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Policy Committees Update

Metro Cities' four policy committees are completing second meetings this week. All committees hosted speakers on topics of interest and applicability to the work of the committees. Speakers included Amy Vennewitz-Metropolitan Council on transportation funding, Pat Dalton-House Research on utility franchise fees, Sean Kershaw and Pahoua Hoffman-Citizens League on the League's recent Metropolitan Council governance task force report, and Tara Beard-Metropolitan Council on the housing element review for local comprehensive plans. The Metropolitan Agencies Committee finished its work this week, and will not hold a September meeting.

Metro Cities will post handouts and power point presentations from speakers to the policy committee meetings on our website. The third round of committees will be held the second week of September. Dates for these meetings are available on our website, www.metrocitiesmn.org

Also, mark your calendars for the policy adoption meeting, and joint Metro

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Cities/LMC metro regional meeting on Wednesday, November 30th, at the Embassy Suites in Brooklyn Center. More information to come in a future newsletter.

Met Council Discusses Preliminary 2017 Budget

Metropolitan Council staff presented the preliminary 2017 budget at this week's full Council meeting. The budget presentation included the projected 2017 tax levy, operating budget, capital program, division priorities and the timeline for the budget process.

The proposed 2017 levy is \$83.6 million, a 1.9 percent increase over 2016. \$52.8 million in debt service for parks and transit represent 63 percent of the levy. \$4.5 million of the general purposes levy will be used for targeted initiatives, including a Blue Line extension housing corridor study, Environmental Services grant program pilots for stormwater/green infrastructure, improvements to the Council's Robert Street building, and enterprise technology infrastructure. The Council levy will have an impact (based on a \$250,000 valued home) of \$56.35, a \$0.35 cent increase, for taxpayers inside the transit tax communities and \$21.57, a \$0.29 cent decrease, for taxpayers outside the transit tax communities. Staff indicated the changes is due to redistributing transit service levels between areas inside and outside the transit tax areas.

The Council's proposed 2017 operating budget of \$1.021 billion is a four percent increase over 2016. The largest portion of the operating budget is operations, which will be impacted by savings in fuel expenses, growth in service requirements of the Metro Mobility program (projected at 8 percent ridership growth) and an increase in salaries and benefits, including a two percent increase in proposed FTEs.

Transportation staff noted several budget assumptions. There is not a proposed fare increase, but fares will be discussed by the transportation committee in future months. The Council is also watching CTIB and what role the pending Dakota County exit will mean for the budget.

Community Development will continue its local planning assistance efforts in 2017 as well as continue its focus on housing choice for the region's residents. This includes manufactured home park preservation and the corridor-wide housing study along the Blue Line extension. Staff will also continue to evaluate climate change impacts, including the effect of heat on critical infrastructure. This information will be available for cities to use.

Environmental Services will focus its efforts on water efficiency grants, stormwater/reuse grants and energy conservation. The Municipal Wastewater Charge will increase 5.4 percent (\$15 per year per household) and the SAC fee will not change (\$2,485 per SAC unit). The industrial waste strength charge will increase 7.8 percent and industrial waste permit fees will increase 5.4 percent. The 2017 ES capital budget is projected to be \$184 million, a \$6 million decrease from 2016. Staff highlighted outreach efforts in 2016, including an inflow and infiltration (I/I) task force with Metro Cities in 2016.

The 2017 budget presentation can be found [here](#). The Metropolitan Council will meet on August 25 to set the maximum property tax levy and adopt the preliminary 2017 budget. In October the Council will adopt public comment drafts. The Council will adopt the final levies and budget in December.

State Revenues and Bond Rating

Net general fund revenues to the state are \$31 million, or 3.1%, below what was forecast, with lower corporate tax receipts and other lower than anticipated revenues contributing to the change, according to the July revenue report issued by the MN Department of Management and Budget (MMB). As with every monthly report, MMB staff caution that the numbers are preliminary and subject to change. A complete budget forecast will be released in early December.

Minnesota recently received an AAA credit rating from Fitch, which is the highest rating a state can receive. Fitch's rating is based

on the strength and diversity of Minnesota's economy. Among the reasons cited for Minnesota's improved AAA rating from Fitch was Minnesota's new budget reserve policy that was enacted in 2014 that requires 33 percent of any General Fund surplus estimated in a November forecast to be allocated to the state's budget reserve until the reserve meets a statutory threshold. Metro Cities' Municipal Revenues Committee heard a presentation at its July meeting from Senate fiscal staff on the new policy. Currently, Minnesota's budget reserve stands at \$1.6 billion. The high credit rating allows the state to access lower interest rates when borrowing money. (Standard and Poors and Moody's, two other credit rating firms, have not adjusted Minnesota's credit rating.)

