

City of Tracy

Drinking Water | Wastewater | Storm & Sewer Improvements



The City of Tracy is facing **critical infrastructure challenges** due to aging facilities, some dating back to 1908. **Deteriorating** water pipes and an **outdated** well house and water treatment plant are causing **operational hazards and threatening water quality**. Additionally, the sanitary sewer system is compromised by rain and groundwater infiltration, leading to **flooding** and overloading the city's wastewater ponds. The city supports **essential services like the hospital, schools, daycare, and a senior home**, making reliable infrastructure crucial. To address these issues, Tracy is undertaking a **major utility project** to upgrade and rehabilitate its systems, ensuring safety and functionality for the community's vital institutions.



Leaking Water Service in Tracy, MN

Funds Needed

Project Scope

Utility work needed totals \$70M million and would begin asap once funding is secured.

- Replacement of water distribution pipes - PPL Rank 424
- Replacement of sanitary sewer systems - PPL Rank 8
- Rehabilitation of Well House & Water Treatment Plant.
- Replacement of storm water conveyance systems.

Project Affordability

- The population of Tracy is 2,076.
- The median household income is \$57,344
- 53.2% of the households are low to moderate income households; 12.5% fall below the actual poverty line.
- Residents average \$132/month in utility costs and will exceed an additional \$600/year without bonding support.
- As part of this project, the city will establish a reserve/replacement account.
- Senate Bill:
 - SF1270
- House Bill:
 - HF0615



Why Your Support Matters Now

Tracy knows this project will improve the quality of life, health, safety, and well-being for the residents and visitors to their community. The City of Tracy is respectfully requesting **\$12 million** in Minnesota Legislative Bonding to leverage Federal and City funding proposed to complete this project

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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. **615**

02/13/2025 Authored by Swedzinski
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Capital Investment

1 1 A bill for an act
1 2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for improvements to water
1 3 and sewer infrastructure and street reconstruction in the city of Tracy; authorizing
1 4 the sale and issuance of state bonds.

1 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1 6 Section 1. TRACY; WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND STREET
1 7 RECONSTRUCTION.

1 8 Subdivision 1. Appropriation. \$12,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds
1 9 fund to the Public Facilities Authority for a grant to the city of Tracy to design, engineer,
1 10 construct, and equip replacement of aging and failing municipal infrastructure. This
1 11 appropriation includes money for improvements to and replacement of water distribution
1 12 system and storm sewer system infrastructure, and for reconstruction of city streets.

1 13 Subd. 2. Bond sale. To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond
1 14 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of
1 15 the state in an amount up to \$12,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect
1 16 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota
1 17 Constitution article XI, sections 4 to 7.

1 18 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.



RESOLUTION NO. 2025-9

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRACY, MN. SUPPORTING THE
REQUEST FOR STATE BONDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS the City of Tracy, understands that drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater Infrastructure systems are important for the health and safety of its residents, and

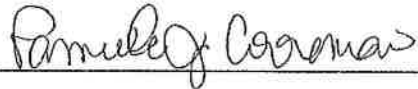
WHEREAS the City of Tracy recognizes that the existing drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure systems are inadequate to meet the existing and future needs of the community, and

WHEREAS the City of Tracy approves and supports the efforts to predesign, design, and construct drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure improvements that will accommodate current and future needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Tracy hereby requests State Bonding to make these utility infrastructure improvements.


Passed and Adopted by the Council on this 13 day of Jan, 2025.

CITY OF Tracy, MINNESOTA



By:

Mayor

ATTEST: 

By:

City Clerk/Treasurer

Tracy Area Public Schools No. 2904



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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Tracy Area Public School District, I am pleased to express our wholehearted support for the City of Tracy's proposed public infrastructure project. This initiative is critical to ensuring the continued growth and vitality of our community, as well as supporting the educational environment for our students and staff.

The planned upgrades to water, wastewater, and transportation systems will provide essential improvements that directly benefit our school district and the broader community. Reliable infrastructure is foundational to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for learning. These enhancements will not only support our current operations but also ensure that the Tracy Area Public School District remains a desirable place for families to live, work, and educate their children.

Moreover, this project is vital to sustaining economic growth and fostering a vibrant future for the City of Tracy and its surrounding areas. Strong infrastructure systems attract families and businesses to our community, which in turn strengthens our school district and enriches educational opportunities for our students.

We commend the City of Tracy for their leadership and commitment to addressing these critical infrastructure needs. As a key partner in the community, the Tracy Area Public School District fully supports this initiative and urges state and federal agencies to provide the necessary funding and resources to make this project a reality.

