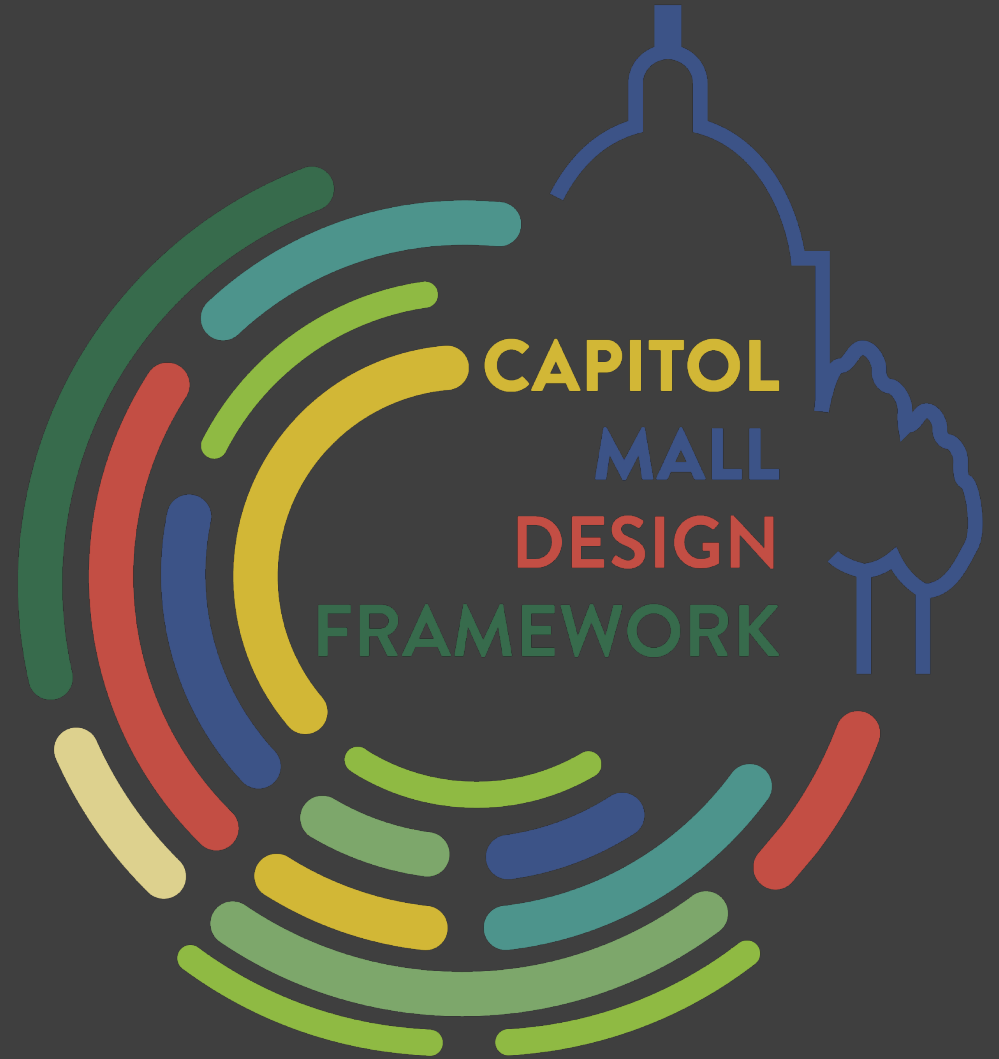
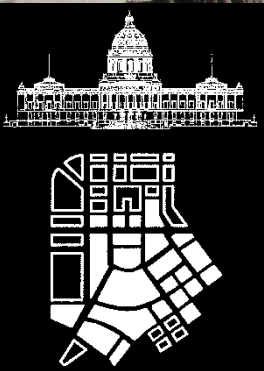


March 5, 2025



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Executive Secretary
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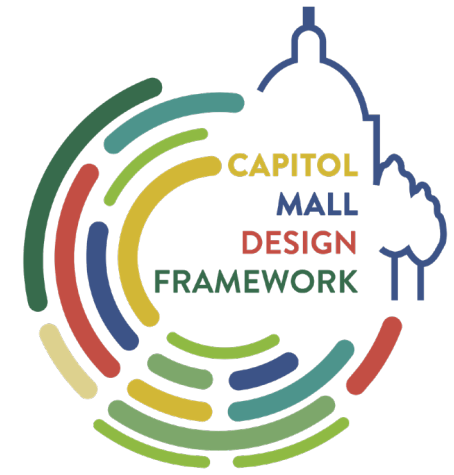
Figure 2: Minnesota Capitol Building above the Minnesota World War II Memorial
Source: Damon Farber, *Minnesota Capitol*, Jan 2024.

