



## **Metro Regional Meeting/Metro Cities Policy Adoption Meeting**

Join your colleagues for the LMC Metro Regional Meeting and Policy Adoption Meeting on November 29th, 2018 at Brookview in Golden Valley!

The cities of Minnetonka, Eagan, and Prior Lake will discuss their strategies for community engagement. LMC and LMCIT staff will present on conflict in local government and how to work together for more effective governing and problem-solving. Metro Cities membership will also meet to approve the 2019 Legislative Policies for Metro Cities staff to use going into the 2019 legislative session. A membership quorum is required for policy adoption, so each member city should make sure to send a representative! The event will end with a great networking social hour.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **2019 Draft Legislative Policies**

Metro Cities' Draft 2019 Legislative Policies are now online for review. The draft policies were recommended by members through Metro Cities' four policy committees and approved by the Metro Cities Board of Directors at their October 11th Board meeting. Copies of the policies and Metro Cities' policy adoption protocol were mailed to city administrators/managers this week.

The policies will be adopted by Metro Cities' membership at the Policy Adoption Meeting on Thursday, November 29, 2018. Please be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend! Click [here](#) to read the agenda and register.

The policies will receive final adoption at the meeting on November 29. Each member city has one vote, with one additional vote for each 50,000 population above the initial 50,000. Once the policies are adopted, they will serve as the framework for Metro Cities' work at the Legislature and Metropolitan Council in 2019. We hope to see you at the meeting!

Comments or questions on the proposed policies should be directed to [kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org](mailto:kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org) or 651-215-4000.

## **Metropolitan Council Environment Committee Approves Changes for Industrial SAC (Sewer Availability Charge)**

The Metropolitan Council Environment Committee has approved changes to the Industrial SAC (Sewer Availability Charge) program.

The changes call for industrial customers to have a baseline SAC rate determined. If an industrial customer exceeded the baseline in a given year, they would be allowed to pay a new Industrial Capacity Charge for the overage, at a rate of \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons. The industrial customer could also choose to pay for additional SAC units at a rate of \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons, and have those units added to their future base value. Currently, industrial uses are assigned a baseline that is reviewed every three years. If this baseline is exceeded, the industry is allowed one year to

reduce flow to below the baseline or be charged SAC. Industrial SAC accounts for around two-percent, or \$750,000, of all SAC collected in the region.

These changes will be considered at the Council Rate Adoption meeting on November 14th. For more information, click [here](#). Metro Cities is monitoring work on the proposal.

If you have any questions, please contact Steven Huser at [steven@metrocitiesmn.org](mailto:steven@metrocitiesmn.org).

## **Metropolitan Council Approves Transportation Policy Plan Update**

This week, the Metropolitan Council accepted a public comment report and approved updates to the regional 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP). The TPP plays a central role in the regional transportation planning process and is updated every four years.

The Metropolitan Council received approximately 300 comments from 150 individuals and organizations. For more information on the TPP updates, click [here](#).

Questions? Please contact Steve Huser at [steven@metrocitiesmn.org](mailto:steven@metrocitiesmn.org) or 651-215-4003.

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