Sincerely,

Chad Anderson
TAPS Superintendent

Tracy Area Schools is an Equal Opportunity Employer



LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

607 West Main Street
Marshall, MN 56258

February 18, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Lyon County, I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Tracy's critical public infrastructure project. This initiative represents an essential investment in the community's well-being, economic vitality, and long-term sustainability.

The proposed project addresses aging and inadequate infrastructure systems that are vital to the City of Tracy's functionality and growth. Enhancements to the city's water, wastewater, and transportation networks will not only improve public health and safety but also bolster the region's ability to attract and retain businesses, residents, and visitors.

Lyon County recognizes the importance of maintaining modern and reliable infrastructure. Such upgrades are necessary to ensure economic resilience and quality of life for residents throughout the county. Furthermore, this project aligns with broader county and state goals for infrastructure development, economic growth, and environmental stewardship.

We are confident that the City of Tracy's leadership and vision will ensure the successful implementation of this project. We encourage state and federal agencies, as well as other stakeholders, to prioritize funding and resources for this vital endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gary Crowley'.

Gary Crowley, Chair

Lyon County Board of Commissioners

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Sanford Tracy Medical Center to emphasize the critical importance of city infrastructure in supporting the daily operations of our healthcare facility and ensuring the well-being of our community. As healthcare providers, we are committed to delivering high-quality care to all individuals, and we believe that a well-developed infrastructure plays an integral role in achieving this goal.

The hospital relies on a variety of city infrastructure components to function efficiently. These include transportation systems, public utilities, communication networks, and emergency services. Safe, well-maintained roads and access routes are essential for timely patient transport, whether it's for an ambulance carrying someone in urgent need of care or for our staff traveling to and from work.

Public utilities, such as a reliable water supply and waste management systems, are essential for maintaining the hygiene and sanitation of our hospital environment. A consistent and safe power grid is another critical component, as any interruptions could disrupt vital medical equipment, life-saving systems, and patient care services. Our operations depend on the efficiency and reliability of these services to deliver care without delay or compromise.

Moreover, the development and maintenance of city infrastructure are particularly important when responding to large-scale emergencies such as natural disasters or pandemics. An efficient and accessible network of roads, bridges, and communication systems ensures that our hospital can continue to serve as a safe haven for those in need, even during times of crisis.

Lastly, strong infrastructure systems attract families and businesses to our community, which is essential for provider and staff recruitment and retainment to provide healthcare services to our rural community.

The growth and well-being of the City of Tracy are directly tied to the availability of such essential infrastructure. We ask for your continued support in prioritizing investments in city infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy Barstad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stacy Barstad
Administrator/Chief Executive Officer

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Prairie View Senior Living,

I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Tracy's critical public infrastructure project. This initiative represents an essential investment in the community's well-being, economic vitality, and long-term sustainability. This infrastructure project is also a vital part of the continued services and care we provide to our vulnerable adult population.

The proposed project addresses aging and inadequate infrastructure systems that are vital to the City of Tracy's functionality and growth. Enhancements to the city's water, wastewater, and transportation networks will not only improve public health and safety but also bolster the region's ability to attract and retain businesses, residents, and visitors. Without the continued improvement in infrastructure the challenges of providing quality care to our residents increase due to the risk of services not operating at a peak performance.

Prairie View Senior Living recognizes the importance of maintaining modern and reliable infrastructure. Such upgrades are necessary to ensure economic resilience and quality of life for residents throughout the county. Furthermore, this project aligns with broader county and state goals for infrastructure development, economic growth, and environmental stewardship.

We are confident that the City of Tracy's leadership and vision will ensure the successful implementation of this project. We encourage state and federal agencies, as well as other stakeholders, to prioritize funding and resources for this vital endeavor.

Sincerely,



Brian Hinrichs, Executive Director - LNHA

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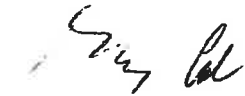
On behalf of the Tracy Area Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Tracy's critical public infrastructure project. This initiative represents an essential investment in the community's well-being, economic vitality, and long-term sustainability.

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The Tracy Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes the importance of maintaining modern and reliable infrastructure. Such upgrades are necessary to ensure economic resilience and quality of life for residents throughout the county. Furthermore, this project aligns with broader county and state goals for infrastructure development, economic growth, and environmental stewardship.

We are confident that the City of Tracy's leadership and vision will ensure the successful implementation of this project. We encourage state and federal agencies, as well as other stakeholders, to prioritize funding and resources for this vital endeavor.

Sincerely,

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Greg Carlson
Tracy Area Chamber of Commerce
Board Member