

2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



The City of Plymouth functions in a multijurisdictional environment and is often subject to mandates from the State of Minnesota, Hennepin County and the Metropolitan Council. The city participates in the Municipal Legislative Commission, League of Minnesota Cities, Metro Cities and Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association and generally supports their legislative platforms. This legislative agenda is intended to advocate specifically for the community's residents and businesses, avoid duplication of services, and enable the city to govern itself. Plymouth supports the following legislative priorities:

CITY CENTER BONDING REQUEST

The city requests \$32 million in state bond funds for enhancements to Plymouth City Center to support regional tourism, Bus Rapid Transit, as well as multimodal transportation, including improvements for pedestrians and cyclists. (State of Minnesota)

CITY CENTER TIF LEGISLATION

The city seeks special legislation to allow for creation of TIF Districts for the redevelopment of City Center to generate funding to pay for necessary public infrastructure enhancements. (State of Minnesota)

THREE QUARTERS-PERCENT METRO SALES TAX

The city urges the state of Minnesota to reevaluate the revenue distribution formula for the recently enacted Metro Area Transportation Sales and Use Tax. Plymouth generates more than \$11 million in annual revenue through this sales tax. However, the current formula distributes 83% of revenue to Met Council and 17% of revenue to metro counties and does not provide a direct revenue stream to cities for local transportation needs. (State of Minnesota)

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

The city requests authorization to conduct a referendum to propose a local option sales tax to support regional projects at City Center, as well as recreational and public works amenities in the community. (State of Minnesota)

COUNTY ROAD 73

The city seeks support and resources for improvements to County Road 73 and the surrounding area. (Hennepin County, Metropolitan Council, State of Minnesota)

HIGHWAY 55 BUS RAPID TRANSIT

The city supports efforts to complete a Highway 55 Mobility Study to consider advancing bus rapid transit on Highway 55. (Hennepin County, State of Minnesota, and the Metropolitan Council)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOLS

The city supports funding of the State JCF (Job Creation Fund) and MIF (Minnesota Investment Fund) to allow opportunities for business development and job creation, and further encourage economic development. (State of Minnesota)

PERA DUTY DISABILITY

The city supports sufficient, ongoing funding and review of the PERA duty disability bill passed in 2023. (State of Minnesota)

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The city supports clarifying recent legislative language regarding the role that school resource officers have in schools. (State of Minnesota)

LODGING TAX

The city seeks additional legislation to remove the 10-year expiration date of 2030 on the special lodging tax granted to the City of Plymouth to pay for recreational facilities, including the Plymouth Community Center, which has a 20-year term on debt repayment. (State of Minnesota)

