



## Metro Cities Communications Audit

On September 5, Metro Cities emailed our membership the link to a communications survey. We are asking members for feedback about our communication vehicles (newsletter, website, social media, etc.). Thank you to those who have responded so far! If you haven't filled out the survey, we would greatly appreciate your input.

Within the next few months, you will see an exciting new look to our website and e-newsletter (Metro Cities News). Your feedback through this survey is important to us as we move forward to better serve you through changes to the tools and processes we currently use and to discover if there are new and better ways we can communicate with our members.

If you have not yet taken the survey and need the link again, please contact Kimberly at [kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org](mailto:kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org) or 651-215-4004. We value your feedback!

## Met Council Transportation Committee Approves Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

The Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee recently approved the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The TIP addresses transportation projects in the region that are prioritized by year and that use federal funds or have effects on air quality. Projects include highways, transit, bikeway and pedestrian improvements. All metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) must draft a TIP. The Transportation Advisory Board approved the TIP at their August meeting. For more information, click [here](#). To view the draft TIP, click [here](#).

## Comprehensive Plans--- Resources and Deadlines

Metro Cities has been asked to share updated information from Metropolitan Council staff:

- **UPCOMING DEADLINE:** Communities can continue to submit the draft of their comprehensive plans to the Metropolitan Council for preliminary plan review using the Local Planning Handbook Online Submittal through the [Community Pages](#) until **September 30, 2018**. Please contact your [Sector Representative](#) if you have any questions.
- **PlanIt Podcast:** [Episode 17.5: Subscribe to Us](#) – PlanIt is a monthly (for the most part!) podcast on a variety of planning topics related to comprehensive plans. Subscribe to our podcast to get the new episodes as soon as they are published. If you have an idea for an episode, email us at [ReviewsCoordinator@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:ReviewsCoordinator@metc.state.mn.us). Stay tuned for the next episode!
- **UPDATED:** Updated Affected Jurisdictions Contact List to include contacts for MDH, MnDNR, MnDOT, as well as all seven metro area counties: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Washington. Comprehensive plans must be submitted to the appropriate affected jurisdictions, before submitting it to the Metropolitan Council for review.
- **Minnesota Department of Health** has a new grant opportunity available to all community and nontransient noncommunity public water supply systems who have an MDH approved Wellhead Protection Plan, or MDH-endorsed intake protection plan. The purpose of this funding is to help public water suppliers implement source water protection measures included in their WHP plan. These grants do not require a cost share. The minimum grant amount is \$1,000 and the

maximum grant amount is \$10,000. Deadline for applications is **4:30 PM September 28, 2018**. To download an application form and to review more detailed information about this grant program, please go to [MDH website](#).

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