

ROSEVILLE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: October 25, 2021
Item No.: 7.e

Department Approval

City Manager Approval



Item Description: Discuss Roseville's 2022 Legislative Priorities

BACKGROUND

At its September 20, 2021 meeting, the City Council discussed the City's Legislative Priorities for 2022. Below is a listing of the draft priorities based on that discussion. Staff is asking the City Council confirm that these items should be part of the City's 2022 Legislative Priorities.

High Priority Items

The following legislative priorities are ones that the City of Roseville directly supports and will directly engage the Minnesota Legislature to ensure passage of legislation that implement these priorities.

- Seek financial support for capital improvements for the state and regional asset of the Guidant John Rose Minnesota OVAL and support facilities through the State Bonding Bill
- Allow Municipal Hotel Licensing
- Regulate the sale of catalytic convertors
- Increased funding to local governments to address emerald ash borer
- Allowing a Taproom and Cocktail Room on the same premise
- Enact statewide Licensing of Massage Therapists
- Enact Local Option Sales Tax for Roseville

Other Priorities

The following legislative priorities are ones that the City of Roseville supports but will let other organizations and advocates directly engage the Minnesota Legislature regarding passage of legislation to implement these priorities.

- Amend state law to provide for the opportunity for city officials to participate virtually at city meetings from a remote location without having to open the remote location to the public as long as at least one publically accessible location is offered when not in pandemic emergency
- Approve statewide conversion therapy ban
- Increase fees allocated to local Deputy Registrars
- Funding for Mental Health Voluntary Engagement
- Increase funding for mental health services and resources for public safety
- Implement Police Officer arbitration reform
- Increase affordable housing funding
- Advocate for an increase in Transportation Funding
- Amend State Building Code Chapter 1306 to Allow Municipalities to Require Sprinkler Systems in R-2 (Multi-Family) Occupancy Groups
- Improve Absentee Balloting

- Continue to fund the DEED Redevelopment Grant Program and the Demolition Loan Program
- Create presumptive coverage for Firefighters diagnosed with cancer
- Improve transparency of information property tax notices sent by counties
- Allow for the use of city website or other technology-based methods for official notices

Local Sales Tax Discussion

In regards to the local sales tax, staff believes funding a large transportation infrastructure project that will serve and connect residents and visitors from the region to and through the Rosedale Center retail area. The project would focus on improving vehicular traffic, pedestrian and bike movement, and improvements on transit access. Components of the Rosedale-area transportation infrastructure project include:

- Snelling Ave Pedestrian and Bike Bridge: \$7 million
- County Road C and Snelling Ave: \$15 million (assuming some sort of bridge structure)10/1210
- Trail Connections and enhancement: \$3 million
- Misc. intersection and corridor improvements: \$5 million
- Signal Technology enhancements for transit priority and adaptive control: \$2 million

Preliminary estimates for the overall project would be about \$35-40 million once design, contingency, right-of-way and other soft costs are factored in. Further information about the proposed project is included in memo from Public Works Director Marc Culver which is included as Attachment B.

According to the Minnesota Department of Revenue, it is estimated that a 0.5% sales tax would generate \$5.4 million annually.

The sales tax approval process is as follows:

1. City must pass a resolution that includes:
 - a. Proposed tax rate
 - b. Detailed description of up to five capital projects to be funded with the tax
 - c. Documentation of how each project will provide an economic benefit to residents, businesses, and visitors from outside their jurisdiction
 - d. Amount of revenue to be raised for each project and the estimated time needed to raise funds
 - e. Total amount of revenue to be raised for all projects
 - f. Estimated length of time the tax will be in effect if all proposed projects are approved
2. City must submit the approved resolution and supporting documentation to the senate and house tax committee chairs by January 31
3. Once legislative approval is given, the City shall revise and reaffirm its resolution. The resolution must be passed at least 90 days before a general election
4. The City shall hold a referendum vote at a general election within two years of legislative approval. If there are multiple projects, each project must have a separate question for approval
5. If sales tax referendum is approved, the City shall create and pass an ordinance imposing the tax
6. Once ordinance is passed, file a certificate of approval and copy of the ordinance with the Minnesota Secretary of State and inform the Minnesota Department of Revenue in writing of the new local sales tax

83 Staff asks for the City Council to discuss the possibility of the City pursuing the local option sales
84 tax as part of the 2022 legislative session and 2022 general election. If there is interest, staff would
85 begin work on preparing the resolution required to begin the sales tax request and create greater
86 detail on the Rosedale area infrastructure project.

87 **POLICY OBJECTIVE**

88 Advocating for Roseville’s Legislative Priorities will provide a voice to the Minnesota Legislature
89 and Governor on items and issues that are important to the community and city operations.

90 **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

91 Not directly applicable to the Legislative Priorities. However individual items may have a cost
92 impact to the City, either negatively or positively, depending on the topic and outcome.

93 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

94 Staff requests the City Council to review the listing of items above and confirm that they all should
95 be in the City’s 2022 Legislative Priorities. Once the City Council has identified the final listing of
96 priorities, staff will be bring back the full Legislative Priorities document with additional
97 background information on each item for final City Council approval.

98 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

99 The City Council should discuss and provide direction on finalizing Roseville’s 2022 Legislative
100 Priorities for staff to bring back for final approval.