Met Council Approves SWLRT Cost Changes and EIS

On Wednesday, the Metropolitan Council approved an updated budget estimate for the Southwest Light Rail project as well as a scope change. The new cost estimate is \$1.858 billion, a \$19 million increase over the previous estimate. According to Council staff, project costs increase by \$1 million for each week the project is delayed. The Council's action allows staff to submit the project for engineering to the federal government. Once this is submitted, the approved cost estimate will be used to determine the federal match. These numbers are assumed accurate until October 1st of this year. The state match for the project, if approved, is a 10% match of \$135 million. For more information, click [here](#).

The Metropolitan Council also approved Environmental Impact Statement Determination of Adequacy for the SWLRT project. This is the final approval needed for the EIS, as the Federal Transit Administration issued its approval of the EIS in July. For more information on the EIS, click [here](#). To access the final EIS, click [here](#).

Primary Election Results

Tuesday, August 9th, was primary election day in Minnesota. Statewide turnout was at

just over 7% of registered voters, around 280,000 voters, according to the MN Secretary of State. Below are the results of key MN House and Senate primary races. To access full primary results from the Secretary of State, click [here](#).

House

31A (R) - Kurt Daudt 72% - Alan Duff 28%
 31B (R) - Tom Hackbarth 43% - Cal Bahr 57%
 40B (D) - Deb Hillstrom 86% - Jim Richards 14%
 59A (D) - Joe Mullery 45% - Fue Lee 55%
 60B (D) - Phyllis Kahn 29% - Ilhan Omar 41% - Mohamud Noor 30%
 65A (D) - Rena Moran 79% - Rashad Turner 21%

Senate

52 (D) - Matt Klein 70% - Todd Podgorski 30%
 59 (D) - Bobby Joe Champion 82% - Patwin Lawrence 18%
 62 (D) - Jeff Hayden 73% - Mohamoud Hassan 27%
 53 (R) - Sharna Wahlgren 66% - Bill Dahn 34%
 64 (R) - Iain Baird 65% - Sharon Anderson 35%

Metropolitan Council PlanIt Training Schedule for August

The Metropolitan Council will host training and a webinar in August on topics relating to local comprehensive planning preparation and requirements. Sessions will focus on community engagement, and transportation. Below are dates and times for the session and webinar.

PlanIt Workshop: Community Engagement (FREE workshop)

Wednesday—August 17th 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Southdale Library in Edina)

This is the first PlanIt Workshop and will feature a conversation on Community Engagement. Highlighting experiences of local planning staff in engaging community members in planning efforts, including comprehensive planning. Light refreshments will be provided. [Register](#).

PlanIt Webinar

Register for the next PlanIt webinar, [Transportation Overview](#), presented by Mark Filipi and Cole Hiniker on Thursday, August 18th from 12:00 to 1:30 PM. This webinar will cover the minimum requirements for all transportation modes including forecasted growth allocations by transportation analysis zones, highways and transitways, the new Regional Bicycle Transportation Network, and airports. [Register.](#)

Newly published online tutorials are now available on these topics:

1. [Your New Mapping Resource](#)
2. [Submitting Your Updates and Amendments Online](#)
3. [Mapping Resources and Data Finding](#)
4. [Visualizing Density](#)
5. [Housing Needs, Goals, and Scores](#)
6. [Reporting Water Use by Major Category](#)

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Crystal Arrest Report

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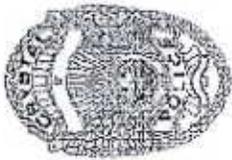
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Arrest Report

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CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA REPORT

CASE ACTIVITY: Previous 7 Days prior to

August 17, 2016 - 12:00:00 AM

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Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 11:27 AM
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Subject: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Robbinsdale Area Schools



For Immediate Release



**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY TAKING PLACE TO WELCOME
ROBBINSDALE AREA SCHOOLS TO CRYSTAL SHOPPING CENTER**

Crystal, Minn., August 18, 2016 - St. Paul, Minn.-based Paster Properties, a transformative developer and manager of neighborhood shopping centers in Minnesota, is proud to announce that a grand opening celebration will be taking place on Thursday, Sept. 1 to welcome Crystal Learning Center, an adult education facility operated by Robbinsdale Area Schools, to Crystal Shopping Center.

A ribbon cutting ceremony featuring speeches from Superintendent Carlton D. Jenkins and Kristine Wehrkamp, the district's executive director of community education, will be taking place at 3 p.m. Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, attendees will have the opportunity to visit with the educators, tour the space and enjoy complimentary refreshments at the open house. The open house will conclude at 6 p.m.

The new learning facility will serve nearly 350 students through Robbinsdale Area Schools' Adult Academic Program, the Robbinsdale Transition Center and the Welcome Center. The award-winning Adult Academic Program offers a wide range of academic classes to help adults improve their English, get a secondary credential (GED or High School Diploma) or prepare for college. The Robbinsdale Transition Center helps young adults with disabilities transition from school to adult life. The Welcome Center will offer support to the school district by providing registration and language access services to the students.

"We are excited about opening the new learning center at Crystal Shopping Center," said Kristine Wehrkamp. "Our new location has great access to public transportation, which will enable us to serve more adults and families in our community and help them achieve their goals."

