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**Board Approves Flat 2022 Property Tax Levy**

The Anoka County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the 2022 final budget, which includes a flat property tax levy, during the board's Dec. 3 meeting.

The 2022 budget reflects the priorities of the county to provide safe roads and eliminate congestion; work with residents to improve their lives; protect and serve the community in a manner that preserves public trust; attract and retain an engaged, skilled county staff; and provide clear, accurate and effective information to residents and staff about county initiatives.

Prioritizing investment in the county's physical infrastructure — facilities and roads — is a primary focus of next year's budget.

The 2022 capital budget is \$123.3 million with \$71 million being allocated to transportation initiatives and \$38 million going towards public safety building initiatives — this is directly related to beginning the construction of a new Emergency Communications Center, and planning and design for the potential of a new parking ramp and jail.

A total of \$39 million of the transportation budget is dedicated to improvements to the Ramsey Gateway Project (Highway 10 interchanges at Ramsey Boulevard and Sunfish Lake Boulevard). Anoka County's transportation improvement program leverages state, federal, and transportation sales tax funds. No local levy dollars are allocated to road improvements.

"I'm incredibly proud of this board and the way we worked through the budget," said Scott Schulte, chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners. "We adopted a new budgeting process this year, and it was embraced by our commissioners and county staff. We all worked together to ensure county tax impact was as minimal as possible, and the result of that partnership is a flat final levy. Our employees are dedicated and have worked hard to stay true to our mission of serving

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citizens in a respectful, innovative, and fiscally responsible manner despite experiencing personal challenges resulting from the pandemic.”

To explore the 2022 Anoka County budget and capital improvement plan, visit [www.anokacounty.us/budget](http://www.anokacounty.us/budget).

*Note: Anoka County only has authority over the county portion of the property tax bill; cities and school districts have their own taxing authority.*

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