



# Mental Health Services:

## South Minneapolis Community Safety Center

# Construction Process & Timeline

- **April:**
  - Finalizing contract with general contractor (GC)
  - Property services + GC meet to explore schedule acceleration
- **May:** construction starts
- **End of 2026:** goal for center opening
- **Ongoing through 2026**
  - Operational planning led by OCS
  - Convene partners; plan coordinate service delivery



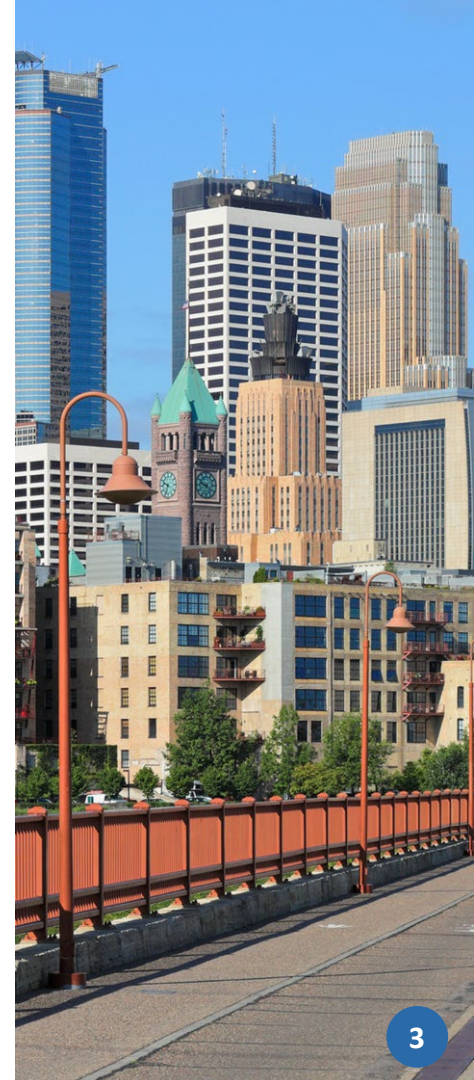
# Services in the Safety Center

## Connecting community members to safety services

- Police Third Precinct
- 311 Service Center
- Youth Connection Center
- Community Safety Ambassadors

## Center will house innovative community safety pilots

- Human Trafficking Prevention & Intervention
- Mental Health Services
- Culturally Specific Navigators
- Domestic Violence Navigators



# Recommendation:

## launch mental health services at SMCSC

- Aligning Public Safety Aid investments with the SMCSC service model
- Assessment of early launch feasibility at Lake Street
  - Physical space constraints
  - Operational inefficiencies & added costs
  - Community impact and service disruption
- Strategic consideration: protecting the vision of SMCSC



# Nontraditional and Culturally Specific Mental Health and Wellbeing Services



- Training, outreach, and readiness activities in preparation for SMCSC launch:
  - Nontraditional and culturally specific mental health and wellbeing events
  - Community-led outreach designed to build relationships and deepen trust
  - Joint training sessions to strengthen coordination among contracted partners
  - Public education efforts to raise awareness about services that will be available once the Center opens
- Existing mental health services available in community:
  - School-based Clinics
  - Neighborhood Safety Department
  - Partners: Hennepin County, Community-based orgs, NAMI MN, etc.



## Next steps

- Construction timeline
- Operational planning
- Upcoming Council Actions
  - Transfer of Public Safety Aid funds for culturally specific navigation services and domestic violence navigation services.
  - Consideration of individual provider contracts for mental health services



# Questions?

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