

## Dakota County 2040 Comprehensive Plan (DC2040) Amendment

The following revisions were made for consistency with the Dakota County 2040 Transportation Plan.

Pages	Plan Revision
ii	Goals: updated to match Transportation Plan update, with changes to: Goal 3.4 Replacement <u>and Modernization</u> of Deficient Elements of the System Goal 3.5: Transit and Transitways (removed other modes, covered throughout other goals)
ii	Updated map, <i>Future Functional Classification of Highways</i>
11-12	Updated purpose and background context Added information on impacts of COVID-19 pandemic to transportation systems
14-15	Updated Transportation Guiding Principles to match Transportation Plan update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combined Context-Sensitive Design and Complete Streets Principles</li> <li>• Added ADA Transition Plan Principle</li> <li>• Added Transportation Technology</li> </ul>
15-17	Goals: updated to match Transportation Plan update, with changes to: Goal 3.4 Replacement <u>and Modernization</u> of Deficient Elements of the System Goal 3.5: Transit and Transitways (removed other modes, covered throughout other goals)
17	Updated descriptive statistics of County system
18	Updated map, <i>Dakota County Transportation System</i>
19	Updated descriptive statistics based on functional classification
21	Updated map, <i>Existing Functional Classification</i>
22	Updated map, <i>Recommended Future Functional Classification</i>
23	Updated table, <i>County Highway Mileage by Type</i>
25	Updated map, <i>Access Spacing</i>
26	Updated description and findings from Dakota County Travel Demand Model to 2020 version
27	Added language on State Trunk Highway expansion needs
28	Updated map, <i>Existing Traffic Volumes</i>
29	Updated map, <i>Projected 2040 Traffic Volumes</i>
31	Updated map, <i>Future County Expansion Needs</i>
33	Updated descriptive statistics on mode integration
34	Updated map, <i>Transit Market Areas</i>
35	Updated language on current plans for the METRO Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit
36	Updated language on alternatives for the Robert Street Transitway
38	Updated description of the Apple Valley Transit Station
39	Added information on bus garages in Dakota County
44	Updated map, <i>Existing Pedestrian and Bicycle System</i>
45	Updated map, <i>Gaps in the Existing County Pedestrian System</i>
46	Updated map, <i>Gaps in the Existing County Bicycle System</i>
48	Updated language on Pedestrian and Bicycle Study, added approaches for filling gaps
49	Updated map, <i>Planned County Pedestrian System</i>
50	Updated map, <i>Planned County Bicycle System</i>
53	Updated language on autonomous and connected vehicles
57	Updated language on twin trailer truck routes
58	Updated map, <i>Tiered Truck Corridors in Dakota County</i>
59	Updated map, <i>Ten-Ton Highways</i>
62-66	Updated State, Regional, and County studies and findings
66	Updated language on Capital Improvement Plan to reflect 2020-2024 Plan.
154-170	Updated tables to current 2020-2024 Transportation Capital Improvement Plan
217-227	Updated demographic forecasts by transportation analysis zones

## Additional Revisions Made after Public Review (October 20 to December 21, 2020)

All maps were updated with technical changes and basemap revisions from additional jurisdictional transfers occurring in the second half of 2020.

Notification of the draft Comprehensive Plan Amendment availability for review was sent to affected and adjacent jurisdictions, including:

