

Ramsey County Public Works Department 2013-2017 Transportation Improvement Plan



Department of Public Works Cost Participation Policy

Ramsey County Public Works Cost Participation Policy for the Reconstruction and Major Maintenance of County Roads and County State Aid Highways

ITEM:	COUNTY SHARE:	NOTES:
Right of Way	50%	County cost participation on right of way acquisition may be reduced or eliminated where the acquisition is specifically for detached trails, aesthetics, or special design elements requested by municipalities or other project partners. County participation on right of way acquisition applies only to construction projects and shall be 0% for maintenance projects, except where additional right of way is required to accommodate improvements within the curb or shoulder line.
Removals	100%	

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ITEM:	COUNTY SHARE:	NOTES:
Travel Lanes	100%	
Parking Lanes	25%	100% in cities under 5,000 population or in White Bear Township. 100% on maintenance pavement preservation projects.
Shoulders	100%	100% of the width required to meet State Aid design standards. 100% in cities under 5,000 population or in White Bear Township. 100% on maintenance pavement preservation projects. 50% outside of the required width.
Concrete Curb & Gutter (new)	25%	

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Concrete Curb & Gutter (replacement)	100%	100% if in serviceable condition, as determined by the County Engineer; otherwise negotiable. 100% of curb and gutter as part of median construction required for traffic channelization or to serve as a pedestrian refuge.
Storm Sewer	% Eligible for State Aid	
Culverts	100%	
Water Main Modification	100%	100%, if required for construction. 0% on betterments.

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Sanitary Sewer Modification	100%	100%, if required for construction. . 0% on betterments
Private Utility Relocation	0%	
Traffic Signals	100% of County Legs	Traffic Signal construction is addressed in a separate policy (County Board Resolution 81-1001). Electrical power shall be paid by the municipality.
Roundabouts	100% of County Legs	

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Retaining Walls	50%	50% when retaining walls are constructed in lieu of right of way acquisition or to mitigate impacts; by negotiation when necessitated by design parameters.
Grading Outside of Curb	100%	100% of area required for road construction. 50% of grading required specifically for sidewalks, trails, or other amenities.
Medians	100%	100% of a standard concrete median design, including curb and gutter; municipalities shall pay for the additional cost of any decorative or aesthetic treatments.
Sidewalks (new)	50%	Includes grading, aggregate base, surfacing, and pedestrian ramps.

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Sidewalks (replacement)	100%	100% if in serviceable condition, as determined by the County Engineer; otherwise negotiable.
Bituminous Trail (new)	50%	Includes grading, aggregate base, surfacing, and pedestrian ramps.
Bituminous Trail (replacement)	100%	100% if in serviceable condition, as determined by the County Engineer; otherwise negotiable.
Trail/Sidewalk Grade Separation	0% to 50%, by negotiation	Bridge or underpass construction.

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Street Lighting	0%	Street Lighting as part of a traffic signal shall be paid 100% by County. Electrical power shall be paid by the municipality.
Replacement Trees	100%	100%, if 1:1 replacement; 50%, if greater than 1:1
Fence	100%	100% if serviceable; 0% if in County R/W
Turf Restoration	100%	

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Amenities and Aesthetics	0%	Special surface treatments, ground covers, or plantings, ornamental railings, etc.
Driveway Replacement	100%	
Stormwater Treatment	% eligible for State Aid	Maintenance shall be based on contributing flows.
Preliminary/Design Engineering	% of Participation	

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Construction Engineering	% of Participation	

All County participation is subject to the availability of funds.

On Federal Aid Projects, the federal funds shall be applied to all eligible items before cost participation is calculated. Federal participation is typically 50-80% of the total project cost.

Right of Way (ROW) acquisition continues to grow in cost and complexity. Setting the County Cost share at 50% is intended to make the County an equal partner with the municipality(s), regardless of funding source(s) secured for a project. Early creation of a cooperative partnership helps ensure project scoping and alternatives analysis are comprehensive and consider all benefits and costs -- including right of way cost and impacts. Joint efforts can also identify specific locations where extraordinary ROW impacts are likely. In those cases, the County and City(s) can revisit available options or consider appropriate design changes. Timely recognition of unavoidable impacts can provide additional time for all parties to secure their respective funding sources. Redevelopment and/or future land use changes may also provide an opportunity to reduce conflicts with programmed improvements. Individual parcels which present exceptional challenges may justify an unequal distribution of City/County cost shares for consideration and approval of the County Board.

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Retaining Walls are generally constructed to reduce right of way impacts or to protect environmental resources such as wetlands or wooded areas. County cost participation will be at the 50% level for those wall installations similar to ROW cost participation. In situations where wall options are locally preferred or part of a community's aesthetic design goals, County participation will be reduced or eliminated. Resulting County contributions will be limited to benefits reducing impacts to adjoining properties or environmental resources.

Trail/Sidewalk Grade Separations are desirable bike and pedestrian features but can be cost prohibitive in many settings. ADA compliance and mitigating access/safety issues often add substantial construction costs to otherwise straightforward structures -- particularly in locations where space is limited. Design options can also vary from simple box culvert underpasses to elaborate bridge structures. The intent of a negotiated cost participation level of 0-50% is an acknowledgement of the enormous range in costs that may be proposed. It is important County participation adhere to sound benefit/cost considerations. County participation levels may also consider the availability of federal or other outside funding sources that materially reduce County and local shares.