

Minnesota Department of Public Safety



Capital Budget Overview

Senate Capital Investment Committee
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Capital Budget Requests 2025

1. **BCA Southern Minnesota Regional Office and Laboratory | \$68.684M**
2. **BCA Bemidji Regional Office and Laboratory Expansion | \$4.203M**
3. **Minnesota State Patrol Headquarters | \$97.026M**



BCA Southern Minnesota Regional Office and Laboratory

BCA Superintendent Drew Evans

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Crime trends have shifted and increased over last decade

- Testing of sexual assault kits now required by law.
- Digital evidence unheard of 10 years ago.
- Methamphetamine and opioid abuse rampant in communities.
- Internet crimes have added to child abuse and human trafficking cases.

Criminal Justice Needs

- Evidence submissions for DNA analysis have increased 200% in last decade.
- Controlled substance submissions have nearly doubled over the last five years.
- Tips of cybercrimes involving exploitation of children has risen 353% in the past five years; each of these has a digital evidence component.



Evidence storage, firearms testing & lab beyond capacity



BCA Southern Minnesota Regional Office and Laboratory

Additional facility to meet the needs of criminal justice partners

- Lack of regional facility causes case delays and depletes local resources.
- Provide investigative, laboratory and training services at regional level in southern Minnesota.
- Eliminate local agency time and resources to transport items to BCA headquarters in St. Paul.
- Reduce turnaround time for evidence testing.

Operational needs for additional facility

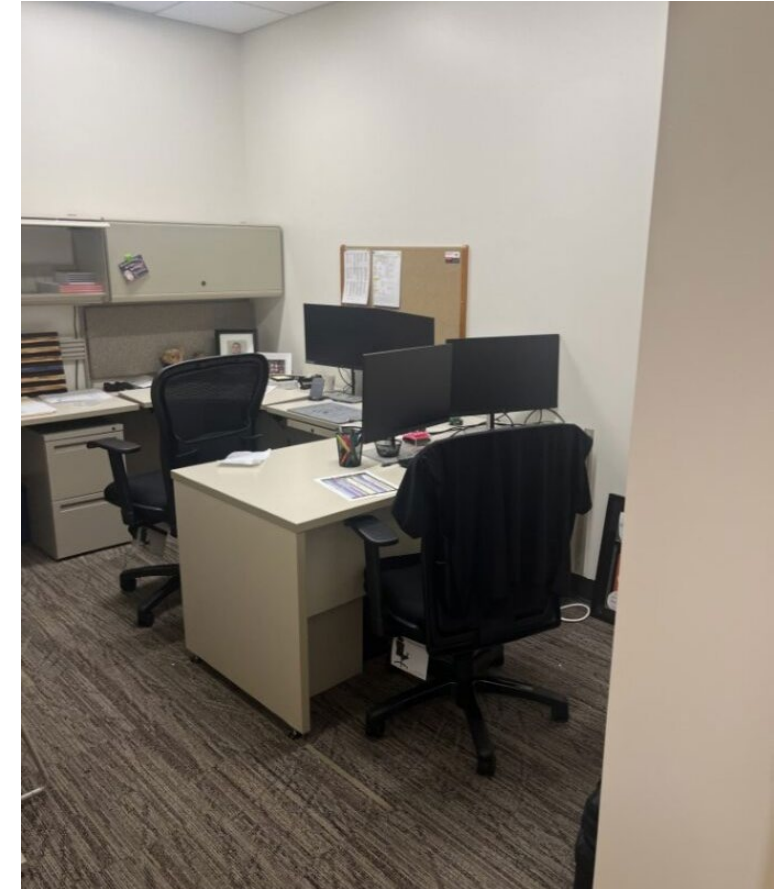
- St. Paul Headquarters over capacity by ~175 staff – plan to relocate >20 staff.
- Highly technical services with unique instrumentation, equipment, storage and security requirements.



Staff working in small confined spaces



Special agents tripled in just one office & overcrowding



Deficiency of space for necessary equipment



BCA Southern Minnesota Regional Office and Laboratory

\$68.684 Million – Southern Minnesota Regional Office construction

- Approximately 44,000 square feet
- Initial staffing 40-50 FTEs (relocating some staff from St. Paul)
- Planning for current and future needs with capacity for approximately 50+ FTEs
- Significant investment of state resources already made in this project

Work completed

- Pre-design funding received in 2020
- Pre-design completed in 2021
- Design funding received in 2023 (\$4.5 million)
- Land purchased December 2023
- Final design to be complete June 2025



BCA Southern Minnesota Regional Office and Laboratory





BCA Bemidji Regional Office and Laboratory Expansion

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Forensic evidence testing increasing exponentially

- Case submissions to Bemidji facility have increased more than 150% since 2004
- Demands for forensic testing continue to increase annually
- Projected to increase at comparable rates over next 20 years
- Need to decrease turnaround time for evidence testing

BEMIDJI FACILITY					
Section	2004 Caseload	2022 Caseload	Initial staffing	Current staffing	Projected 20 yr staffing (2043)
Evidence Intake/process	1877 submissions	4818 submissions	2	4	4
Drug Chemistry	991	2514	2	8	10
DNA	265	1976	2	5	6
Latent Prints	280	431	2	6	6
Firearms	102	265	1	2	4
Digital Evidence	na	72	0	2	8
Lab Management	na	na	1	2	3
LAB TOTAL			10	29	41



BCA Bemidji Regional Office and Laboratory Expansion

Significant increase in volume and complexity of investigative services

- Independent space for Force Investigations Unit
- New digital evidence laboratory
- Other space needs for specialized investigation functions
 - Polygraph room
 - Additional secure evidence storage
 - Audio/Video enhancements and 3D scanner analysis
- Expanded training space for regional training



