



Metro Cities Breakfast at LMC Conference

Thank you to the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) for the opportunity to host an affiliate Metro Cities breakfast last Friday at the LMC Annual Conference in St Cloud. Metro Cities staff appreciated the chance to see and visit with the 40+ city officials who attended. Metro Cities would also like to congratulate Mary Hamann-Roland on her C.C. Ludwig Award, and Susan Arntz on receiving the James F. Miller Leadership Award. Well done! Congratulations, too, to the LMC on a successful conference!

New Board Officers and Members

At the LMC conference last week, Metro Cities' President Gary Hansen noted it was likely one of his last official duties as President, as his term ends on Monday. Metro Cities would like to thank Gary for his stellar leadership as President. Gary responded to the call of Presidential duties with an unwavering ethos of public service, dedication and intelligence.

Mary Gaasch, Mayor, city of Lauderdale, will begin her term as Metro Cities President on July 1st. Mark McNeill, City Administrator, city of Mendota Heights, will begin his term as Vice President, while Gary Hansen will become the organization's Past-President. Also coming on to the Board are Mary Hamann-Roland, Mayor, city of Apple Valley, and Tom McCarty, City Administrator, city of Stillwater. Metro Cities welcomes Mary and Tom to the Board of Directors!

Special thanks to Anne Mavity and Candy Petersen for their Board service as their terms end on June 30th!

Metro Inflow-Infiltration Funding: New Funding/Updates/Pilot Project

The 2018 Legislature appropriated \$5 million in the capital investment (bonding) bill for inflow-infiltration mitigation (I/I) assistance for cities in the metropolitan area. Metro Cities advocated for and supported this funding. As with previous funds, the new funding will be appropriated as grants through a program administered by the Metropolitan Council.

The new funding is proposed to be coupled with the \$3.7 million appropriated by the 2017 Legislature, so the program will now fund \$8.7 million in grants for eligible cities in the metropolitan area. The Council would also adjust the program to increase the part 1 allocation from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Applications from newly participating eligible cities will be due on August 31, 2018. Please note that newly participating qualified cities will receive a direct solicitation once the Council finalizes the new funding parameters.

The Metropolitan Council is also considering an Inflow-Infiltration Demonstration Project Grant for private property mitigation that will be considered for approval on July 11. A demonstration project was recommended by a 2016 I/I Task Force on private property I/I mitigation. The goal of the project is to demonstrate effective techniques for private I/I mitigation and to measure the impact of mitigation efforts. The demonstration project would be selected based on a set of criteria that includes how well the project will benefit other communities, be able to be completed on schedule, its effectiveness, and the financial need for the project. A \$500,000 grant will be given to one community. The community would need to pay for at least 50% of the project's cost.

Metro Cities will provide more details and information as we receive them.

Questions? Contact Patricia Nauman at 651-215-4002 or email patricia@metrocitiesmn.org.

Transportation Policy Plan Out for Public Comment

The Metropolitan Council is currently accepting comments on a draft update of the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP). The TPP plays a central role in the regional transportation planning process and is updated every four years. [See the draft here](#).

The draft includes updated fiscal projections for highway and transit systems, performance measures, and new highway and transit investments. A public hearing is scheduled for August 1, 2018 at 4:00 pm. Comments will be received through August 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm. The Metropolitan Council will consider revisions to the TPP following the comment period.

To comment: email the Council at public.info@metc.state.mn, or write to Metropolitan Council at 390 Robert Street North, St Paul, MN 55101, or record a comment at 651-602-1500.

Metro Cities Policy Committees Begin in Mid-July

Metro Cities' four legislative policy committees will begin work in mid-July. The four committees are: Transportation and General Government; Municipal Revenues; Metropolitan Agencies; Housing and Economic Development. Speakers are confirmed for the first meetings of all four committees.

Policy committees are open to city elected officials and staff. Sign up on our [website](#).

Whether you are new to the process or have participated in a committee in the past, we welcome your participation!

Please note that committee schedules have changed. Committees will meet on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 9:00-11:30 or from 1:00-3:30. The committees and dates are listed on our website [here](#).

We are asking that you actively sign up for the committee(s) you wish to attend. You are NOT automatically signed up for this year if you were on a committee last year. This will help us keep our rosters current and correct!

All meetings are held at the Metro Cities/League of MN Cities building at 145 University Avenue, St Paul.

Email or call Kimberly with questions at kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org or 651-215-4004.

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