



Next Week: Second Legislative Policy Committee Meetings

Second meetings of Metro Cities' four policy committees will take place next week. Members will continue reviewing policy language and consider modifications to policies as well as new policies. Each committee will host a speaker. For the Transportation/General Government Committee, Gregory Coughlin from MNDOT will present information on processes governing highway turn backs. The Municipal Revenues Committee will hear Stephen Baker and Michael Thompson from the Ramsey and Scott County Assessors Offices respectively on 'dark' stores and assessed values. The Metropolitan Agencies Committee will hear from Metropolitan Council Chair Alene Tchourumoff on the Council's goals and regional opportunities and challenges. The Housing and Economic Development Committee will hear a presentation from Jeanne Crain, CEO, Bremer Bank/Co-Chair of the Governor's Housing Task Force.

Check the [website](#) for meeting information and details. If you have not yet signed up but would still like to participate, contact Kimberly Ciarrocchi at kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org

REMINDER: Inflow-Infiltration Mitigation Grant Funding Deadlines Approaching!

As a reminder, one new grant program and one updated program, both administered by the Metropolitan Council, are available to assist cities with inflow-infiltration (I/I) mitigation. Applications for both programs are due August 31, 2018. Metro Cities and the Metropolitan Council Environment Services Division (MCES) sent information to cities on the programs. See below for these materials.

New I/I Demonstration Program: This funding is for a community to complete repairs to both public and private infrastructure. See criteria information here: [RFP Demonstration Project](#).

Municipal I&I Grant (Updated): The Legislature appropriated \$5 million in 2018 for the municipal I/I grant program and the funds have been added to the 2017 program. See updated program guidelines and information at: [Funding/Grants Information](#).

For more information on the I/I Demonstration Grant, contact Marcus Bush at MCES at marcus.bush@metc.state.mn.us. For information on the Municipal program, contact Matt Gsellmeier at matthew.gsellmeier@metc.state.mn.us.

Also as a reminder, MCES has launched a website with resources for local governments and property owners aimed at reducing [inflow and infiltration](#). The site includes videos, photos, public service announcements, articles and other information.

State Revenue Collections Report

The MN Department of Management and Budget (MMB)'s July report, the first month of the new fiscal year, shows state net general fund revenues to be \$28 million, or 2.7%, more than forecast. Income, sales and corporate income taxes were all higher than anticipated. MMB, as always, cautions that the report is preliminary and its results subject revision. The state's next complete budget forecast will be issued in late November.

New Metropolitan Council Resources / Information for Comprehensive Plan Updates

The Metropolitan Council has new information/updates and resources for local communities via [PlanIt](#). Below is a list of new resources:

[Episode 17: Economic Development – Dave Gontarek and Nora Riemenschneider](#): In this episode Council staff talk with Dave Gontarek, Principal Project Manager, and Nora Riemenschneider, Economic Development Program Coordinator at the City of St. Paul about their experiences and ideas for successful economic development.

Updated [Solar Community Resources](#) page and [Local Government Solar Landing Page Resources Template](#) applicable to all metro communities. For additional assistance, or to let the Council know of other resources, feel free to reach out to your [Sector Rep](#) to get in touch with the Council's Solar Advisor.

The Council is making updates to the online [TOD Guide](#) in 2018. The following case studies/information are available at the following links: [Eden Prairie TOD Zoning](#), [Minneapolis Parking Regulations](#), [St. Paul Central Corridor Zoning](#), [Watershed Partnership](#) (Redevelopment of the Hopkins Cold Storage Site), [Burnsville Heart of the City](#).

New resources are available on Affected Jurisdiction [Contact Information](#) and 2016 [Generalized Land Use](#) Categories and Definitions.

Metro Cities Communications Audit

Metro Cities is in the beginning stages of a communications audit to learn more about our strengths and weaknesses regarding our various communication vehicles (newsletter, website, social media, etc.). Watch for future newsletter articles and emails, as we will be looking for YOUR feedback via an online survey on what we currently do well, and where we can improve!

Questions or comments? Contact Kimberly at kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org or 651-215-4004.

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