County Communities	Adjacent Communities	Independent School Districts
Apple Valley	Bloomington	191; Burnsville-Eagan-Savage
Burnsville	Cottage Grove	192; Farmington
Castle Rock Twp.	Credit River Twp.	194; Lakeville
Coates	Denmark Twp.	195; Randolph
Douglas Twp.	Grey Cloud Island Twp.	196; Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan
Eagan	New Market Twp.	197; West St. Paul-Mendota Hts.-Eagan
Empire Twp.	Newport	199; Inver Grove Heights
Eureka Twp.	Savage	200; Hastings
Farmington	St. Paul	252; Cannon Falls
Greenvale Twp.	St. Paul Park	6; South St. Paul
Hampton	Hennepin County	659; Northfield
Hampton Twp.	Ramsey County	
Hastings	Scott County	
Inver Grove Heights	Washington County	
Lakeville		
Lilydale		
Marshan Twp.		
Mendota		
Mendota Heights		
Miesville		
New Trier		
Nininger Twp.		
Randolph		
Randolph Twp.		
Ravenna Twp.		
Rosemount		
Rural Collaborative		
Sciota Twp.		
South St. Paul		
Sunfish Lake		
Vermillion		
Vermillion Twp.		
Waterford Twp.		
West St. Paul		
	<b>Out-of-Region Communities</b>	
	Cannon Falls	
	Cannon Falls Twp.	
	Goodhue County	
	Northfield	
	Northfield Twp.	
	Rice County	
	Stanton Twp.	
	Webster Twp.	
	Welch Twp.	
	<b>Agencies</b>	
	MN DNR	
	MN DOT	
	MN Valley Transit Authority	
		<b>Watershed Management Orgs.</b>
		Black Dog WMO
		Capitol Region WD
		Eagan-Inver Grove Heights WMO
		Lower Minnesota River WD
		Lower Mississippi River WMO
		North Cannon River WMO
		Ramsey Washington Metro WD
		Scott County WMO
		South Washington Watershed District
		Vermillion River Watershed JPO

Three comments were received specifically on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

### Scott County:

Scott County will be completing a Countywide Transit Plan by the end of the first quarter of 2021. One recommendation being developed into the plan is to work with partners to implement service along the CSAH

42 corridor between Scott County and Dakota County. At the regional policy level, the plan calls for working with partners to establish a long term BRT Corridor Vision on CSAH 42.

*Staff Response:*

Additional language has been added to the County Plans and Studies section, under the East West Transit Study: The CSAH 42 Corridor has also been identified as a priority for improved transit service by the Dakota County Regional Chamber of Commerce Transit Study as well as the draft Scott County Transit Plan.

**City of St. Paul:**

Pp11-12 Anecdotally, I've heard that regular route bus ridership is at about 90% of pre-COVID levels, though commuter bus ridership is still way down. Statement that transit ridership dropped 90% and has been slow to recover may be misleading (certainly would be in St. Paul, where most ridership is on local routes). Consider consulting with Metro Transit to improve the accuracy of this statement about COVID impacts on transit.

*Staff Response:*

Staff will continue to monitor ridership levels with the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) and Metro Transit as the pandemic impacts continue to evolve. As of the end of 2020, MVTA reported that ridership was significantly lower than pre-COVID levels, noted particularly for express routes. Metro Transit was compiling their annual ridership report for 2020 during the review period, although anecdotal information indicated that special transit services remained robust (Metro Mobility), and express routes were lower than pre-COVID levels.

**Washington County:**

Page 3-36: This text about Red Rock and the results of various studies is inaccurate, please consider including the text in red for accuracy. Red Rock Transitway (Bus Rapid Transit) — The planned Red Rock Corridor connects St. Paul, Hastings and communities in Washington County along TH 61. In 2014, the Red Rock Corridor Commission completed an update to an earlier alternative analysis, identifying bus rapid transit as the preferred transit mode for the corridor. **In 2016, the Red Rock Corridor Commissioner completed an Implementation Plan which included near term and long term recommendations to achieve full Bus Rapid Transit implementation. This plan does not suggest that extension of service to Hastings is supportable in the near- to medium-term. Intermediate efforts for improved service in the corridor include expansion of express service and park and ride capacity to establish a larger ridership base.** Dakota County was a member of the Red Rock Corridor Commission through 2017 and participated in its ongoing planning activities. In 2017, the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority left the Commission; staff continues to monitor Commission activities for any actions that may affect the County.

*Staff Response:*

Given the County's changing role in transit, no changes were needed for the plan.