



## **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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **MnDOT Deadline for Safe Routes to School Funding October 31**

MnDOT has set a deadline of October 31<sup>st</sup> for communities to submit letters of intent to apply for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding. The deadline to submit full applications is January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The SRTS Program provides funding support for capital projects that promotes and encourages more students to walk or bicycle to school by making the school routes safer and more accessible. The Metropolitan Council conducts a biennial solicitation for these projects in the seven-county metro area and projects selected for funding must be implemented in 2019, 2020 or 2021. The Safe Routes to School State Infrastructure program provides \$2 million in state bond funds. For more information, click [here](#).

## Metropolitan Council Forwards Livable Communities TOD Awards

Four Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit Oriented Development (LCDA-TOD) awards received [preliminary approval](#) from the Community Development Committee on October 15. The four projects, along existing and planned transitways, were reviewed by Council staff and the Livable Communities Advisory Committee.

The four projects are: The Legends of Minnetonka affordable housing development in an existing office building; the Peris new affordable housing development for youth transitioning out of the foster care system in Minneapolis; the Lake Street Apartments mixed use project with commercial space and workforce housing; and redevelopment of the northwest corner of University and Dale in St. Paul which will feature office space, commercial space and 40 affordable housing units including 12 units with at least three bedrooms.

Three applications were not funded due to low scores. The full Metropolitan Council will review the recommendations later this month.

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