



Inver Grove Heights City Council

Monday, July 7, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Veterans Memorial Community Center, Community Rm #1
8155 Barbara Ave, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

AGENDA

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS: Individuals may submit written public comments in advance of the meeting by emailing comments to Rebecca Kiernan (rkiernan@ighmn.gov). Comments received prior to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2025, will be provided to the Council at or before the July 7, 2025 meeting.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Discussion Items**
 - A. 70th Street (TH 3 to Cahill Ave) Preliminary Design (City Project Nos. 2023-13 & 2023-14)
 - B. 80th Street (TH 3 to Babcock Trail) Preliminary Design
 - C. Central Maintenance Facility - Architectural Design Committee
5. **Adjourn**

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Request for Council Action

SUBJECT: **70th Street (TH 3 to Cahill Ave) Preliminary Design (City Project Nos. 2023-13 & 2023-14)**

MEETING DATE: July 7, 2025

ITEM TYPE: Discussion Items

CONTACT: Brian Connolly, Public Works Director, 651.450.2571
 Paul Merchlewicz, City Engineer, 651.450.2572

ACTION REQUESTED

The Council is asked to participate in a discussion with City and Dakota County staff regarding the preliminary design status of 70th Street from Trunk Highway 3 to Cahill Ave.

BACKGROUND

The City of Inver Grove Heights, in cooperation with Dakota County, has identified a need to reconstruct the segment of 70th Street between MN Hwy 3 (Robert Trail) and Babcock Trail to increase safety, better manage access, and provide multimodal functionality. At the same time, Dakota County has identified a need for lane reduction on the segment of 70th Street from Babcock Trail to Cahill Avenue to increase safety, better manage access and provide additional multimodal functionality. Both projects have been included in both the County and City Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) for 2024 and have been combined into a single project to take advantage of efficiencies in the design and construction of the project work.

On September 23, 2024, the City entered into a Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County for the preliminary design of the project, with Dakota County as the lead agency for design of the project work. Preliminary design has proceeded and is near completion. Staff from Dakota County, in conjunction with City staff, would like to provide an update to the City Council as to the proposed project design layout, cost estimates and cost sharing, proposed project schedule, and next steps in the project design and development process.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

No action is requested. This item is for discussion purposes only.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Request for Council Action

SUBJECT: 80th Street (TH 3 to Babcock Trail) Preliminary Design

MEETING DATE: July 7, 2025

ITEM TYPE: Discussion Items

CONTACT: Brian Connolly, Public Works Director, 651.450.2571
Paul Merchlewicz, City Engineer, 651.450.2572

ACTION REQUESTED

The Council is asked to participate in a discussion with City and Dakota County staff regarding the preliminary design of the realignment of 80th Street from TH 3 to Babcock Trail.

BACKGROUND

The City of Inver Grove Heights and Dakota County review and approve five-year Capital Improvement Plans (CIPs) annually to plan for infrastructure improvement needs within our respective organizations. Dakota County prepares a five-year Transportation CIP, and requests resolutions of support from all communities within Dakota County to ensure that projects that are being planned at the County level are coordinated and scheduled at the City level as well.

The realignment and expansion of 80th Street (CSAH 28) between TH 3 (Robert Street) and Babcock Trail (CSAH 73) has been within the Dakota County Transportation 5-year CIP since at least the 2008-2012- CIP, where it was first proposed to be constructed in 2011. The timing of this inclusion lines up with the construction of Amana Trail and the roundabout at TH 3 in 2008/2009, both of which were designed to include the future realignment of 80th Street to the east for future development. This project has appeared in each subsequent Dakota County Transportation 5-year CIP. Due to continual development inquiries, and the need for such a roadway extension to facilitate roadway access and utility service to future development located north and east of TH 3 and 80th Street, City staff have recommended keeping the preliminary design review slotted in both the County and City CIPs for 2025.