Robbinsdale Area Schools is relocating the community and adult education programs that were previously housed at Sandberg Learning Center in Golden Valley to Crystal Shopping Center. The new learning facility occupies 43,000 square feet of space at 305 Willow Bend in Crystal, Minn.

Additional information regarding the academic programs offered at the Crystal Learning Center can be found at www.rdale.org or by calling 763-504-8000.

Founded in 1946, Paster Properties is a family-owned leader in shopping center management and development that owns and manages more than 1,000,000 square feet of commercial real estate. For over 60 years, Paster Properties has planned, built, leased and managed attractive, successful shopping centers in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, as well as in greater Minnesota. Paster Properties is committed to helping retailers flourish and serving as an excellent corporate citizen in the communities in which they have shopping centers. For more information, visit www.pasterprop.com.

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Airports commission to seek public input on planned Crystal Airport changes

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By Joe Bowen

Commissioners are considering consolidating to two runways

West Metro residents will have the opportunity this fall to give input on plans to “rightsize” the Crystal Airport.

The Metropolitan Airports Commission is planning a public comment period for changes to the airport, which is along County Road 81 in northern Crystal.

The changes include consolidating the number of runways from four to two and redesignating patches of pavement at both ends of one runway as a “stopway” for pilots who abort their takeoffs. A rarely-used grass runway and one paved runway would be removed, and lights and other markings would be added to the stopway. Airport Planner Neil Ralston said the airport has a relatively complex runway and taxiway system and that the Federal Aviation Administration has emphasized simplifying airport geometry and layout to improve safety. The commission’s comprehensive plan predicts about the same amount of activity at the airport and commission staff felt some of the airport infrastructure was unnecessary. The grass runway gets used less than once per day.

The changes are not intended to accommodate larger aircraft, Ralston said, but the new stopway could allow planes with heavier payloads.

The commission expects the Crystal Airport to remain in operation and for its role to stay the same. Commission staff predict stable activity levels at the airport, which is the base for 180 aircraft and where propeller-driven, 10-seat or smaller planes perform more than 40,000 takeoffs or landings each year.

“That’s what we have up there today, and that’s what we’re going to have up there for the foreseeable future,” Ralston said. The airport is one of the busiest of its size in

Minnesota, Ralston said. Statewide, Crystal is the base for the second-most aircraft and has the third-most takeoffs and landings.

The comment period is part of a larger approval process for the changes, which the commission expects to cost between \$2 million and \$2.5 million and be paid for almost entirely with FAA grants.

Official announcements are still forthcoming, but commission staff expect the period to be from mid-September through late October and consist of several public information meetings and a write-in period. Specifics for those feedback mechanisms are still being finalized, Ralston said.

The airport redesign is part of an update to the commission's long-term comprehensive plan, which is set to be released in September. A 2008 iteration of the plan called for the same reduction in runways, Ralston said, but the new version also includes the stopway redesignation.

If the airports commission and Metropolitan Council approve the plans, the airport's new look could be finished by 2018.

To learn more about the commission and the Crystal Airport, go to www.metroairports.org/General-Aviation/Airports/Crystal.aspx

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Alzheimer's Association fundraiser at The Heathers Manor

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By Joe Bowen

West Metro residents are invited to enjoy food and fun while supporting the fight against Alzheimer's Disease 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at the Heathers Manor, 3000 Douglas Dr. N., Crystal.

A competitive barbecue team from Kansas City will prepare rib platters or racks. Root beer floats will also be available.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Quad Communities Glow Golf Tourney is Sept. 22

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By Sun Post

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon - Quad Communities will host the annual Glow Golf Tournament 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at New Hope Village Golf Course, 8130 Bass Lake Road.

The shotgun start is at 7:30 p.m.

The fee is \$35 per player and includes nine holes of scramble golf, dinner and door prizes.

Golfers must bring their own flashlight, but glow-in-the-dark golf balls and necklaces will be provided.

Corporate hole sponsorships are \$150 and include signage and attributions. Green fees are extra.

To sponsor a hole, call Don Fernstrom at 763-537-9914, extension 6.

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Crystal seeks input on future of Becker Park

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The City of Crystal seeks input from residents and business owners regarding possible future improvements to Becker Park, at the intersection of Bass Lake Road and County Road 81.

The city has produced a survey to gather input, at www.crystalmn.gov/beckerpark.php.

Becker Park is a multiuse destination and year-round gathering place that includes recreation, community events and entertainment for visitors of all ages and interests. The park also hosts the city festival, softball tournaments and leagues.

With the park's proximity to retail on the west side, and the addition of a Blue Line Extension of light rail transit station on the east side, discussion is taking place about the future of Becker Park.

An image circulated by the city Recreation Department lists the current features of Becker park as weather-dependent activities and a home for the city's festival and softball leagues. The vision for the park includes a multi-use destination, a vibrant gathering place, year-round recreational events, and entertainment and activities for all ages and interests.

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