# **Business Item**

**Metropolitan Council** 



Committee Meeting Date: October 23, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: October 23, 2024

## Business Item: 2024-281

Adopting the Metropolitan Council's Public Comment Draft of the 2025 Unified Budget

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes Section 275.065, Section 473.121, 473.249, and Section 473.13.
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Ned Smith, Chief Financial Officer (651) 602-1162
Division/Department:	All

### **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the Public Comment Draft of the 2025 Unified Budget.

## Background

Adoption of the public comment draft establishes the basis for gathering public input. The public comment draft combines the Council's proposed operating budget and proposed capital program into one consolidated budget document. The public comment draft is consistent with the budget presentations to the Council and Policy Committees and is consistent with the preliminary budget adopted on August 28, 2024. Changes to the operating budget and capital program and reductions to levies may occur prior to final adoption on December 11, 2024.

The Metropolitan Council will accept public comments on the 2025 Unified Budget at 6:00 PM on December 11, 2024.

Comments may also be submitted for the official record via phone, mail, or email through 5:00 PM on December 11, 2024.

#### Rationale

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 275.065, the Metropolitan Council shall solicit public comment on the proposed 2025 Unified Budget.

#### **Thrive Lens Analysis**

This budget supports the Thrive outcome of stewardship by assessing the future needs, responsible planning, and management of resources for the Metropolitan Council.

#### Funding

As included in the attached 2025 Public Comment Budget.

#### **Small Business Inclusion**

There are no direct impacts to small business with this action.