



## **Don't Forget! Join Metro Cities at the June LMC Annual Conference**

If you're attending the 2019 League of MN Cities' Annual Conference in June in Duluth at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC), plan to join your metro colleagues for breakfast next **Thursday, June 27th at 7:30 am**. This is a great chance to mingle with other Metro Cities members and to hear a brief update from Metro Cities staff. We hope to see you there!

## **TAB Approves Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Draft for Public Comment**

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) recently approved the Draft 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to be released for public comment. 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. To view the draft TIP, click [here](#).

Public comments will be received until 5:00 pm, Friday, August 9. Comments can be received in the following ways:

- Mail: Metropolitan Council, 390 Robert St. N., St. Paul, MN 55101
- E-mail: [public.info@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:public.info@metc.state.mn.us)
- Public Comment Line: 651-602-1500

Public comment can also be made in person at two pop-up meetings to be held at the Mill Ruins Park at the entrance to the Stone Arch Bridge in Minneapolis. The meetings will be held on the following dates:

- [Saturday, July 20 from 1 to 3 pm](#)
- [Tuesday, July 23 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm](#)

The final document will be considered at the August 21 TAB meeting, which begins at 12:30 pm. The Met Council plans to consider final adoption of the program on September 25.

For more information, contact Joe Barbeau, Metropolitan Council, at 651-602-1705 or [joseph.barbeau@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:joseph.barbeau@metc.state.mn.us).

## **Feedback Requested! Metro Cities' License & Permit Fee Survey**

Metro Cities has provided a License and Permit Fee Survey for several years, and we're at the time when we would begin to open the survey for updates. However, the survey software needs significant upgrades and updates are on hold to address the necessary upgrades. Metro Cities is forming a focus group to determine how the survey is utilized, its benefits, member needs and what a survey should look like going forward. We want to ensure that this is a useful product for our members.

**If you are interested in serving, please let us know as soon as possible.** The time commitment is expected to be three to four meetings. **Your input is important**, and whether or not you serve on the focus group, we encourage you to share your experiences using the License

and Permit Fee Survey or options for the survey that you wish would be available. Please email [kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org](mailto:kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org).

**Please note! Both the coordinator side and the results side of the survey are now closed.** Please contact Kimberly if you wish to access the information.

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

## 2019 Metro Cities Policy Committees

If you haven't signed up, we hope you will consider joining a Metro Cities policy committee this summer! Metro Cities' policy development process begins mid-July (three short weeks away). The Transportation and General Government, Municipal Revenues, Metropolitan Agencies, Housing and Economic Development committees recommend legislative policies to the Board, and once adopted by the Board and membership, policies serve as a foundation for Metro Cities' state and regional advocacy work. Being part of this process is a great opportunity for your city to have a voice in the policies and legislative process.

Policy committees are open to city staff and elected officials and the form to sign-up can be found on our website on the [Policy Committees page](#). Whether you are new or have participated in the past, we welcome your participation on one or more committees in 2019. Committees typically host a variety of speakers on topics related to policies to provide relevant information for committees.

### *Remember:*

- Committees meet either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 9:00-11:30 am or from 1:00-3:30. The committees and dates are listed on our website [here](#), and updates and additional information will be posted on these pages as it becomes available.
- Please actively sign up [HERE](#) for the committee(s) you wish to attend, even if you have been on the committee in the past. This will help us keep our rosters current and correct!
- All meetings take place at the Metro Cities/LMC building at 145 University Avenue W., St. Paul.

We look forward to seeing you!

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

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