

# REGIONAL PARK AND RIDE PARKING FACILITY

## Project Overview

The City of Rochester seeks funding to expand the community’s park-and-ride assets with the construction of a 200-stall parking facility on municipal property along Broadway Avenue N (formerly US HWY 63 that was turned back to the city).

The Rochester Recreation Center is one of the three 50 meter indoor pools in the state of Minnesota and as such, hosts many state and regional swimming events drawing hundreds of visitors to the facility. The Recreation Center also shares a parking lot with the 125 LIVE, a facility for senior and active living that has over 4,000 members. During large events at the Recreation Center and as Rochester’s transit network increases, providing park and ride facilities and additional parking is of increasing need.

Both facilities are located along North Broadway Avenue, a main thoroughfare for the city and region to access downtown Rochester and many small businesses along the corridor. The parking facility will help support the City’s goal of increasing transit ridership, reducing single-occupancy vehicle use, and curbing greenhouse gas emissions through transportation mode shifts. Investment will create a key transportation facility on Broadway Avenue N.

## Project Funding Details

\$4M state general obligation bond request (\$8 million total project cost)

## Background

This critical funding will help to provide greater opportunities for workers and visitors to travel to downtown Rochester by bus, eliminating vehicle miles traveled. The project also aligns with the City’s adopted goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30% by 2025 and an 80% reduction by 2050. The proposed transit parking facility will make bus use a more attractive transportation option.

