

# Memorandum

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Stephanie Smith , City engineer  
**DATE:** June 15, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Authorize the application for Metropolitan Council's active transportation grant funding for Hamline Avenue reconstruction, CP28-01  
**ITEM NUMBER:** 8.j  
**SECTION:** CONSENT AGENDA

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## **REQUESTED MOTION**

To approve resolution 26-48 to authorize the pursuit of 2026 active transportation funding for Hamline Avenue and County Road I bicycle facilities, CP28-01.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Staff has identified a funding opportunity from the Metropolitan Council's 2026 regional solicitation for local bicycle facilities to be included on Hamline Avenue and County Road I with the Hamline Avenue reconstruction, city project 28-01. City council approval is required for the grant application.

## **DISCUSSION**

Hamline Avenue is currently scheduled for reconstruction in 2028, per the city's capital improvement plan. The project will include development of an off street shared-use trail along Hamline Avenue from Lexington Avenue to County Road I, and along County Road I both west to Shamrock Park and east to Lepak Court, reconstruction of Hamline Avenue (Lexington Avenue to County Road I), realigning the intersection with County Road I, and street light improvements.

Staff has identified the Metropolitan Council's 2026 Regional Solicitation for potential funding assistance. The Local Bicycle Facilities funding category supports the construction of bicycle facility improvements that enhance safety, connectivity, and accessibility for people of all ages and abilities. This project is a good candidate for this program as the proposed trails will address existing gaps in the local and regional bicycle network, improving connectivity between residential neighborhoods, parks, schools, and existing and planned regional trail facilities.

This project has previously been delayed due to other county-led projects requiring the city to use large amounts of our municipal state aid (gas tax) allotment for the local cost-share, such as the Lexington Avenue and Hodgson Road reconstructions. This grant funding has the potential to provide assistance for the city to fund this substantial project, which has a current budget of \$5,160,000 in the capital improvement plan.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the city council approve resolution 26-48 to apply for 2026 active transportation funding for Hamline Avenue and County Road I bicycle facilities, CP28-01.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

[Resolution 26-48](#)

[Project Map](#)