

# 2017 Legislative Update

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Metropolitan Council



# Timeline

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Deadline was March 31 for omnibus bills to clear all committees
- Nearly all major appropriations bills have been passed by the full House and Senate
- Legislators are on break this week
- Conference Committees will be appointed and begin meeting after the recess
- Legislature must adjourn by May 22

# Senate Transportation Proposal

- Continues base level General Fund appropriations
  - Does not address projected operating deficit or Metro Mobility growth
- \$1 million for a “suburb-to-suburb” demonstration project
- Eliminates state 50% share of net operating costs for LRT not currently in revenue service or authorized explicitly by enacted legislation
- Metro Mobility Enhancement Task Force

# Senate Transportation Proposal

- Remove “public service corporation” exceptions in eminent domain law for LRT and BRT
- Opens up a window of time for cities to apply for replacement bus (opt-out) service
- Amendment adopted on the Senate floor authorizes CTIB counties to hold a referendum during a general election to impose a 1/5-cent sales and use tax for transportation

# House Transportation Proposal

- Reduces General Fund base each year
  - at the rate of motor vehicle sales tax (MVST) revenue growth;  
AND
  - by the amount of the state’s 50% share of net operating costs for transitways that were funded by CTIB
- Requires CTIB (or counties) to pay for 100% of LRT operating costs
- Increases the portion of MVST revenue that must be allocated to suburban transit providers
- \$1.5 million in FY2018 for a “suburb-to-suburb” demonstration project

# House Transportation Proposal

- Prohibits cities, counties, regional rail authorities, and the Council from spending any funds for study, project development, or construction of light rail
- Prohibits the Council from using certificates of participation backed by MVST revenue
- Removes “public service corporation” exceptions in eminent domain law for LRT and BRT
- Requires standards and criteria for co-location of LRT and freight rail, and for alternatives and benefit analysis (applies to current projects)

# House Transportation Proposal

- Prohibits the Council and local governments from planning on a state share for capital costs of LRT
- Directs the Council to set a farebox recovery objective in the TPP of 40% by 2020
- Move responsibility of the guideway report from MnDOT to the Council, require additional components, and make annual

# Clean Water Fund

- House bill includes:
  - \$950,000 each year to implement projects that address emerging drinking water supply threats and support projects
  - \$250,000 each year for the water demand reduction grant program
  - \$500,000 in the first year for local inflow & infiltration programs (added via floor amendment)
  
- Senate bill includes:
  - \$975,000 each year to implement projects that address emerging drinking water supply threats and support projects
  - \$250,000 each year for the water demand reduction grant program



# Regional Parks and Trails

- Senate:
  - \$34.475 million from Parks & Trails Legacy Fund
  - \$8.54 million each year from General Fund plus lottery-in-lieu
  - \$1.5 million for land acquisition from Natural Resources Trust Fund (recommendation of LCCMR)
- House:
  - \$35.475 million from Parks & Trails Legacy Fund
  - \$8.54 million each year from General Fund plus lottery-in-lieu
  - \$0 from the Natural Resources Trust Fund

# Other Provisions and Bills

- SF1490, on Senate General Orders, would change the Council governance structure.
  - 27-member Council (16 local elected officials, 7 county commissioners, MnDOT Commissioner, 3 mode representatives)

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- Regional Transit Capital (RTC) bonds authorization is included in the House Tax bill
- House Jobs bill includes provision requiring legislative approval of housing elements and goals
- HF1117 on the General Register would designate a portion of Oak Grove as “rural residential,” notwithstanding an administrative law judge decision