

## Counties and Townships

[Association of Minnesota Counties](#)

[Minnesota Association of Townships](#)

[County & Municipal Ordinances](#)

### Procedures / Requirements

Project interactions vary on a case by case basis.

Contacts may vary, but County Engineers and Townships Boards are suggested.

Project documents are typically sent to the local governmental units within which the project exists. Public meetings or hearings (when appropriate) are normally held in or near the county and township where the project is located for non-routine projects.

### Authority

Minnesota counties and townships do not have specific legal authority over the state project development process. However, it is in the general interest of both entities to coordinate efforts in developing projects in a cooperative manner for the benefit of both parties.

### Agency Role(s)

Coordination with the county or townships may be required on a number of issues including transit, bikeways/ pedestrians, project environmental documents, and parks. For areas with authority not delegated to watershed districts or watershed management organizations, Mn/DOT must obtain approval from the County Engineer for a County Ditch Permit.

### Agency Areas of Concern

More often than not, counties and townships are interested in all aspects of a project due to the diverse nature of potential effects and the potential for local associated improvements.