



Minnesota Rural Counties

Legislative Priorities 2025

Solid Waste

- MRC supports funding and policy for comprehensive and innovative solid waste management systems, including SCORE, C&D management, E-waste/Batteries, Solid Waste Capital Assistance Program, Waste-To-Energy and emerging technologies.

Transportation and Infrastructure

- MRC believes highway funding should be conducted with constitutionally dedicated funding from a statewide perspective utilizing long-term sustainable funding solutions. MRC supports increased funding for all modes of transportation to meet the documented unmet needs of over \$1 billion every year for the next 20 years on the transportation system statewide.
- MRC urges state legislators to regularly pass capital investment bills, as they are a critical funding mechanism for both infrastructure and transportation projects across the state.

Mental Health

- MRC supports more robust funding for mental health programs, including expanded access to crisis intervention, counseling, and long-term support services. Greater state investment will help ensure that individuals in our communities receive the timely, high-quality care they need, ultimately improving public health, reducing the burden on local emergency services, and fostering stronger, more resilient communities.
- MRC supports legislation that would help eliminate the shortage of placement locations for 72 hour mental health holds and youth in need of child protective services, and urges the state to establish sustainable funding to address this critical issue.

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