An aerial architectural rendering of the Capitol Mall design framework in Madison, Wisconsin. The image shows a large, modern, multi-story building with a glass facade, surrounded by lush green trees and a pedestrian-friendly walkway. In the background, the Wisconsin State Capitol building with its iconic dome is visible, along with other city buildings and a bridge. The scene is set under a bright, sunny sky with scattered clouds. The text "The Purpose of the Capitol Mall Design Framework is to guide the next generation of decisions." is overlaid on the left side of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

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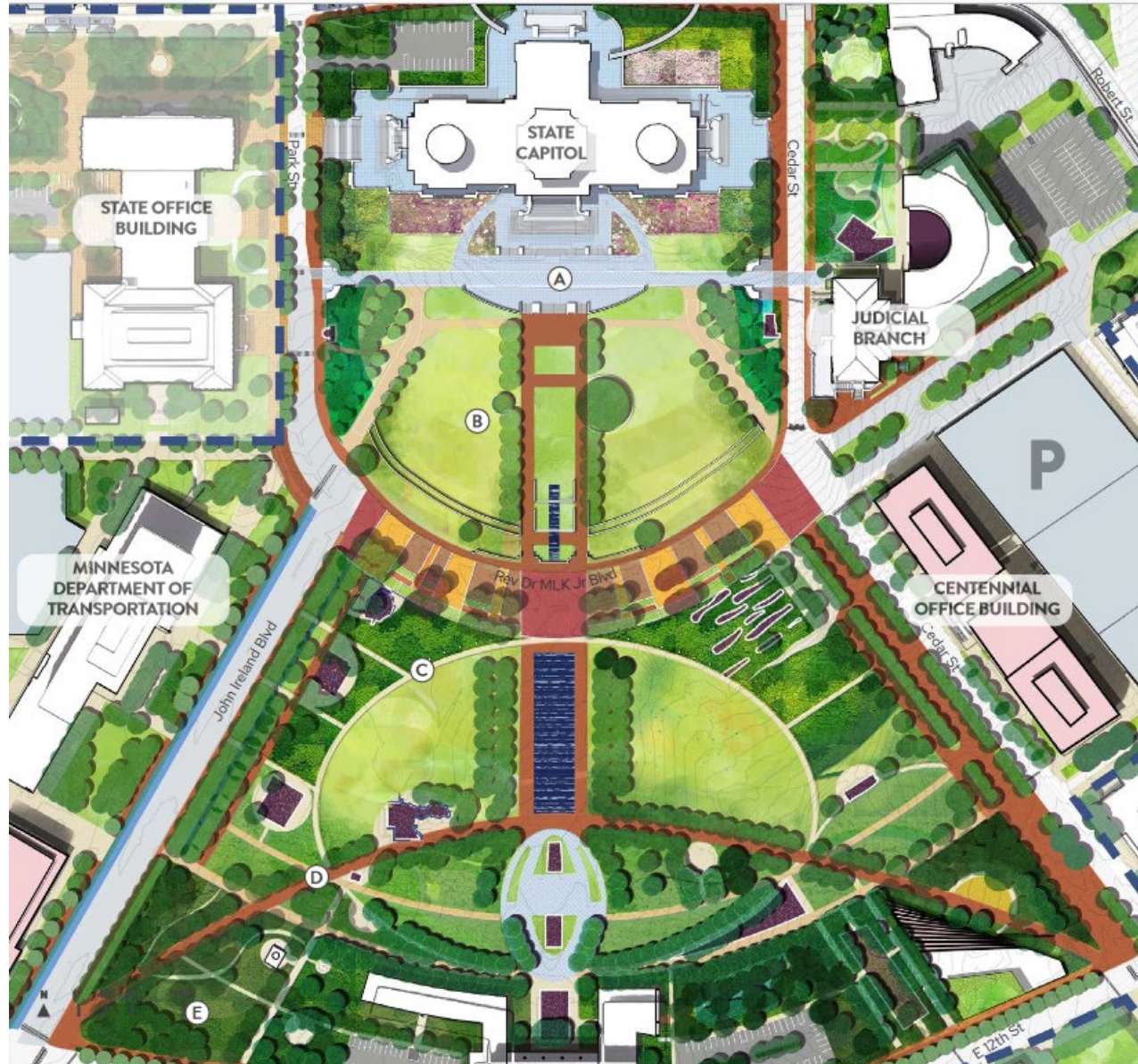
A plan for a 21st Century Capitol...

