



REQUEST FOR ACTION

Destination Medical Center Funding and Procurement of Public Realm Infrastructure Safety Equipment

MEETING DATE:

June 15, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT:

City Administration

AGENDA SECTION:

Consent Agenda

PRESENTER:

Cindy Steinhauer

Action Requested:

Authorizing the procurement and DMC funding of \$155,767 for Meridian Deployable Security Gate System and approve the City's participation in a cost sharing partnership with the City, Mayo Clinic, and Destination Medical Center for the acquisition of the system.

Report Narrative:

Request authorization to purchase the Meridian Deployable Security Gate System, a professional-grade, FEMA-compliant security infrastructure solution designed to enhance public safety during large community events, festivals, and gatherings within Rochester's downtown core.

The total project cost is \$467,300. Funding for the project includes a \$155,767 contribution from the City of Rochester utilizing Downtown Abatement funding, a \$155,767 contribution using DMC funding, and a \$155,766 contribution from Mayo Clinic. This shared investment leverages public and private resources to deliver a critical public safety asset that will support secure community events, traffic management operations, and emergency response activities throughout the downtown area.

Public safety remains the primary driver for this investment. As attendance at community events continues to grow, the need for effective perimeter protection and traffic management has become increasingly important. The Meridian system provides deployable vehicle mitigation barriers that establish secure event boundaries, reduce the risk of unauthorized vehicle access into pedestrian areas, and support coordinated emergency response operations.

The system is designed to protect residents, visitors, employees, patients, and event participants by creating clearly defined and professionally managed security perimeters. The equipment meets federal standards for temporary security infrastructure and can be rapidly deployed to support a variety of public events, ranging from community festivals and parades to civic celebrations and emergency response situations.

Beyond event operations, the system provides year-round utility by supporting downtown traffic control, construction management activities, and other public infrastructure projects requiring temporary roadway closures or controlled access points.

The procurement utilizes pricing secured through a federal purchasing contract, providing cost certainty and ensuring the City receives competitive pricing for the equipment.

Value and Impact:

The Meridian Deployable Security Gate System will provide significant public benefits, including:

- Enhanced protection for pedestrians and event attendees during large public gatherings.
- Reduced risk associated with vehicle intrusion into crowded event spaces.
- Improved emergency access management and incident response coordination.
- Increased confidence among residents, visitors, event organizers, and business owners regarding safety in downtown Rochester.
- Greater ability to host large-scale community events safely and efficiently.
- Expanded operational flexibility for traffic management and construction-related roadway control.

Most importantly, this investment represents a proactive approach to safeguarding public spaces and protecting community members during public events.

Priorities & Foundational Principles:

Public Safety

Quality Services

Policy Considerations & DEI Impact:

The Meridian Deployable Security Gate System directly advances the City's commitment to maintaining safe, welcoming, and accessible public spaces. By providing enhanced perimeter protection capabilities, the system supports the continued success of community events that contribute to Rochester's economic activity, cultural vibrancy, and overall quality of life.

The investment reflects best practices in modern event security and demonstrates a proactive commitment to protecting public spaces while preserving the community's ability to gather, celebrate, and engage in civic activities.

Prior Legislative Actions & Community Engagement:

May 21, 2026: DMC Corporation Board approved the authorization of public realm infrastructure equipment totaling \$155,767

Fiscal & Resource Impact:

The total project cost is \$467,300. Funding is proposed through a one-third cost-sharing arrangement among the City of Rochester, Mayo Clinic, and Destination Medical Center funding. The city funding identified for this purchase is from the downtown abatement fund.

Alternative Action(s):

No alternative action is suggested at this time.

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Attachments:

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