

# Legislative Update

January 25, 2017



# Metropolitan Council Issues at the Legislature

- Governor's FY2018-2019 Budget Recommendation
- Governor's Updated Bonding Recommendation
- Committee Overviews

# Governor's Budget Recommendations for State Fiscal Year 2018-2019

- Released on Tuesday, January 24, 2017
- \$1.4 billion projected budget balance in FY18-19; state budget reserves at all-time high
- Governor's budget focuses on four themes: jobs, education, state government reform, and quality of life

# Governor's Recommendation

## Transportation

### Recommendation: 1/2-cent metro area sales tax

- Raises \$3 billion over ten years
- Covers transit capital and operating costs
- Accelerate the expansion of the entire system, including nearly 30% expansion of bus system by 2025
- Connects 500,000 more residents to jobs within a 30-minute transit commute

# Governor's Recommendation

## Regional Parks

**Operations and Maintenance: \$17.08 million in FY18-19**

State General Fund: \$5.74 million

Lottery in Lieu of Taxes: \$11.34 million

**Parks & Trails Legacy: \$34.531 million in FY18-19**

Maintains 40/40/20 split with DNR, Metro Regional Parks, and Greater MN Parks and Trails

# Governor's Recommendation

## Water

**Recommendation: \$2.870 million in Clean Water Funds for FY18-19**

- Metro Area Water Supply Sustainability Support: \$2 million
- Water Demand Reduction grant program: \$870,000

# Governor's Bonding Recommendations

- \$10 million **Metropolitan Regional Parks** to improve and expand the system. State bond funds would be matched by the Council.
- \$5 million for **Inflow & Infiltration** mitigation grants. The Council would award grants to local governments and would require a match from the local governments.

# Governor's Bonding Recommendations

Other projects:

- \$25 million to the City of Minneapolis for the **35W/Lake Street Transit/Access Project**
- \$3 million to Washington County for the **Gateway Corridor Transitway**



# Introducing the Metropolitan Council to committees

## Completed

**Transportation Overview** to Joint House and Senate Transportation Committee (1/17)

**Metro Regional Parks Legacy Funding Overview** to Senate Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance (1/23)

**Metro Regional Parks Overview** to Senate Environment and Natural Resources Finance (1/24)

**Metro Plant Tour** for Senate Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy (1/24)

**Transportation Planning Overview** to House Transportation and Regional Governance (1/25)

## Upcoming

**Environmental Services Overview** to House Transportation and Regional Governance (1/30)

**Metropolitan Council Overview** to Senate Local Government (1/31)

**Thrive MSP 2040 Overview** to House Transportation and Regional Governance (2/1)

# Questions?



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