



RESOURCES FOR CITY COUNCILS AND PLANNING COMMISSIONS

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Metro Cities is a member organization representing cities in the metropolitan area at the Legislature, Executive Branch and Metropolitan Council.

Local officials are beginning to prepare updates for local comprehensive plans for submission to the Metropolitan Council in 2018. Metro Cities' policies support efficient, streamlined, non-duplicative processes for the submission of local plans, and adequate resources to assist cities with this work. Metro Cities also processes that support effective engagement and conflict resolution among cities, the Council, and other stakeholders.

Metro Cities encourages city elected officials and staff to utilize resources that are available through the Metropolitan Council, state agencies, non-profit organizations, Metro Cities and the League of MN Cities as planning work begins:

- [League of MN Cities](#): The League's website contains issue papers, information on city codes and model ordinances, property tax calculator, fiscal disparities information, grant resources, training information, and staff contact information.
- [Urban Land Institute](#): ULI provides a development guide, and training and information on land use, community resiliency, housing and other information.
- [Metro Cities](#): Look to the Metro Cities website for information on the metro license and permit fee survey, updates on regional planning requirements and Metro Cities' responses, announcements for any grant funding and training opportunities, and Metro Cities' staff contacts.
- [Sensible Land Use Coalition](#): SLUC hosts monthly discussions on a variety of land use related topics including transit oriented development, neighborhood engagement, marketplace trends, etc.
- Metropolitan Council [Local Planning Handbook](#): The new handbook was developed with the input of 50 local officials and provides many new resources for communities to use in development of their plan updates.

These resources are accessible and may provide benefit as your community prepares to update the comprehensive plan and conversations around various plan elements initiate with local elected officials, appointed commissions, residents, and other stakeholders.

