacity for approximately 50+ FTEs
- Significant investment of state resources already made in this project

## **Work completed**

- Pre-design funding received in 2020
- Pre-design completed in 2021
- Design funding received in 2023 (\$4.5 million)
- Land purchased December 2023
- Final design to be complete June 2025





# BCA Southern Minnesota Regional Office and Laboratory





# BCA Bemidji Regional Office and Laboratory Expansion

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# BCA Bemidji Regional Office and Laboratory Expansion

## Forensic evidence testing increasing exponentially

- Case submissions to Bemidji facility have increased more than 150% since 2004
- Demands for forensic testing continue to increase annually
- Projected to increase at comparable rates over next 20 years
- Need to decrease turnaround time for evidence testing

BEMIDJI FACILITY					
Section	2004 Caseload	2022 Caseload	Initial staffing	Current staffing	Projected 20 yr staffing (2043)
Evidence Intake/process	1877 submissions	4818 submissions	2	4	4
Drug Chemistry	991	2514	2	8	10
DNA	265	1976	2	5	6
Latent Prints	280	431	2	6	6
Firearms	102	265	1	2	4
Digital Evidence	na	72	0	2	8
Lab Management	na	na	1	2	3
LAB TOTAL			10	29	41



# BCA Bemidji Regional Office and Laboratory Expansion

## Significant increase in volume and complexity of investigative services

- Independent space for Force Investigations Unit
- New digital evidence laboratory
- Other space needs for specialized investigation functions
  - Polygraph room
  - Additional secure evidence storage
  - Audio/Video enhancements and 3D scanner analysis
- Expanded training space for regional training



# Specialized space needed for this work





# BCA Bemidji Regional Office and Laboratory Expansion

## \$4.203 Million – Expansion of Bemidji Regional Office

- Built in 2001 – need to plan for current and future needs
- Double current space to 53,000 square feet (27,000 sq. ft. new and 26,000 sq. ft. renovated)
- Original staff capacity for 36, current staff 40 with additional growth expected
- Pre-design completed in 2021



BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION - BEMIDJI  
Concept Sketch at New Entry 4-9-24







# Minnesota State Patrol Headquarters Building

Colonel Christina Bogojevic  
Chief of the Minnesota State Patrol

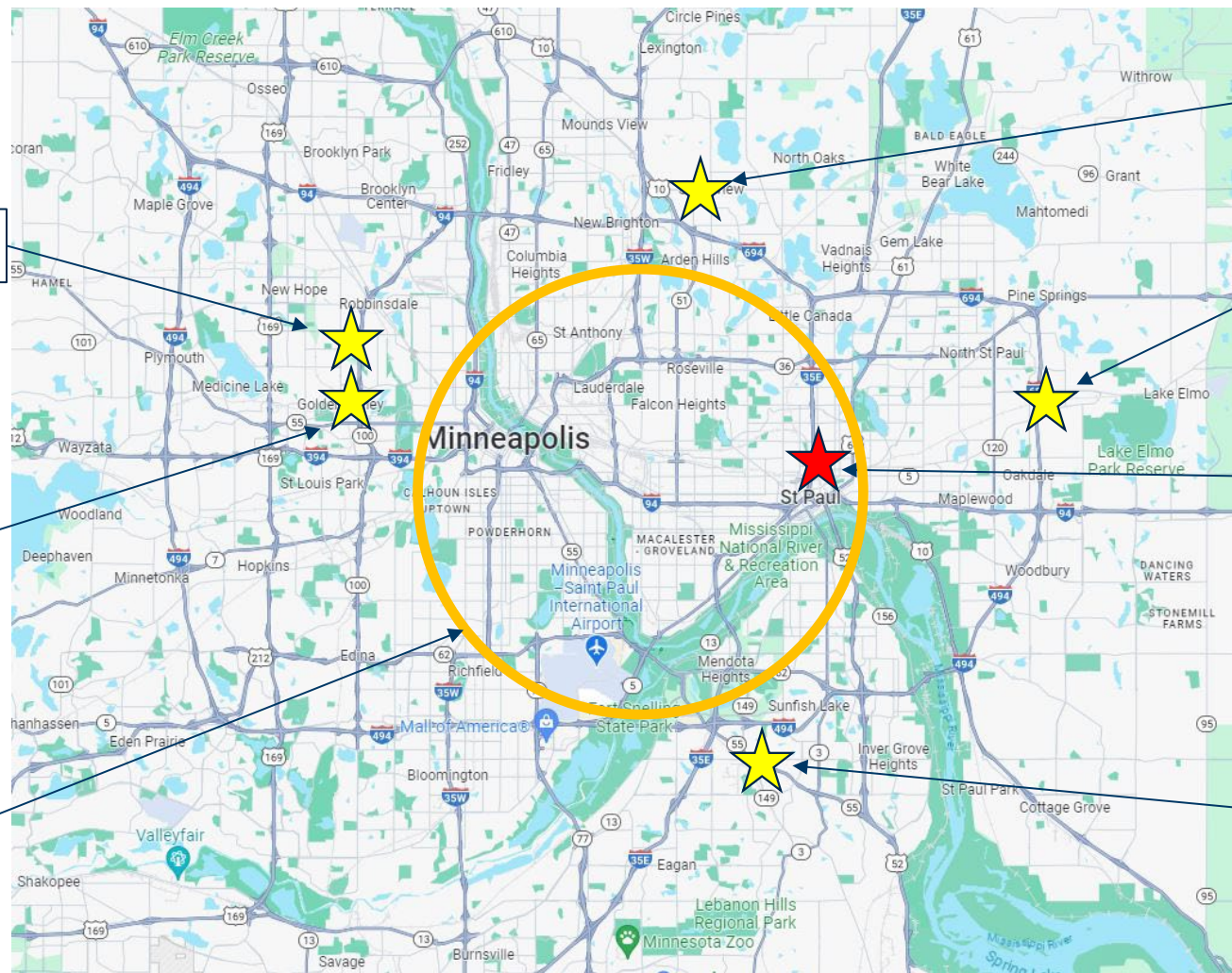
# State Patrol Headquarters design and build

## Minnesota State Patrol Headquarters and Space Consolidation \$97.026M Trunk Highway Cash

- 137,000 total square feet (97,000 office + 40,000 garage)
- Combines 6 separate leased spaces into one comprehensive facility
  - Synergy with leadership + command + teams = efficiency
  - Access to the public with ample and free parking
  - Adequate training space to fulfill needs into the future
  - Recruitment/retention requirements in an ultra competitive environment
  - Readiness for response to disasters with garage storage for equipment
  - Advanced physical security concepts vs the current problem
  - Meets/exceeds many best-practices outlined within the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA) standards



# State Patrol Metro Area locations



Investigations

Training

East Metro

MSP HQ

West Metro

Commercial Vehicles

Optimal Location of New Facility





# Current State Patrol headquarters





# East Metro district headquarters evidence/lunch space



# West Metro and Commercial Motor Vehicles





# Evidence storage is inadequate or non-existent





# Vehicle storage is unsecured/unprepared all over MN





# Vehicle storage





# Metro Area space deficiencies





# Questions?