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Attachments: A: 2022 Roseville Legislative Priorities
B: Memo from Public Works Director Marc Culver re: Rosedale-area Transportation Infrastructure project

City of Roseville 2022 Legislative Priorities

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Public Works Department/Engineering

Memo

To: City Council
City Manager Pat Trudgeon

From: Marc Culver, Public Works Director

CC:

Date: 10/20/2021

Re: Proposed improvements to be funded by a local area sales tax

City staff proposes to use the proceeds of a proposed local area sales tax to fund regional improvements to the area serving and connecting to the Rosedale regional mall, referred to as the Regional Mall All Modes Transportation Enhancement Project Area. These improvements would not just focus on vehicular traffic, but target all modes of transportation in the area including pedestrians, bikes, and transit as well as vehicular modes.

The improvement area would stretch from County Road B on the south side, County Road D on the north side (in order to capture the hotels in the Centre Pointe area), Cleveland Ave to the west and Hamline Ave to the east. The two largest improvements would be a pedestrian/bike bridge over TH 36 at Snelling Ave and significant intersection capacity enhancements at County Road C and Snelling Ave.

Other improvements would include extending pedestrian facilities along Snelling Ave to at least the University of Northwestern and likely further north; trail and bikeway connections along Fairview Ave and Cleveland Ave and enhanced crossings where needed to serve these routes. Trailblazing signs to parks and Rosedale from hotels and other origins and destinations within the area.

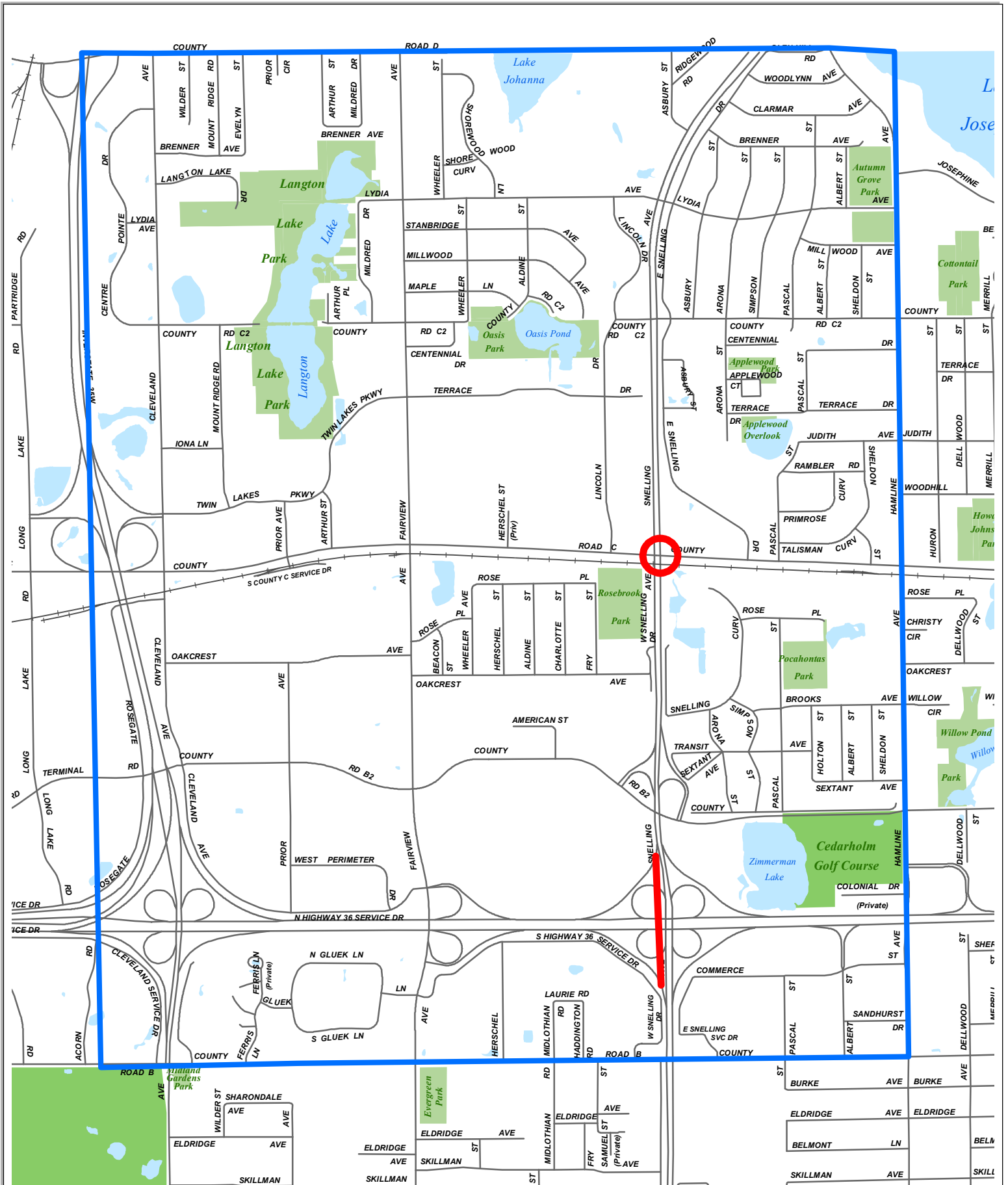
Estimated Costs (very preliminary and conservative):

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These are all conceptual proposals. If the Council is interested in pursuing the local option sales tax, we would recommend working with a consultant as soon as possible to further refine these concepts and costs before the deadline to formally request the local option sales tax.

Attachments:

A: Map of proposed Regional Mall All Modes Transportation Enhancement Project Area



Regional Mall All Modes Transportation Enhancement Project Area

- Area Boundary
- Primary Element Location