



## **Join Us! LMC Metro Regional Meeting and Metro Cities Policy Adoption Meeting**

Join your colleagues for the LMC Metro Regional Meeting and Policy Adoption Meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2019 in Minnetonka! The metro regional meeting is jointly hosted by LMC and Metro Cities, and Metro Cities membership will also meet to approve the 2020 Legislative Policies. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Minneapolis West in Minnetonka. Several state agency commissioners will join us to present information and updates at the regional meeting. The afternoon concludes with a networking social hour.

A membership quorum is required for the adoption of Metro Cities' policies, so each member city should make sure to have a representative present. Click [here](#) for more information and to register. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **2020 Draft Legislative Policies**

Metro Cities' Draft 2020 Legislative Policies are now [online for review](#). The draft policies were recommended by members through Metro Cities' four policy committees and were approved by the Metro Cities Board of Directors at their October meeting.

A memo, link to the draft policies and Metro Cities' policy adoption protocol will be mailed to city administrators/managers. The policies will be adopted by Metro Cities' membership at the Policy Adoption Meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2019. Please be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend! Click [here](#) to read the agenda and register.

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 2020.

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.

## **Metropolitan Council Accepting Comment on Regional Solicitation Application**

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approved a draft document with recommended changes to the Regional Solicitation application process at its meeting last month and released the application document for public comment. The Regional Solicitation is the method by which federal transportation dollars from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality program are allocated within the metropolitan area. Funding is distributed among roadway, transit and travel demand management, and bicycle and pedestrian projects. A total of \$199.75 million for various projects was approved in the last solicitation. For more information on the draft application, click [here](#).

The Metropolitan Council will accept comments on the draft application until 5:00 pm, November 6th. The final application will be released in February 2020. To view the recommended application changes, click [here](#). Comments can be submitted via the following:

- Email [public.info@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:public.info@metc.state.mn.us)
- Record a message at 651.602.1500, TTY: 651.221.9886
- Mail comments to 390 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55101-1805

Questions? Contact Steven Huser at [steven@metrocitysmn.org](mailto:steven@metrocitysmn.org), or 651-215-4003.

## State Revenue Collections Higher Than Estimates

The Office of MN Management and Budget (MMB) released a quarterly revenue and economic update that shows state net revenue receipts between July and September are 4.4%, or \$217 million, higher than estimated. The update indicates that net individual income and sales tax receipts were above the forecast, while net corporate tax receipts were lower than expected. Click [here](#) for the update. The next complete budget forecast will be released in early December.

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