

AN INVESTMENT PLAN TO SUPPORT GOLDEN VALLEY'S PUBLIC SERVICES

The City of Golden Valley is committed to providing important services to support the quality of life of all residents. Over the past several years, the City has been assessing its aging public buildings and determined that the Police, Fire, and Public Works buildings can no longer adequately support efficient delivery of City services.

To better serve residents, the City has put together a long-term plan, called **Building Forward**, to invest \$105 million to build a new Public Works building outside of downtown and to build a new Public Safety building to serve as the new Fire and Police headquarters.

On Nov 7, Golden Valley voters will consider whether to approve a local sales tax of 1.25 percent to pay for the projects, plus interest and the cost of issuing bonds.

OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGES

The Public Works and Public Safety buildings do not meet today's standards for safety, efficiency, and health. They lack basic equitable and inclusive amenities.

- Public Works Department operations are spread across three different buildings with limited space and access, forcing personnel to move from one building to another to do various elements of their jobs, which wastes time and resources.
- The Public Safety building, which is the Fire and Police headquarters, is not designed to support modern fire and police training and rapid response. Facilities lack proper air quality and safe equipment storage.

THE INVESTMENT PLAN

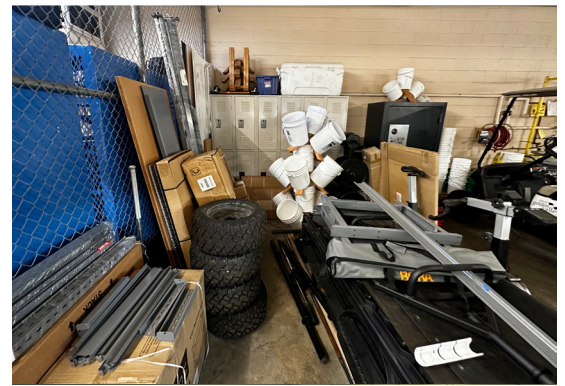
To address these challenges, the City is proposing new Public Works and Public Safety buildings to better support the delivery of essential services and emergency response.

A new Public Works building would:

- improve efficiency by consolidating services into one location
- house larger equipment, tools, and supplies more efficiently
- require less energy use and support best practices for sustainability
- allow for new development opportunities in downtown

A new Public Safety building would:

- support dedicated training space for fire and police personnel
- include adequate space for safe storage of equipment and vehicles
- provide spaces to safely clean carcinogens off fire equipment
- be outfitted to support a 24-hour firefighter duty crew





COST AND FINANCING

This November, Golden Valley voters will consider three ballot questions seeking a 1.25 percent local option sales tax to finance the Building Forward plan:

- **Question one:** \$15 million to acquire land for a new Public Works building, plus interest and the cost of issuing bonds.
- **Question two:** \$45 million to build a new Public Works building, plus interest and the cost of issuing bonds.
- **Question three:** \$45 million to build a new Police and Fire headquarters, plus interest and the cost of issuing bonds.

Note: The local sales tax rate would be 1.25 percent no matter if one, two, or all three questions are approved.

HOW THE SALES TAX WORKS

- The local sales tax would be collected the same way as the state sales tax with the same exemptions.
- A 1.25 percent local sales tax would generate 1¼ cents for every dollar spent, or 10 cents for every \$8 spent.
- The sales tax is not permanent. The tax would be collected for no more than 30 years or until the bonds are repaid, whichever comes first.

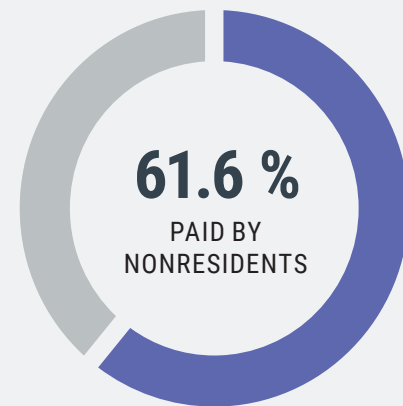
WHY A SALES TAX?

The City Council chose a local sales tax over a property tax increase to spread the cost of the projects among residents and nonresidents who purchase goods and services within the city.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

- **Vote on or before Tuesday, Nov 7, 2023**
- **Early voting begins Friday, Sept 22, 2023**

ABOUT 61.6% OF THE FUNDS GENERATED BY THE SALES TAX WOULD COME FROM NONRESIDENTS.



THAT MEANS ABOUT \$64.7 MILLION OF THE PROJECTS' COST WOULD BE PAID BY NONRESIDENTS WHO BENEFIT FROM CITY SERVICES.

Source: University of Minnesota Extension Center for Community Vitality

Learn more about the Building Forward investment plan at BuildingForwardGV.org

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