

Other Business

Meeting date: December 10, 2014

Subject:	Adopting of the 2014, Payable 2015, Tax Levy for General Purposes, Livable Communities Demonstration Account, Livable Communities Tax Base Revitalization Account, Parks Debt Anticipation, Transit Debt Anticipation, Cancellation of Tax Levies for General Obligation Transit and Parks Bonds, and the 2015 Unified Budget. (Resolutions 2014-25, 2014-26, 2014-27, 2014-28, 2014-29, 2014-30, 2014-31)
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes Section 275.07, Subdivision 1, Section 473.121, and Section 473.13, Subdivision 1
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Mary Bogie, Chief Financial Officer (651) 602-1359
Division/Department:	All

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopts the following resolutions and the 2015 Unified Budget:

- 2014-25:** Adopting of the Metropolitan Council's 2014 Tax Levy for General Purposes for Certification to the County Auditors
- 2014-26:** Adopting of the Metropolitan Council's 2014 Tax Levy for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund
- 2014-27:** Adopting of the Metropolitan Council's 2014 Tax Levy for the Tax Base Revitalization Account of the Livable Communities Act
- 2014-28:** Certification of the Metropolitan Council's 2014 Tax Levy for Debt Service on Future Transit Bonds
- 2014-29:** Certification of the Metropolitan Council's 2014 Tax Levy for Debt Service on Future Parks Bonds
- 2014-30:** Cancellation of 2014 Tax Levies, Payable 2015 for General Obligation Transit and Parks Bonds
- 2014-31:** Adopting of the Metropolitan Council's 2015 Unified Budget

Background

Minnesota Statutes 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires the Metropolitan Council adopt the final budget covering anticipated receipts and disbursements for 2015, as well as, the capital expenditures for the budget year, based on a five-year capital program and decide upon the total amount necessary to be raised from ad valorem tax levies to meet its budget on or before December 20.

Minnesota Statutes 275.07, Subdivision 1, and 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that the Metropolitan Council must certify final 2014, payable

2015, property tax levies to the county auditors on or before five working days after December 20.

Rationale

Resolutions 2014-25 through 30: Proposed final property tax levies are consistent with the preliminary levies adopted by the Council in August. The Council may not increase, but may elect to reduce, these levies.

Resolution 2014-31: Adopts the 2015 Unified Budget.

Operating Budget:

The Unified Operating Budget is consistent with the public comment draft with exception of an increase of \$8.2 million in the Transportation Division.

- \$6.8 million of additional MVST is being passed through to the Suburban Transit Providers as a result of updating the Council's Revenue Allocation Model to reflect the November Forecast and the final operating budgets submitted by the Suburban Transit Providers.
- \$1.2 million is the result of transferring costs previously included in the capital program to the operating budget.
- \$0.2 million is for the addition of two full-time staff in MTS, one a Senior Planner in Transportation Planning and the other a Project Administrator in Metro Mobility to oversee one of three service contracts.

Capital Program:

The final capital program is consistent with the public comment draft with the exception of the following in the Transportation Division:

Authorized Capital Program (ACP) increased by \$9.1 million

- \$2.4 million for the Northstar Positive Train Control (BI 2014-272)
- \$3.5 million for bus purchases for the Suburban Transit Providers
- \$3.2 million to move uncommitted NTD earnings from planned to authorized for the Suburban Transit Providers

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) increased by \$11.5 million

- \$14.7 million to moved ABRT costs planned for 2014 to 2015
- (\$3.2) million to move uncommitted NTD earnings from planned to authorized for the Suburban Transit Providers

Funding

The attached tax levy resolutions are summarized as follows:

<u>Levies Requiring Council Action</u>	<u>Preliminary Levies as Adopted</u>	<u>Resolution No.(s)</u>
General Purposes	\$14,450,667	2014-25
Livable Communities Demonstration Account	11,342,458	2014-26
Livable Communities Tax Base Revitalization Account	5,000,000	2014-27
Transit Debt Service Anticipation	18,427,543	2014-28
Parks Debt Service Anticipation	<u>1,687,875</u>	2014-29
Total Levies Requiring Council Action	<u>50,908,543</u>	
 <u>Levies Not Requiring Council Action (previously certified)</u>		
Transit Debt Service	24,809,269	
Parks Debt Service	<u>4,713,187</u>	
	<u>29,522,456</u>	
TOTAL LEVIES	<u>80,430,999</u>	

Known Support / Opposition

None

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-25

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL'S
2014 TAX LEVY FOR GENERAL PURPOSES
FOR CERTIFICATION TO THE COUNTY AUDITORS

- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, Subdivision 2, defines the Metropolitan Area as including only the Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota excluding the City of Northfield, Hennepin excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford, Ramsey, Scott excluding the City of New Prague and Washington; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before December 20, the Council shall adopt a final budget and shall decide upon the total amount necessary to be raised from ad valorem tax levies to meet its budget; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that no later than five working days after December 20, the Council shall certify to the county auditors the property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that the share of the tax to be levied within each county by the Council must be an amount bearing the same proportion to the total final levy agreed on by the Council as the net tax capacity of the county bears to the net tax capacity of the metropolitan area; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes Section 473.249, Subdivision 1, authorizes the Council to levy a tax on all taxable property in the Metropolitan Area to provide funds for the general purpose of carrying out the Council's responsibilities as provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the amount to be raised from ad valorem taxes levied in 2014, for collection during 2015, for general purposes is \$ 14,450,667.