The most recent iterations of the County Transportation and City CIP's were adopted by Resolutions 2024-253 and 2024-054, respectively, on November 12, 2024. A copy of these Resolutions has been attached for reference purposes. Additionally, the City Council approved the 2025 budget to include up to \$202,500 in City funding for preliminary engineering for this realignment.

On March 24, 2025, via a closed session of the City Council, City staff presented an option to purchase real property within the proposed 80th Street realignment area, due to recent property owner inquiries and a desire to sell a portion of property that would likely be needed for a future 80th Street realignment. While the City Council chose not to advance a formal purchase offer, staff took away from the discussion that several Council members may have a reluctance to proceed with the preliminary engineering for the realignment of 80th Street in 2025. Staff believe it is important to review past planning efforts and to review future roadway and utility needs with the Council, and to

discuss cost-sharing and project development processes while staff from Dakota County can be present to answer future cost and scheduling questions related to this project. The goal of the discussion is to determine if City staff should proceed with the planned solicitation of proposals for preliminary engineering of 80th Street in the second half of 2025 per the adopted City CIP, or if the Council wants a different approach to be taken.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

No formal action is requested at this time. This item is for discussion purposes only.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution 2024-253 Regarding Dakota County's 2025-2029 Transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
2. Resolution 2024-254 Approving and Adopting the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

**CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-253

**RESOLUTION REGARDING DAKOTA COUNTY'S 2025-2029 TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)**

WHEREAS, Dakota County requested that the City of Inver Grove Heights provide a letter of support for the initial Draft of the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program, and the Public Works Director provided such letter; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County made subsequent revisions to the Draft 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program, and the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized distribution for public review at its September 24, 2024 Board Meeting, including requesting formal resolutions of support from City Council's throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, City of Inver Grove Heights staff have reviewed the Draft 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program with staff from Dakota County, and have requested minor adjustments in programed project years for several noted projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Inver Grove Heights will endeavor to participate in these projects in accordance with applicable cost sharing policies and based on funding availability; and

WHEREAS, the City of Inver Grove Heights will have approval authority, along with the County Board, via approval of a joint powers agreement with the County for the various project phases (design, right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, utility relocation and construction) prior to advancement of any projects requiring cost sharing between the two organizations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE INVER GROVE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL,
THAT:**

1. The City of Inver Grove Heights supports the following project improvement items included in Dakota County's 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program in the years indicated:

County Project No.	Project Name	Current Draft Dakota County CIP Year	City Recommended CIP Year
73-035	CSAH 73 (Babcock Trail) – Upper 55 th Street to I-494 Trail Gap *	2025 (Construction)	2025 (Construction)
26-060	CSAH 26 (70 th St) - TH 3 to CSAH 73 (Babcock Trail)	2025 (Design) 2026 (ROW) 2027 (Construction)	2025 (Design) 2026 (ROW) 2027 (Construction)
26-068	CSAH 26 (70 th St) – CSAH 73 (Babcock Trail) to 1000' E. of Cahill Ave	2025 (Design) 2026 (ROW) 2027 (Construction)	2025 (Design) 2026 (ROW) 2027 (Construction)
28-048	CSAH 28 (80 th St) – TH 3 to CSAH 73 (Babcock Trail) *	2025 (Prelim Study)	2025 (Prelim Study)
97-223	CSAH 71 (Rich Valley Blvd) & CSAH 73 (Barnes Ave) – Bike Trail **	2025 (Prelim Study)	2025 (Prelim Study)

71-017	CSAH 71 (Rich Valley Blvd) – CSAH 32 (117 th St.) to CSAH 73 (105 th St.)	2027 (Prelim Study)	2027 (Prelim Study)
14-034	CSAH 14 (Mendota Rd) at TH 62 – Intersection Improvements (MnDOT Lead) **	2028 (Construction)	2028 (Construction)
26-065	CSAH 26 (70 th St.) – TH 52 West Ramp (MnDOT Lead)	2028 (Construction)	2028 (Construction)
28-073	CSAH 28 (Argenta Blvd/Yankee Doodle Rd) – Pedestrian Underpass **	2029 (Construction)	2029 (Construction)

