Southdale Site Development
Purpose

• Provide site history
• Update on library facility planning
• Recommendation
• Next Steps
Southdale Site Development

• Location
  • Richfield/Edina Border
  • Edina School District

• Size: 7.74 acres

• History
  • 2015 Board Briefing
  • 2016 Service Center Relocation
  • 2019 Courts Relocation
  • Contract with Edina
Community Meeting Site Feedback

• Hennepin County Southdale Library is a prized regional asset
• Provide and improve neighborhood connections and access
• Enhance pedestrian safety at York Avenue
• Provide more green space on site
• Housing at affordable pricing or geared toward seniors
The Future Library

- MSR Design Architects
- 55,000 USF / 72,000 GSF
- $50M Budget
- Project completion mid-2021
The Future Library – Program Visioning

• Strong collection
• Meeting rooms and spaces for study and collaboration
• Technology to bridge the digital divide and foster lifelong learning
• Early learning spaces for school readiness
• Connect with school districts to support education
• Partner with workforce centers to increase employment
Site Considerations

- Zoning
- Height Restraints
- Site Coordination
- Trail Connection
- Land Value
Option 1 - Library as 25%

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- Two story library: 2 acres
- Available for development: 5.74 acres
Option 2 - Library as 65%

Two story library: 5 acres
Available for development: 2.74 acres
Option 3 - Library as 65%

One story library: 5 acres
Available for development: 2.74 acres
Option 4 - Library as 65%

1, 1.5, or 2 story library: 5 acres

Available for green space: 2.74 acres
Recommendation

New Library – Option 1

- Library located on 25%
- Parking addressed on portion of site
- County sells remaining property
Preferred Option

- Two story library: 2 acres + parking
- Available for development: 3.85+ acres
Next Steps / Questions