

Senate Select Committee on Housing to Meet Tuesday

The Senate Select Committee on Home Ownership Affordability and Availability is scheduled to meet Tuesday, September 10. The meeting agenda will focus on the builders' association permit fee report, highlighted in the [August 23 Metro Cities News](#).

Metro Cities and the League of Minnesota Cities will testify, responding to inaccuracies within and omissions from the fee report, as well as provide context and clarity vis-à-vis city roles in housing and residential development. Officials from two cities will also provide detailed and verifiable local data, explaining their cities' development processes and responsibilities to residents and homeowners.

Prior to the legislative hearing, the committee will tour residential development sites in a developing suburb and discuss community land trusts. Metro Cities will provide additional details on the hearing in next week's newsletter.

Contact Charlie Vander Aarde at 651-215-4001 or charlie@metrocitiesmn.org with any questions.

EVENT: MCES Wastewater Treatment Plant Tours

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) is hosting tours at two wastewater treatment plants this fall. While the content of the tours will be focused for public works, finance and administrative city staff, elected officials and other staff are also welcome to attend. Some of the topics covered include plant capital work, staffing, and effects of the inflow and infiltration program. Additional topics may be covered as time permits.

Tour Dates and Locations:

Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant

2400 Childs Road, Saint Paul, MN 55106

Thursday, September 26, 2019 – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant

6957 County Road 101 E., Shakopee MN 55379

Thursday, October 3, 2019 – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Attendance is limited and spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are interested, please confirm your attendance at a tour by responding to Britni Kesselring at britni.kesselring@metc.state.mn.us by **September 20** with the following information:

- Full Name of Attendee (First, Middle, Last)
- State of Residency
- Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY) (used for a security pre-check prior to the date of tour)

Day of the Tour & Safety Requirements:

- Bring a government-issued photo identification card to sign in at the guard station (state-issued driver's license, a state-issued identification card, VISA (aka "green card") or passport)
- Wear long pants and closed-toed shoes
- Hard hats, safety glasses, and safety vests will be provided

Click [HERE](#) to view a video with more information about Metropolitan Council Environmental Services and the regional wastewater treatment system.

Third and Final Round of Policy Committees Will Meet Next Week

Metro Cities' four policy committees will convene for third and final meetings the week of September 9. Packet notifications have been sent in advance and are posted on our website.

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