Specialized space needed for this work



BCA Bemidji Regional Office and Laboratory Expansion

\$4.203 Million – Expansion of Bemidji Regional Office

- Built in 2001 – need to plan for current and future needs
- Double current space to 53,000 square feet (27,000 sq. ft. new and 26,000 sq. ft. renovated)
- Original staff capacity for 36, current staff 40 with additional growth expected
- Pre-design completed in 2021



BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION - BEMIDJI
Concept Sketch at New Entry 4-9-24





Minnesota State Patrol Headquarters Building

Colonel Christina Bogojevic
Chief of the Minnesota State Patrol

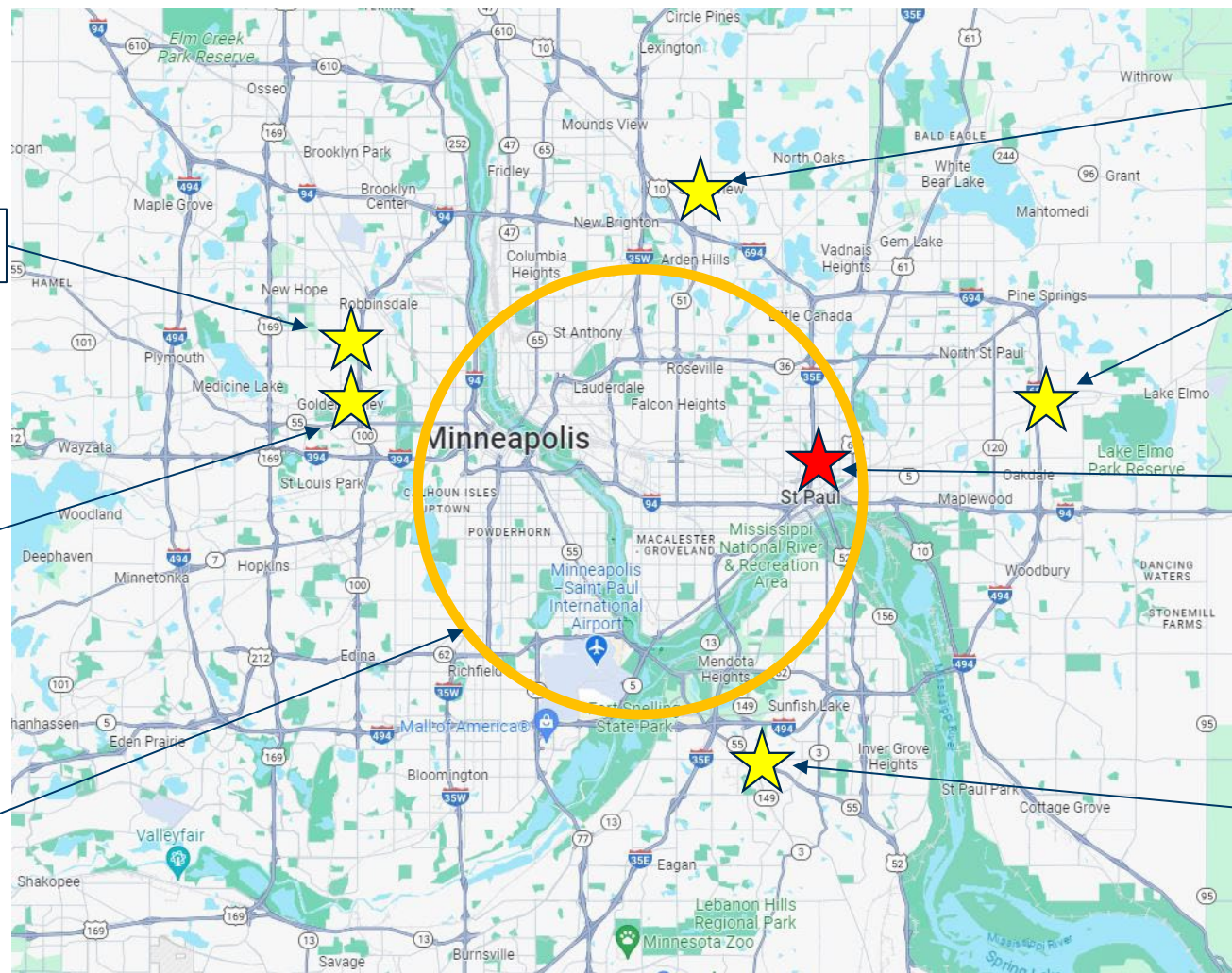
State Patrol Headquarters design and build

Minnesota State Patrol Headquarters and Space Consolidation \$97.026M Trunk Highway Cash

- 137,000 total square feet (97,000 office + 40,000 garage)
- Combines 6 separate leased spaces into one comprehensive facility
 - Synergy with leadership + command + teams = efficiency
 - Access to the public with ample and free parking
 - Adequate training space to fulfill needs into the future
 - Recruitment/retention requirements in an ultra competitive environment
 - Readiness for response to disasters with garage storage for equipment
 - Advanced physical security concepts vs the current problem
 - Meets/exceeds many best-practices outlined within the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA) standards



State Patrol Metro Area locations



Training

Investigations

East Metro

MSP HQ

West Metro

Commercial Vehicles

Optimal Location of New Facility



Current State Patrol headquarters



East Metro district headquarters evidence/lunch space



West Metro and Commercial Motor Vehicles



Evidence storage is inadequate or non-existent



Vehicle storage is unsecured/unprepared all over MN



Vehicle storage



Metro Area space deficiencies





Questions?