



Executive Summary

City Council Business Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Corcoran Letter of Support

PREPARED BY: Jacob Schillander, City Administrator

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve as part of the Consent Agenda

Summary

The City of Corcoran is requesting \$10 million in state bonding to design and construct the MASTER (Multi-Agency Skills Training and Emergency Response) Facility, a regional public safety training and emergency operations campus. The facility would provide shared-use training infrastructure and a regional emergency operations and command center serving small and mid-sized law enforcement agencies across the northwest metropolitan area, including those providing services to Maple Plain.

The MASTER Facility addresses a documented gap in affordable, accessible, and consistent training opportunities for smaller agencies that face scheduling, cost, and capacity barriers at existing regional facilities. By consolidating training resources and providing modern, purpose-built spaces, the project strengthens regional emergency preparedness, supports mutual aid coordination, enhances officer safety, and promotes efficient use of public funds.

Benefit to Maple Plain

West Hennepin Public Safety, which provides law enforcement services to Maple Plain, relies heavily on limited state training reimbursements and must compete for access to regional training facilities that often prioritize larger agencies. The proposed MASTER Facility would provide a dependable, local, and cost-effective training option that supports high-quality ongoing

training without requiring Maple Plain or West Hennepin Public Safety to independently construct or maintain specialized facilities.

Access to scenario-based, virtual, live-fire, and K-9 training, along with a regional emergency operations and command center, would directly enhance readiness, compliance with state training requirements, and coordinated emergency response capabilities benefitting Maple Plain residents.

Readiness and Regional Value

Corcoran is well positioned to deliver the project, having secured the project site, completed planning studies, initiated public engagement, and assembled an experienced leadership team. Final design is anticipated in 2026, with construction beginning in 2027. As a publicly owned, shared-use facility, the MASTER Campus represents a long-term regional investment that reduces duplicative infrastructure while improving coordinated response across jurisdictions.

Recommendation

Authorize the City Administrator and Mayor to formally communicate the City of Maple Plain's support for the City of Corcoran's 2026 state bonding request for the MASTER Public Safety Facility, recognizing the significant regional public safety, fiscal, and operational benefits to Maple Plain and surrounding communities.