

# Help Protect a Growing Region

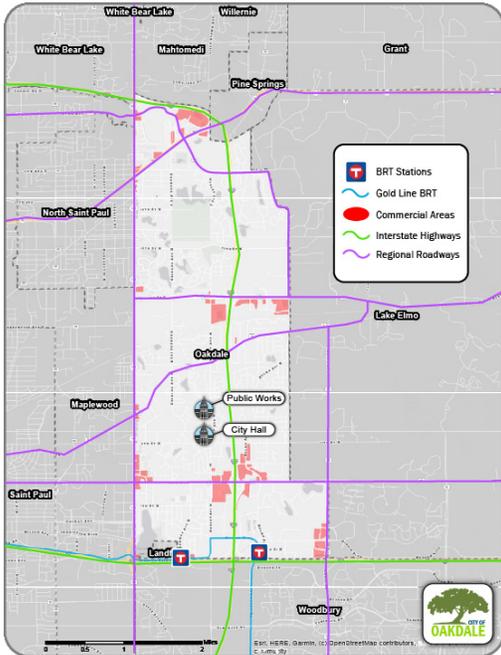
## Support HF 187/SF 123

The City of Oakdale seeks legislative approval for a half-cent sales tax to fund a new police station and public works facility to replace existing buildings that are outdated, inefficient, and unable to meet the needs of a growing community and region.

### Police Station

Total cost - \$15 million

The station has occupied its current space since 1992. During that time, Oakdale's police force has grown 60% while responding to the increased service demands of a growing community. Despite building modifications and finding innovative ways to use space, the department's operational needs are now beyond capacity.



### Regional Significance

- Oakdale serves upwards of 40,000 people per day
- The city is currently home to more than 11,500 jobs, a majority of which are filled by non-residents
- Nearly 200,000 vehicles travel each day on the 27 miles of state and regional roadways that bisect the city
- 71% of the arrests made by Oakdale police for Part I and II offenses were non-residents (2019 and 2020)
- Oakdale is a key participant and provides facilities & equipment to several cooperative regional efforts including:
  - SWAT Team (Washington County)
  - Mobile Field Force (Washington County)
  - East Metro Readiness Group
  - East Metro Sex Trafficking Task Force
  - Washington County Investigators Group
  - ISD 622 School Resource Officer
  - Standing Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of St. Paul

### Current Police Station Is Outdated, Inefficient and Cramped



Squad cars must park outside (rare for MN)



Lack of space means gear (including weapons, radios & other equipment) is kept in various spots throughout the station



Storage is spread over four rooms (two offsite)



Packed locker rooms & inadequate space for female officers



Scarce office space as many have been converted for other needs



Small, outdated restrooms and break spaces

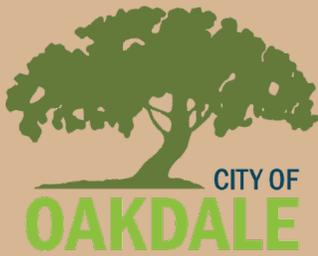


Lacks adequate meeting space



Evidence tech work space and evidence storage is crowded and unsafe





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### Public Works Facility

Total cost - \$22 million

Oakdale's public works & water treatment facility has occupied its current space since 1985, with additions in 1993, 2001 and 2009. During that time the department has grown significantly both in staff and equipment.

### Regional Significance

- Oakdale Public Works maintains 29 city parks and facilities, many of which have a regional draw including Richard Walton Park & Skatepark (which hosts events with more than 1,000 attendees from across the metro area), the 200-acre Oakdale Nature Preserve and educational Discovery Center, and Oakdale Bark Park
- Public Works also maintains more than 90 miles of streets. Because the city is uniquely situated between several major thoroughfares, many motorists traveling through the city are from surrounding communities
- City serves neighboring city of Landfall with water, and provides sewer/water services to some residences and businesses in North St. Paul, Lake Elmo and Maplewood
- Water plant treats PFAS-contaminated groundwater affecting not only Oakdale, but downstream cities as well. Relocating the public works facility will provide additional on-site capability to treat and protect this vital regional water source
- The Gold Line BRT route is scheduled to be in operation in 2024, and two major transit stations on the line will be built in Oakdale. The new public works facility would be available to assist the needs of other agencies that need to be proximate to the stations



Oakdale Nature Preserve



Richard Walton Park

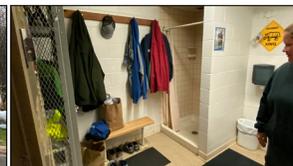
### Current Public Works Facility Is Crowded and Poses Structural & Health Hazards



Mold caused by moisture & drainage issues



Congested space forces vehicles & equipment to be stored outside or at other facilities



Women's locker room is far too small (no gender equity) and men's locker room is not ADA compliant



Exhaust fumes from indoor mechanics' bay



Lack of storage means parts are stored on the 2nd floor (no elevator) and boxes are piled up in offices



Aging HVAC systems cause air quality & health concerns



Small lunchroom doubles as training facility