



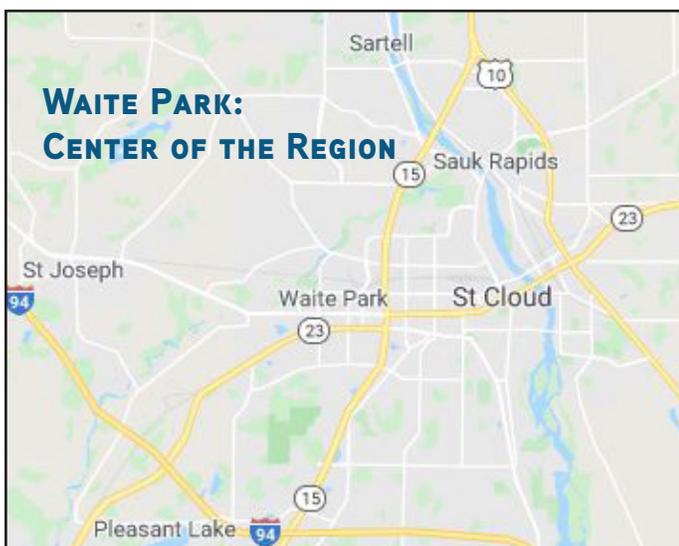
SUPPORT A HALF-CENT LOCAL SALES TAX TO HELP THE CITY OF WAITE PARK PAY FOR VITAL REGIONAL PROJECTS

THE CITY WHERE MINNESOTA CONNECTS

Waite Park is a vibrant regional destination center that features the major roadways of Interstate 94, Highway 23, Highway 15, and County Road 75 all within city boundaries. The city's population is just 7,777, yet Waite Park serves as the commercial epicenter for the entire 200,000-resident St. Cloud metropolitan area. During the daytime, the city's population expands to more than 30,000—a 286% increase!—due to the large number of visitors who work and shop in the community.

SALES TAX GENERATES FUNDS FOR REGIONAL PROJECTS WITHOUT OVERBURDENING LOCAL TAXPAYERS

The proposed one-half of one-percent of sales tax would generate approximately \$1.5 million annually and provide an additional \$37.5 million to fund important regional projects in the community (see reverse side for project details). Without sales tax funding, the full cost burden for these projects will fall on Waite Park's residents and businesses. 80% of the sales tax revenue collected in Waite Park comes from outside the community.



SALES TAX WILL HELP FUND THREE CRITICAL REGIONAL PROJECTS:

- 10th Avenue Regional Corridor - Up to \$10 million to be collected over 7 years
- Regional Trails Connection - Up to \$7.5 million to be collected over 5 years
- Public Safety Facility - Up to \$20 million to be collected over 13 years



10TH AVENUE REGIONAL CORRIDOR

- Up to \$10 million to be collected over 7 years -

- Regional roadway connects Waite Park, St. Cloud, and Sartell to the retail center of Waite Park.
- Averages 14,000 vehicles per day, causing significant traffic congestion and delays.
- Significant right-of-way acquisition, which is particularly expensive for the city, is needed to make these improvements.
- Project is part of the Area Planning Organization's plan for improvements and has been in Waite Park's Transportation Plan for more than 20 years.

- Up to \$7.5 million to be collected over 5 years -

- Links two major trail systems (Glacial Lakes and Lake Wobegon state trails) together and also connects the Glacial Lakes State Trail to the Waite Park trail system to allow for connection to Quarry Park, a regional county park.
- Will allow access to hundreds of miles of trails. With these trail connections, you will be able to hop on your bike in Willmar and ride all the way to Duluth.
- Regional trail connections have been part of Waite Park's Transportation Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and Park Master Plan for more than 10 years.



REGIONAL PARK TRAILS CONNECTIONS



PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

- Up to \$20 million to be collected over 13 years -

- Due to being a regional destination center with a day-time population of over 30,000, the Waite Park Police Department has 18 full-time police officers. Cities of our size typically do not have such large police departments, but demands of being a regional center make public safety a prominent regional issue.
- In 2020, Waite Park ranked the 6th-most dangerous city in Minnesota. It ranks #7 in violent crimes (386 per 100,000 people) and #1 in property crimes.
- 80% of crimes in Waite Park are committed by people who do not live in the city, highlighting the regional significance of public safety in the Waite Park community.