



## **Opening on Metro Cities Board of Directors**

The Metro Cities Board of Directors will have an open Board seat in January 2020 that will require appointment by the Board. The Board consists of 19 city officials, and members serve two, two-year terms. The Board is comprised of elected and appointed officials and its composition is required to be balanced by city size and population. The Board is responsible for overseeing Metro Cities' budget, strategic goals and legislative priorities, and makes appointments to the TAB and TAC. Interested candidates are asked to provide a (1) resume, (2) cover letter and to complete this (3) [application form](#). Candidates may also provide letters of reference.

For more information on Metro Cities, please visit our website at [www.metrocitiesmn.org](http://www.metrocitiesmn.org) or contact Patricia Nauman, Executive Director, at 651-215-4002 or [patricia@metrocitiesmn.org](mailto:patricia@metrocitiesmn.org). Please submit information and the completed application to Kimberly Ciarrocchi at [kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org](mailto:kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org) by Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

## **TAB Approves Release of Regional Solicitation Application**

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) accepted public comments to the 2020 Regional Solicitation and approved its release this week. 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 metro area. The funding is distributed among roadway, transit and travel demand management, and bicycle and pedestrian projects.

As part of its recommendation to release the solicitation, the TAB approved changes that include increasing the maximum award for a multi-use trails and bicycle facilities from \$4 million to \$5.5 million, adopted a \$10 target for bridge projects, and include the need for transit applicants to certify that they will provide operating funding for projects beyond three years. The TAB will develop a new scoring method for Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (ABRT) and other Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects for the 2022 solicitation.

To view the public comment report, click [here](#). The power point presentation presented to TAB can be viewed [here](#). To view the draft Regional Solicitation Application, click [here](#).

The Regional Solicitation will now be forwarded to the Metropolitan Council for final approval.

Questions? Please contact Steve Huser at 651-215-4003, or [steven@metrocitiesmn.org](mailto:steven@metrocitiesmn.org).

## **Thank You and Happy Holidays!**

As we look back at 2019 and forward to 2020, we want to pause and thank each of our members for placing your trust in Metro Cities each year to work on your behalf at the Capitol and Metropolitan Council. Thank you for joining committees, attending meetings, testifying at the Legislature, and all the other ways you show your interest in the issues that matter to metropolitan area cities. We look forward to continuing to work with you and for you in 2020! Have a wonderful

holiday season and a Happy New Year!

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