

## CTIB Votes to Dissolve

The Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) voted to dissolve at its Wednesday Board meeting. With all member counties passing the necessary resolutions to dissolve, the CTIB could then finalize its dissolution. Debt and payment obligations will be addressed through the dissolution agreement.

Sales taxes collected under the CTIB will end on September 30, and with the dissolution, the five former CTIB counties may increase their sales tax to ½ cent for transportation needs including transit, roads and bridges. Anoka, Dakota and Washington counties have voted to maintain their current ¼ cent sales tax, while Hennepin and Ramsey counties have voted to increase their taxes by ½ cent.

## Small Cities Account Fund Distribution by City

The new transportation bill that is now law appropriated \$16 million in one-time funds for the Small Cities Assistance Account for the 2017/18 biennium (\$8 million per year), and MNDOT has now released aid amounts for eligible cities. Click [here](#) for a list of metropolitan area cities that received funding and the amounts. The Small Cities Assistance Account was created in 2015 to assist cities under 5,000 that do not qualify for Municipal Street Aid (MSA) funding, and was funded initially with a one-time appropriation of \$12.5 million. For more information on the Small Cities Assistance Account, click [here](#).

## Inflow-Infiltration Grant Program and Informational Meeting

This session, Metro Cities helped to secure \$3.7 million in funding for inflow-infiltration mitigation grants through the omnibus capital investment bill, now law. A city's eligibility to access this funding is determined by whether the community is an 'excess' contributor of inflow-infiltration into the regional wastewater system, or being on the threshold of being so. Click [here](#) for a list of eligible cities. These monies can be used for eligible I/I mitigation work on local public infrastructure.

Funds will be distributed through a program administered by Metropolitan Council Environment Services (MCES). The grant program will follow state requirements and set guidelines developed for past appropriations.

MCES staff will host an information session to outline program guidelines on **Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m.** at the **LMC/Metro Cities building**, 145 University Avenue West, St Paul. Matt Gsellmeier of MCES will serve as the grant administrator and can be reached at 651-602-1802, or [matthew.gsellmeier@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:matthew.gsellmeier@metc.state.mn.us).

Questions? Contact Patricia Nauman at 651-215-4002 or [patricia@metrocitiesmn.org](mailto:patricia@metrocitiesmn.org).

## Sunday Liquor Sales Law Goes into Effect July 1

A new law enacted this year allowing Sunday liquor sales will go into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. Cities with ordinances that are consistent with laws on days and hours of operation will not necessarily need to address changes to their ordinances. If a local ordinance currently bans Sunday sales,

however, such ordinances will not be valid after July 1. The new law specifies that Sunday sales will be allowed from 11:00 am to 6:00 p.m. If a city wishes to set more restrictive Sunday hours, it may do so by ordinance. Additionally, the new law disallows the delivery of alcohol to off-sale licensees on Sundays, as well as Sunday orders by wholesalers. The language of the new law can be accessed [here](#).

## **State Revenues Dip Again in May**

Net state general fund revenues for May are \$63 million (4.1%) less than forecast, with individual income tax receipts coming in at \$117 million less than expected, offsetting larger receipts for other tax types. While receipts for some taxes are floating up and down, income tax receipts are at this point consistently trending downward from the most recent budget forecast, with a similar dip reported in April. The State Office of Management and Budget (MMB) notes that month-to-month receipts can vary, and should be interpreted with caution. The next complete budget forecast will be released in November 2017.

## **Metropolitan Council Advisory Committee Openings**

The Metropolitan Council has openings on advisory committees for community members. The application window is open for terms beginning in September 2017. **Priority will be given to applications received by 5 p.m., Monday, July 17.** Below is a list of openings. Please see specific openings for requirements and qualifications.

### ***Land Use Advisory Committee***

Two spots are open on the Council's Land Use Advisory Committee. The committee includes members of the community and elected officials. Members serve four-year terms. [See Council District Descriptions and Map.](#)

#### **Open seats:**

District 3 – includes the city of Chanhassen in Carver County and Hennepin County cities of Deephaven, Eden Prairie, Excelsior, Greenwood, Long Lake, Minnetonka, Minnetonka Beach, Minnetrista, Mound, Orono, Shorewood, Spring Park, St. Bonifacius, Tonka Bay, Wayzata and Woodland. This appointment will fill the remainder of the term for this seat – until January 2019.

District 4 - includes Benton Twp., Camden Twp., Carver, Chaska, Cologne, Dahlgren Twp., Hamburg, Hancock Twp., Hollywood Twp., Laketown Twp., Mayer, New Germany, Norwood Young America, San Francisco Twp., Victoria, Waconia, Waconia Twp., Watertown, Watertown Twp., Woodland, and Young America Twp. This appointment will fill the remainder of the term for this seat – until January 2019.

To apply, visit the [Council's website](#) and download the application. For more information, or to submit your application, contact the Appointments Coordinator by [email](#), U.S. mail or phone: 390 Robert St. N., St. Paul, 55101 or 651-602-1377.

### ***Equity Advisory Committee***

Two spots are open on the Council's Equity Advisory Committee, which advises the Metropolitan Council in its work to advance equity in the metropolitan region. Members serve four-year terms. [See Council District Descriptions and Map.](#)

#### **Open seats:**

District H – the southern three-quarters of Dakota County and southeastern Scott County (Council Districts 15 and 16), to fill out the remainder of the term which expires in January 2020.

One at-large member, to fill out the remainder of the term, which expires in January 2018.

To apply, visit the [Council's website](#) and download the application. For more information, contact the Appointments Coordinator by [email](#), mail, or phone: 390 Robert St. N., St. Paul, 55101 or 651-602-1806.

### **Reminder: Green Infrastructure Grant Program Applications Due July 17**

The Metropolitan Council is accepting applications from local governments for the Green Infrastructure Grant Program. Successful projects will promote examining wastewater, storm water and water supply issues together and addressing issues in a cost-effective way. See [Metro Cities' May 19th newsletter](#) for more information. The Council has \$1 million available for this competitive pilot grant program. Grantees must be able to provide a 100% match to the dollars requested for the program. More information about these businesses can be found on the [Council's website](#).

Applications are due by July 17th. Projects receiving funding must be completed by Dec. 31, 2019. For more information, click [here](#), or contact Judy Sventek at [judy.sventek@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:judy.sventek@metc.state.mn.us) or 651-602-1156. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

### **2017 Municipal License and Permit Fee Survey**

Data entry for the 2017 Municipal License and Permit Fee Survey is under way! This survey allows cities to compare their fees with neighboring cities as well as cities of similar size or stage of development.

Your city should have received an email from our survey partner Springsted with login information to allow city staff to enter data directly into the SurveyNavigator™ site. If you did not receive login information, or have questions on how to enter data, contact [e-solutions@springsted.com](mailto:e-solutions@springsted.com). The link to the survey login page can be found on our website homepage ([www.metrocitiesmn.org](http://www.metrocitiesmn.org)) or click [here](#) to be brought there directly. (Please enter your city's data by June 30 so results can be accessed in July.)

Strong participation by cities in the survey ensures a valuable, comprehensive product and minimizes the time you have to spend analyzing and benchmarking your fees against other comparable entities. Plus, the finished survey results are free to Metro Cities' members! Please know your participation is greatly appreciated.

Questions? Contact Kimberly at [kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org](mailto:kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org) or 651-215-4000.

### **Metro Cities Breakfast at LMC Conference**

Thanks to the many city officials who joined us for breakfast at the LMC's Annual Conference last week. Metro Cities appreciated this opportunity provided by the League to host the Friday breakfast. We hope you enjoyed the conference!

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