

Annual Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails Operations and Maintenance Allocation

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What is ‘Operations and Maintenance?’



- Minn. Statute 473.351 requires that by July 15th of each year, the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission reports to Council “the funding requests from the implementing agencies based on the actual expenditures made” in the previous year.
- The State Legislature funds a portion of the expenses necessary to run the Regional Parks and Trails System because the System draws a significant percentage of its visits from outside the Metropolitan area and the State of Minnesota.
- The law requires the Council to review the operating expenses of each agency for eligibility on an annual basis.

Operations and Maintenance Formula



State Statute provides the following distribution formula for O&M:

- 40% based on previous year's O&M expenses
- 40% based on previous year's proportionate share of total system visits
- 20% based on previous year's proportionate share of total acreage

Funding Summary



State Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation: \$11,740,000

- \$2.54M from the state General Fund
- \$9.2M in lottery-in-lieu of sales tax revenue

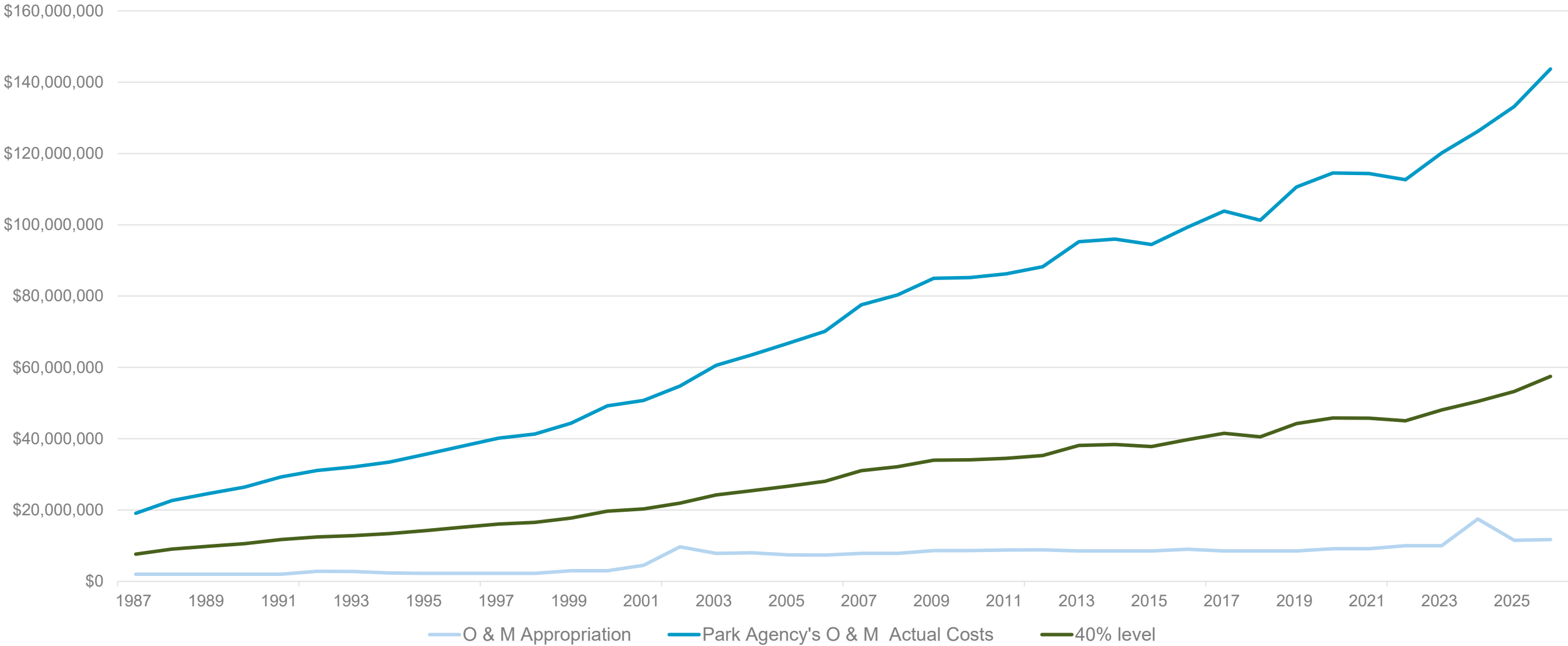
Final passthrough amounts will be based upon actual appropriations and revenues received

State Fiscal Year 2026 O&M Distribution

Agency	Reported Actual 2024 O&M Expenses	Estimated Distribution Amount
Anoka County	\$9,309,883.98	\$980,207
Bloomington Parks	\$863,310.91	\$94,087
Carver County	\$1,760,919.36	\$248,300
Dakota County	\$9,913,013.13	\$768,058
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB)	\$28,912,771.00	\$2,897,284
Ramsey County	\$8,673,636.24	\$1,063,855
Saint Paul Parks	\$24,753,617.35	\$1,504,758
Scott County	\$2,496,588.41	\$214,842
Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) - Hennepin & Scott	\$51,206,536.95	\$3,468,186
Washington County	\$5,811,365.63	\$500,423
TOTAL	\$143,701,642.96	\$11,740,000

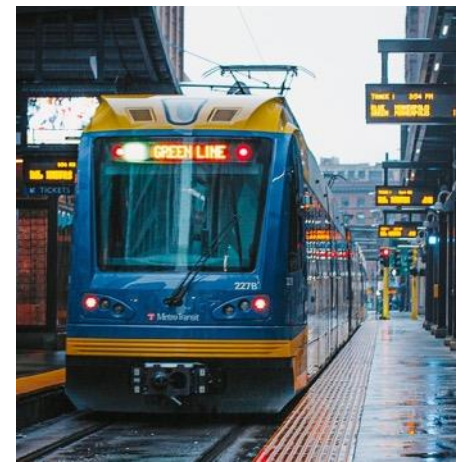
O&M Expense vs. Appropriation History

Comparison of Operation and Maintenance Appropriations to Operation and Maintenance Costs, State Fiscal Year 1987-2026



Recommended Action

That the Metropolitan Council accept the Regional Parks and Trails System state fiscal year (SFY) 2026 Operations and Maintenance Funding Report.





THANK YOU

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