

## County plans service center work in Blaine



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Anoka County plans to expand and resurface its parking lot at the Anoka County Human Services Center in Blaine.

The Anoka County Board, on the recommendation of its Finance and Capital Improvements Committee, has awarded a contract with Westwood Professional Services, Eden Prairie, totaling \$27,860 to provide architectural and engineering services as well as a construction documents for the project.

The money for the contract will come from the human services building reserve fund.

According to Andrew Dykstra, county director of facilities management and construction, the parking lot has numerous fractures and pot holes and is in need of resurfacing.

“Nearly the entire surface is beyond repair and is a safety hazard to the Anoka County patrons and employees,” Dykstra said.

“The need for parking has also exceeded the number of available space.”

In addition to the resurfacing work, the project will add 31 additional parking spaces.

Westwood Professional Services had previously developed preliminary drawings for adding parking spaces, one option adding 35 spaces and the other, which was chosen, to add 31 parking spots.

There are two project areas in the contract that the county board approved with Westwood.

- Survey, environmental and design services for east parking expansion.
- Survey and design services for main parking lot resurfacing.

The concept plan was presented to the city of Blaine for comment and produced little or no revisions to the layout, according to Daren M. Laberee, landscape architect/project manager, Westwood Professional Services Inc.

The goal is to have the project completed by October, Dykstra said.

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