Adopted this 10th day of December 2014

Susan Haigh, Chair

Emily Getty, Recording Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-26

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2014 TAX LEVY FOR THE
LIVABLE COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATION ACCOUNT IN THE
METROPOLITAN LIVABLE COMMUNITIES FUND**

- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, Subdivision 2, defines the Metropolitan Area as including only the Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota excluding the City of Northfield, Hennepin excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford, Ramsey, Scott excluding the City of New Prague and Washington; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before December 20, the Council shall adopt a final budget and shall decide upon the total amount necessary to be raised from ad valorem tax levies to meet its budget; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that no later than five working days after December 20, the Council shall certify to the county auditors the property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that the share of the tax to be levied within each county by the Council must be an amount bearing the same proportion to the total final levy agreed on by the Council as the net tax capacity of the county bears to the net tax capacity of the metropolitan area; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes Section 473.253, Subdivision 1, authorizes a property tax levy for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the amount to be raised from ad valorem taxes levied in 2014, for collection during 2015, for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account in the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund is \$ 11,342,458.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-27

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2014 TAX LEVY FOR THE
TAX BASE REVITALIZATION ACCOUNT
OF THE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES ACT**

- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121, Subdivision 2, defines the Metropolitan Area as including only the Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota excluding the City of Northfield, Hennepin excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford, Ramsey, Scott excluding the City of New Prague and Washington; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before December 20, the Council shall adopt a final budget and shall decide upon the total amount necessary to be raised from ad valorem tax levies to meet its budget; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that no later than five working days after December 20, the Council shall certify to the county auditors the property tax levy for taxes payable in the following year; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that the share of the tax to be levied within each county by the Council must be an amount bearing the same proportion to the total final levy agreed on by the Council as the net tax capacity of the county bears to the net tax capacity of the metropolitan area; and
- WHEREAS,** The Hennepin County Auditor has certified an amount of \$ 7,876,457.50 under Minnesota Statutes, Section 473F.08, Subdivision 3b(b); and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473F.08, Subdivision 3b(c), provides that the Metropolitan Council may annually certify to the Ramsey County auditor the amount certified by the Hennepin County auditor under Minnesota Statutes, Section 473F.08, Subdivision 3b(b), but not to exceed \$ 5,000,000, to be used to provide funds for the cleanup of polluted lands in the metropolitan area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the amount to be raised from ad valorem taxes levied in 2014, for collection during 2015, as an addition to the area wide levy under the Metropolitan Revenue Distribution Act and credited to the Tax Base Revitalization Account within the Metropolitan Livable Communities Fund is \$ 5,000,000.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-28

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE TAX LEVY FOR 2014
FOR DEBT SERVICE ON FUTURE TRANSIT BONDS**

WHEREAS, The Council anticipates issuing general obligation transit bonds in 2014 and/or 2015 and making principal and interest payments on said bonds during the period from February 2, 2015 to February 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Council may certify a tax levy in anticipation of the issuance of general obligation bonds in a manner and to the extent permitted by Minnesota Statutes Section 475.61, Subdivision 1; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 473.4461 provides that notwithstanding any provision of section 473.446 or any other law, the Council may not levy a tax under section 473.446, subdivision 1, in any city not included in the transit taxing district as it existed on January 1, 2001, unless the Council and the governing body of that city have agreed on a transit service expansion plan; and

WHEREAS, The Council has reached agreement on a transit service expansion plan with each of the governing bodies of the Cities of Columbus, Forest Lake, Lakeville, Maple Plain and Ramsey in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 473.4461; and

WHEREAS, It has been determined that a tax levy in 2014, payable in 2015, is necessary to fund principal and interest payments on said bonds during the period from February 2, 2015 to February 1, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 475.61, subdivision 1, the Chair of the Council is directed to authorize and direct the County Auditors of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties to levy a tax in 2014, payable in 2015, of \$18,427,543 upon the Transit Taxing District as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.446, subdivision 2, and upon the cities of Columbus, Forest Lake, Lakeville, Maple Plain and Ramsey for debt service on general obligation transit bonds to be issued by the Council in 2014 and/or 2015.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-29