Capitol Mall Design Framework (CMDf)



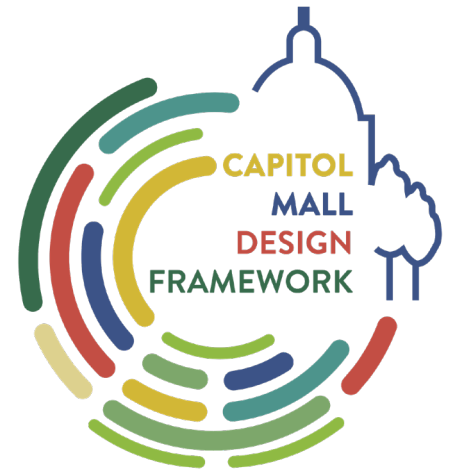
**THE CAPITOL AREA IS MORE WELCOMING
FOR MORE MINNESOTANS.**

- Cultural Landscape Report
- Illustrative Master Plan
- Campus and District Wide:
 - Street Design
 - Stormwater
 - Tree Canopy
 - Comfort
 - Connectivity/Wayfinding
 - Landscape/Maintenance Standards



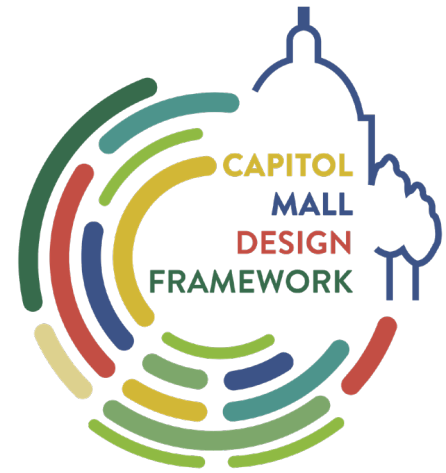
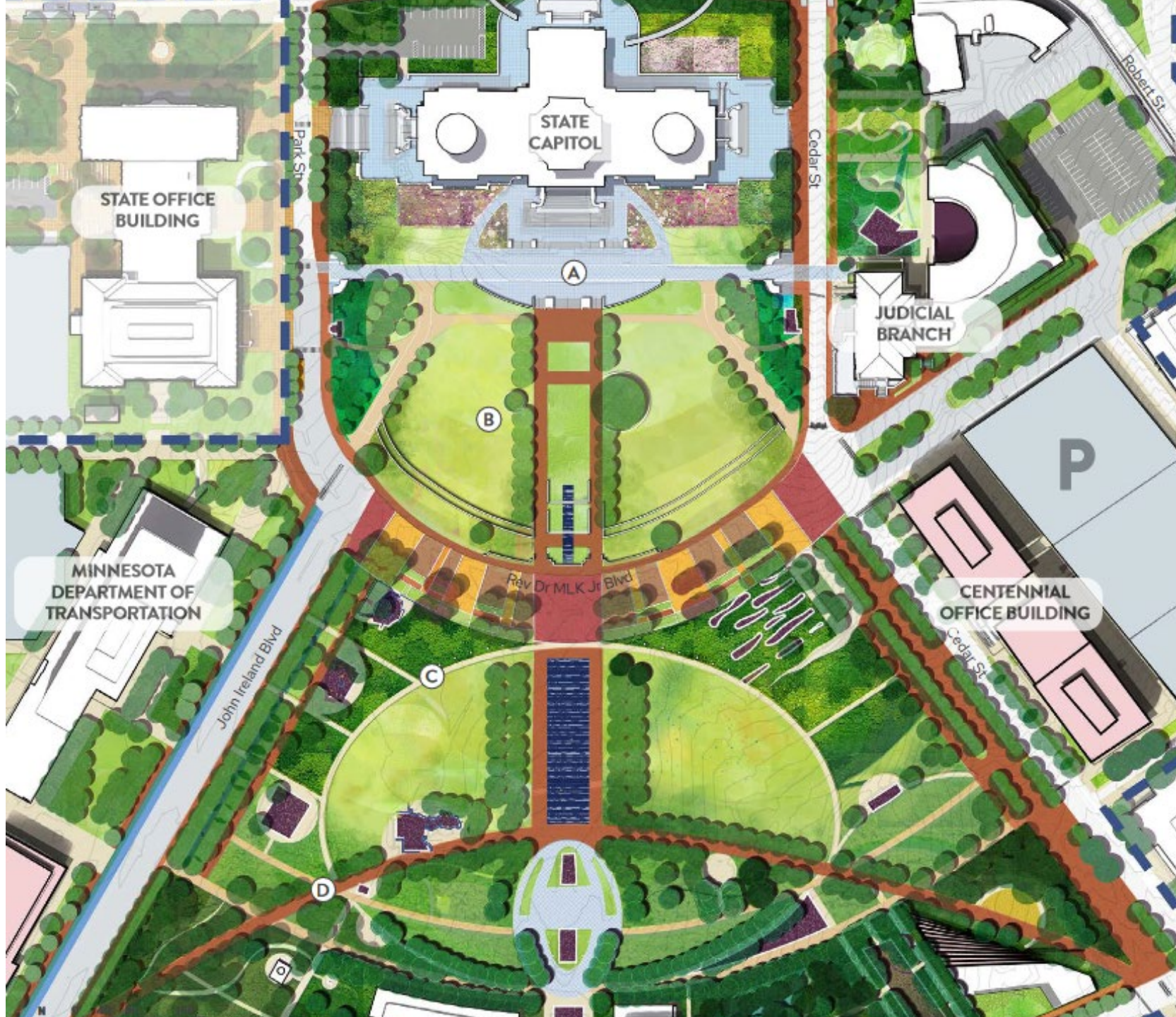
Capitol Mall Design Framework (CMDf): Continuation of Phase 1 – June 30, 2026

Approximately \$2.0m remains in the CMDf Implementation account.



