



City of Minnetonka

Request for local sales tax authorization to support regionally significant public safety and community wellness projects

The City of Minnetonka seeks legislative authorization to allow voters to consider a half-cent local sales and use tax in November 2026 to fund five regionally significant public safety and community wellness and connectivity projects totaling **\$116.1 million**. These regional investments will serve tens of thousands of residents across the west metro and broader Twin Cities region.

If approved by the Legislature and local voters, the sales tax would remain in place for up to 30 years or until sufficient revenue is raised, with proceeds restricted to voter-approved projects and related financing costs.

Proposed Projects



Minnetonka Fire Station 2

Reconstructing Fire Station 2 (\$13 million) and Rebuilding Fire Station 3 (\$17.6 million)

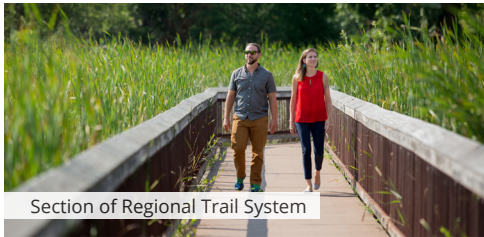
Fire Stations 2 and 3 were built for an earlier era of fire service and no longer meet modern health, safety, or 24-hour staffing standards. Their limitations reduce firefighter safety and constrain emergency response capacity in some of the region's most active corridors.



Minnetonka Fire Station 3

Building new stations at 1815 Hopkins Crossroad and near 5700 Rowland Road would improve emergency response, firefighter safety, and protection for high-traffic areas that are vital to the west metro economy, while strengthening Minnetonka's ability to provide mutual aid to neighboring communities.

Expanding and Connecting the Regional Trail System (\$34 million)



Section of Regional Trail System

Minnetonka's regional trail system is heavily used by residents and visitors, highlighting the need for improved access and trail completions. Strategic investments would strengthen connectivity between neighborhoods, improve accessibility for users of all abilities, and expand recreational opportunities across the west metro.

Renovating and Expanding The Marsh Community Wellness Center (\$35 million)



Warm Water Therapy Pool at The Marsh

Aging infrastructure, accessibility limitations, and growing demand create challenges and opportunities for improvement at The Marsh, a unique and highly-valued community and regional resource. Investing in The Marsh would modernize existing facilities, improve accessibility, and expand capacity, supporting Minnetonka's role as a regional destination for health, wellness, and recreation.

Constructing a Park and Community Space at Opus (\$16.5 million)

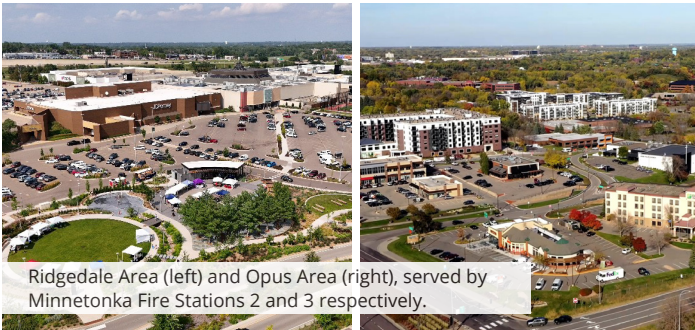


Buildings at the Opus Area

Though it is a major regional employment and activity center, Opus lacks a clear, intentional gathering space for residents, employees, and visitors. There is a growing opportunity to enhance Opus with a flexible outdoor gathering area to improve daily life, support local businesses, and meet community demand.

Our Facilities Provide Regional Assets and Service

Minnetonka plays an important role in providing public safety, recreation, and community services across the west metro.



Ridgedale Area (left) and Opus Area (right), served by Minnetonka Fire Stations 2 and 3 respectively.

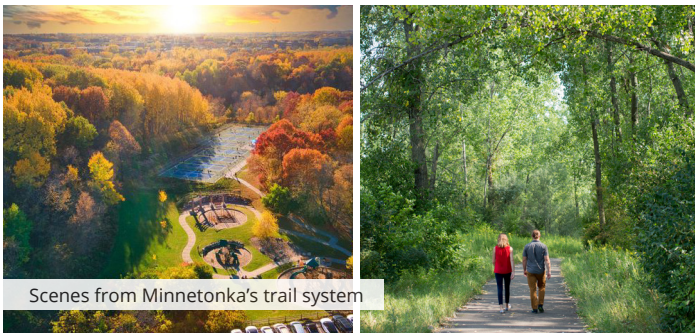
Minnetonka Fire Station 2 serves the Ridgedale area, supporting about one million visitors each month, along with 650+ businesses and 10,000 jobs.

Minnetonka Fire Station 3 serves the Opus area, which sees roughly 90,000 commuters every day. This area continues to grow as a destination for living and jobs, especially with the planned arrival of the Green Line Extension.



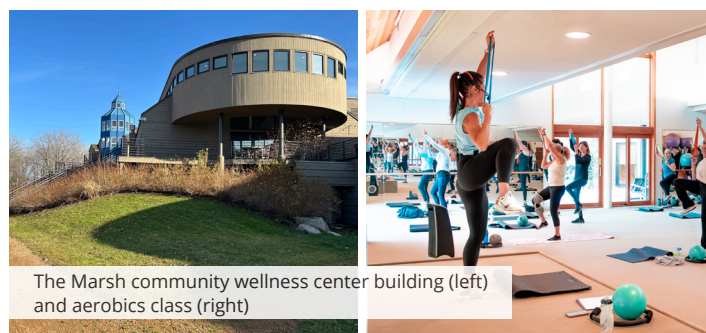
Renderings of green spaces and lightrail at the Opus

Opus is one of Minnetonka's largest employment and activity centers, serving more than 15,000 employees and 4,000 residents. With the planned light rail extension into this area, commuters and visitors are expected to increase significantly as the area continues to grow as a regional transportation and economic hub.



Scenes from Minnetonka's trail system

The trail system serves as a shared regional asset that improves mobility, access, and quality of life across the west metro. These connections between Minnetonka and neighboring cities make it easier for people to travel for work, school, recreation, and key shopping, living, and park areas.



The Marsh community wellness center building (left) and aerobics class (right)

The Marsh serves 8,000+ members from roughly 100 communities across the Twin Cities and offers programs and amenities that are unique to our region, including one of only two warm-water therapy pools in the metro, aquatic bodywork, Shiatsu, and adaptive swimming lessons.



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