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE TAX LEVY FOR 2014
FOR DEBT SERVICE ON FUTURE PARKS BONDS**

WHEREAS, The Council anticipates issuing general obligation on parks bonds in 2014 and/or 2015 and making principal and interest payments on said bonds during the period from February 2, 2015 to February 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Council may certify a tax levy in anticipation of the issuance of general obligation bonds in a manner and to the extent permitted by Minnesota Statutes Section 475.61, Subdivision 1; and

WHEREAS, It has been determined that a tax levy in 2014, payable in 2015, is necessary to fund principal and interest payments on said bonds during the period from February 2, 2015 to February 1, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 475.61, Subdivision 1, the Chair of the Council is directed to authorize and direct the County Auditors of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties to levy a tax in 2014, payable in 2015, of \$1,687,875 for debt service on general obligation parks bonds to be issued by the Council in 2014 and/or 2015.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-30

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CANCELLATION OF 2014
PAYABLE 2015 TAX LEVIES FOR TRANSIT AND PARK BONDS**

- WHEREAS,** The listed Council Resolutions levied property taxes for debt service for the listed Transit and Parks Bonds for taxes payable 2015; and
- WHEREAS,** The listed Council Resolutions provide that the Council reserves the right and power to reduce the levies in the manner and to the extent permitted by Minnesota Statutes Section 475.61, Subdivision 3; and
- WHEREAS,** It has been determined that there are sufficient balances in the debt service funds for the payment of principal and interest on bonds which are payable from those funds for tax collection year 2015 from monies actually on hand in the Council's debt service funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 475.61, Subdivision 3, the Chair of the Council is directed to authorize and direct the County Auditors of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties to cancel the tax levies for collection in 2015 for the payment of principal and interest on General Obligation Transit and Parks Bonds, as follows:

<u>Council Resolution No.</u>	<u>Bond Series</u>	<u>Certified Payable 2015 Levy</u>	<u>Levy Cancelled</u>	<u>Final Payable 2015 Levy</u>
2005-06	2005C	\$1,611,755.25	\$1,611,755.25	\$ 0
2007-09	2007E	936,390.00	936,390.00	0
2008-01	2008A	1,047,182.59	1,047,182.59	0
2009-46	2009E	1,075,830.00	1,075,830.00	0
2012-08	2012D	1,341,375.00	1,341,375.00	0
2012-07	2012C	5,226,283.13	1,159,225.53	4,067,057.60
2012-27	2012H	5,949,575.63	5,949,575.63	0
		<u>\$17,188,391.60</u>	<u>\$13,121,334.00</u>	<u>\$4,067,057.60</u>

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-31

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL'S
2015 UNIFIED BUDGET**

- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.121 defines the Metropolitan area as including only the Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota excluding the City of Northfield, Hennepin excluding the Cities of Hanover and Rockford, Ramsey, Scott excluding the City of New Prague and Washington; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that on or before December 20, the Council shall adopt a final budget and shall decide upon the total amount necessary to be raised from ad valorem tax levies to meet its budget; and
- WHEREAS,** The Council adopted the 2015 Unified Budget for public comment on November 12, 2014; and
- WHEREAS,** Public comment on the 2015 Unified Budget was accepted via phone, mail or email on or before 5:00 PM December 9, 2014; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, requires that the budget shall state in detail the capital expenditures of the Council for the budget year, based on a five-year capital program adopted by the Council; and
- WHEREAS,** Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.39, Subdivision 4, requires the transit capital improvement plan include supplemental information for each project; and
- WHEREAS,** Public comment on the 2015 Unified Budget was allowed at 6:00 PM during the Metropolitan Council's regularly scheduled meeting on December 10, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Metropolitan Council 2015 Unified Budget includes a Unified Operating Budget of \$ 935,837,000 consisting of \$ 661,269,000 for Council operations, \$ 114,834,000 for pass-through grants and loans and \$ 159,734,000 for debt service.

THAT the Metropolitan Council 2015 Unified Budget includes the Capital Program, to include supplemental information required by Minnesota Statutes, 473.39, Subdivision 4, as follows:

1. A 2015-2020 Capital Program of \$ 8,022,048,000 consisting of \$ 6,096,841,000 for Transit, \$ 1,587,500,000 for Environmental Services and \$ 337,707,000 for Parks.

2. A multi-year Authorized Capital Program of \$ 4,185,112,000 consisting of \$2,915,930,000 for Transit, \$ 1,118,200,000 for Environmental Services and \$150,982,000 for Parks.
3. A 2015 Capital Budget of \$ 538,958,000 consisting of \$ 339,924,000 for Transit, \$163,000,000 for Environmental Services and \$36,034,000 for Parks.

Adopted this 10th day of December 2014

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