A date extension would allow Phase 1 completion:

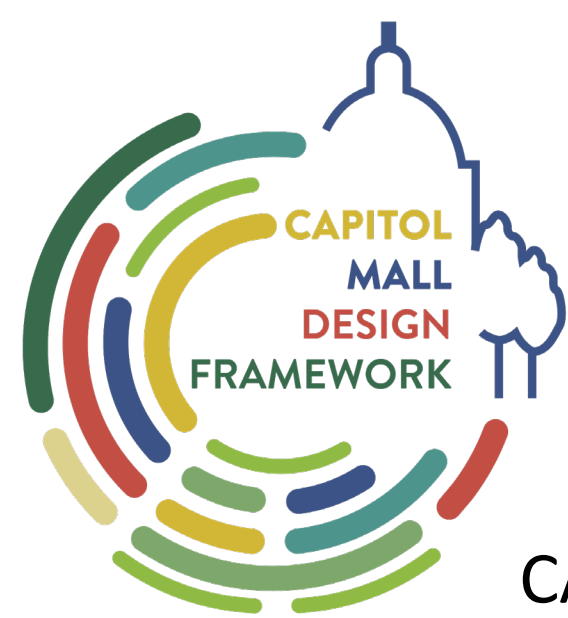
- **Installation of benches on the Mall**
- **Lot C (landscaping work) – Rice & University**
- **Painting Department of Administration ramp and new screens/grates**
- **Wayfinding**
- **Tree Canopy/Landscaping improvements**
- **Commemorative Circle - Tribal Flag Plaza**
- **Accessibility improvements on the Mall**





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Thank you!

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