* Inver Grove Heights is Lead Agency for Project

** No City of Inver Grove Heights Cost Participation Proposed

2. The City of Inver Grove Heights Requests the following project improvement item be ADDED to Dakota County's 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program:

County Project No.	Project Name	Current Draft Dakota County CIP Year	City Recommended CIP Year
TBD	CSAH 63 Pedestrian Overpass at Vista Pines Park	N/A	2025 or 2026 (Prelim Study)

Approved by the City Council of the City of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota on this 12th day of November 2024.


Brenda Dietrich, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rebecca Kiernan, City Clerk

**CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-254

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2025 – 2029
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)**

WHEREAS, City Public Works and Parks Department staff have prepared a five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the period of 2025-2029; and

WHEREAS, the Council received an overview of the proposed five-year CIP at the July 15, 2024 Council work session; and

WHEREAS, staff have accounted for the project costs and funding sources as provided for in the five-year CIP in budgeting efforts for the 2025 budget associated with all impacted funding sources; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. Sec. 462.356, subd. 2, no capital improvement may be authorized by the City until after the City's planning agency has reviewed the proposed capital improvement and reported in writing to the governing body its findings as to compliance of the proposed improvement with the City's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission received the proposed five-year CIP for the period of 2025-2029 at its meeting on October 15, 2024, and has found it to be consistent with the City of Inver Grove Heights' 2040 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, following Planning Commission approval, Council met again to review and discuss the CIP at their November 4, 2024 work session.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS: that, the City Council of the City of Inver Grove Heights:

- 1) Hereby receives and accepts Planning Commission Resolution 2024-01, finding that the proposed five-year Capital Improvement Plan for the period of 2025-2029 is consistent with the City of Inver Grove Heights' 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
- 2) Approves and adopts the five-year Capital Improvement Plan for the period of 2025-2029.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota on this 12th day of November 2024.



Brenda Dietrich, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rebecca Kiernan, City Clerk

Request for Council Action

SUBJECT: **Central Maintenance Facility - Architectural Design Committee**

MEETING DATE: July 7, 2025

ITEM TYPE: Discussion Items

CONTACT: Brian Connolly, Public Works Director, 651.450.2571

ACTION REQUESTED

The Council is asked to receive a brief update on the final design of the Central Maintenance Facility, and discuss appointing Council members to provide input as part of an Architectural Design Committee.

BACKGROUND

On June 9, 2025, the City Council approved contracts with Wold Architects & Engineers and Kraus-Anderson Construction to serve as the final design architect and construction management firms, respectively, for the City's new Central Maintenance Facility (CMF) project. As part of the work scope, City staff recommended the formation of an "Architectural Design Committee" to review key architectural design elements and details of the CMF such as how the building(s) will fit within the City campus with the VMCC and City Hall nearby, how the building(s) will look from adjacent roadways, what the exterior building materials and/or color schemes will consist of, consideration of sustainability components (if any are desired beyond standard building code), accommodations for possible public spaces or needs not currently addressed through existing City facilities, discussion of employee wellness features that may be considered, and any other general building features that go beyond the required day-to-day operations needs that were identified in the Needs Analysis and Site Plan report for the CMF.

The Architectural Design Committee will meet 4-5 times over the next 8 months, likely during normal City business hours. Staff recommend the following individuals be part of the Committee:

- City Administrator
- Facilities Maintenance Superintendent
- Public Works Director
- Two members of the City Council

The first Architectural Design Committee meeting is tentatively planned for Monday, July 28, at 1:00 PM.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Staff are requesting the Council assign two Council members to participate in the Architectural Design Committee for the Central Maintenance Facility.

ATTACHMENTS

None