

Memorandum

TO: City Council Workshop
FROM: Brad Martens , City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
SUBJECT: City of Shoreview response to Operation Metro Surge
ITEM NUMBER: 1.d
SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

REQUESTED MOTION

INTRODUCTION

The City of Shoreview continues to respond to community concerns and challenges related to operation metro surge. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an overview of the ongoing response and receive any additional direction from the city council.

DISCUSSION

Operation metro surge has impacted the entire twin cities metropolitan area, including the City of Shoreview. The city council has heard concerns from residents about their personal safety and received requests to take certain actions. The city has been, and continues to be engaged in response to this operation since its inception.

The following is a summary of some of the actions taken to date:

- Legal review of operation metro surge and applicable laws governing city rights and available actions
- Training of all city employees on how to respond to federal immigration agents operating within the city
- Posting of city resources highly visible on the city website including know your rights, legal resources, food shelves, business resources, and additional information
- Issuance of multiple statements from the city council, including a recent video statement
- Held a special city council workshop to consider actions and provided direction to staff
- Ongoing conversations with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office to understand their operational response and to coordinate with the city
 - A letter requesting additional information from Sheriff Fletcher was also sent in January
- Attended a meeting with United States Representative Betty McCollum
- Discussions with Ramsey County Commissioner Tara Jebens-Singh
- Discussions with school districts and faith organizations
- Ongoing conversations with local government staff throughout the metro area to receive information and determine appropriate response for the City of Shoreview
- Correspondence to the business community from the city to share resources available to them

In addition to the work completed to date and continuing the ongoing conversations, the city is working towards the following:

- Coordinating a community connection week and food and personal items drive.
 - These items are being coordinated by the human rights commission (HRC) and will launch February 16. The food and personal items drive will be for Ralph Reeder and go through March 1.
- Coordinating a presentation from Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services.
 - The HRC is coordinating this presentation, which will focus on what to prepare ahead of possibly being detained. The HRC feels there is a need for this type of presentation as it has not been addressed anywhere else in area.
- Considering a resolution to join the nonpartisan coalition of Cities for Safe and Stable Communities.
 - The resolution will be on the February 17 agenda.

One of the main messages the city council has shared with the community is to call 911 if community members feel they are unsafe. Over the most recent two-week period, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office has received one 911 call related to federal immigration activity related to "suspicious activity".

City staff will continue to coordinate efforts in response to challenges that arise related to operation metro surge. The city council should provide staff direction on additional efforts to engage in.

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS