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| Notes & Next Steps **West Metro Cities Climate Action Conversation****St. Louis Park City Hall** (Council Chambers) 5005 Minnetonka Blvd, St Louis Park, MN 55416*Co-Hosted by the St. Louis Park Environment and Sustainability Commission and Resilient Cities and Communities.* [*www.rccmn.co/hennepin-communities*](http://www.rccmn.co/hennepin-communities) |
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| **Priority actions** (pages 2 to 4) participants were interested **Participant list (**pages 5 to 6)6:00 p.m. **Student Commissioners, High School Environmental Club leader** **gathering**6:30 p.m. **Welcome from Council Member Larry Kraft, City of St. Louis Park****Brief updates from Cities** on their 2020 Environmental Commission work plans7:00 p.m. **Small Group Conversations** to **review** **high impact actions** our cities can take to achieve our GHG reduction goals, and **brainstorm ways our cities can work together.*** **Clean Energy Supply** ([High Impact Actions](http://allianceforsustainability.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/EnergyTopicResourcesJan22WestMetroCities.pdf)) Erin Niehoff & Stacy Miller - Mpls, Dan Katzenberger - Eden Prairie with Nicki Nicole Ciulla, St. Louis Park
* **Efficient Buildings** ([High Impact Actions](http://allianceforsustainability.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/BuildingsTopicResourcesJan22WestMetro.pdf)) Tim Sandry - Bloomington, Leah Hiniker - Hennepin County with John Dunlop, Minneapolis,
* **Transportation**  ([High Impact Actions](http://allianceforsustainability.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/TransportationTopicResourcesJan22WestMetroCities.pdf)) Jennifer Munt - Mtka, Brian Ross, GPI,

8:00 p.m. **Planning Our Next Steps** – Share small group insights. Plan ways to stay in touch. 8:30 p.m. **Networking -** New environmental commissions can meet experienced commissions* Hennepin County Developing a Climate Resiliency and Adaptation Plan ([handout](https://www.hennepin.us/-/media/hennepinus/your-government/projects-initiatives/documents/climate-action-plan-approach.pdf?la=en&hash=CC7A589FB9E676A18DBBB5AE7A1346AAC798E22C))
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|  | **For questions contact:**Sean Gosiewski, Director, Resilient Cities and Communities612-250-0389 | Sean@rccmn.co |
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| **High Impact Actions for Low Carbon Cities****Jan 22 West Metro Cities Climate Action Conversation** (@ SLP Council Chambers)**Notes on high-impact city & county actions cities wanted to learn about & potentially collaborate on Resilient Cities and Communities Coalition** [www.rccmn.co/henn](http://www.rccmn.co/henn)epin-communitiesSean Gosiewski, Director, Resilient Cities and Communities 612-250-0389 sean@rccmn.co**Additional Resources –** [USDN High Impact Actions](https://www.usdn.org/uploads/cms/documents/usdn_hips_update_-_september_2018_final.pdf) MN GreenSteps [High-Impact Sample Policies](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/page/ordinances)  |
| **Low Carbon Transportation/Land Use** ([High Impact Actions](http://allianceforsustainability.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/TransportationTopicResourcesJan22WestMetroCities.pdf)) Resource Handout**Priorities from the Small Group Conversation and Surveys**  |
| Priority 1. **Chloride Reduction** - Reduce winter salt use on roads, parking lots and sidewalks through cities & Hennepin County * Learn more (9) Potentially collaborate with other cities (5)
* Supporting the MN legislature to pass the **Stop Over-salting bill** to reduce liability for trained private contractors that document their steps <http://stopoversalting.org/>
* **Work with Cargill** to promote use of their **new innovative products** with cities and counties <https://www.cargill.com/industrial/winter-road-maintenance/clearlane-enhanced-deicer>

Priority 2. **Plan for successful & equitable in-fill redevelopment** - Net Zero, Equitable, Walkable, TOD* Learn more (11) Potentially collaborate with other cities (2)
* **Plan for successful & equitable in-fill redevelopment** – Hennepin County convening cities that are planning for, updating their zoning and ordinances and recruiting private developers to talk about how they can enable through zoning ordinance changes, up-zoning, sustainable building policies, affordable housing zoning overlays, advanced building methods and innovative financing (PACE, corridor wide TIF)
* **Inclusive, Affordable, Mixed use Transit Oriented Development**
* **Net Zero/ Sustainable/ SB 2030 Building** Construction (lower energy costs)
* **Transit, bike, walk accessible with shared mobility options** (reduce transportation costs)
* **Brooklyn Center** is looking for assistance on this for their re-development of 22 acres and the old Brookdale Shopping Center

Priority 3. **Support sustained state, regional & county transit investments. Reprioritize spending.** * Learn more (8) Potentially collaborate with other cities (4)
* **Protect Hennepin County Transit Investment Funds -** Maintain and plan for transit investment in future BRT and LRT lines from the .25% sales tax increase for transit ([MPR Story](https://www.mprnews.org/story/2017/06/06/hennepin-county-half-cent-sales-tax-transit))
* **Ask Hennepin Co. Commissioners to vote no on March 19 to re-allocating** some county **transit funds** (future Bottineau line) **to road expansion** on Plymouth Ave ([Star Tribune Story](http://www.startribune.com/hennepin-county-may-shift-some-sales-tax-dollars-from-transit-to-roads-until-new-trains-are-running/566394452/))
* Likely that Mayor Hoveland from Edina would sign on to a letter making this request
* Enable free fairs on metro transit busses, BRT and LRT through increased transit investment
* Last mile connection resources for SWLRT (Minnetonka)

Priority 4. **Prioritize pedestrians, bikes, transit in public right of ways** complete streets, reconstruction* Learn more (6) Potentially collaborate with other cities (4)
* City and Hennepin County Pedestrian, Bike and Trail Plans, Active Living Hennepin Communities
* Edina will continue implementing their Living Streets plans – sidewalks, trails, etc.

Action 5. **Support increased adoption of Electric Vehicles** - City Fleets, E.V. Charging Ordinance * Learn more (2) Potentially collaborate with other cities (6)
* GPI – Cities Charging Ahead, (communities tab) [www.driveelectricmn.org/cities-charging-ahead/](https://www.driveelectricmn.org/cities-charging-ahead/) MN DOT/MPCA and Xcel Energy
* Support $8 million request for legislature to electrify Metro Transit Busses

Action 6. **Shared Mobility** - joint powers agreement between cities to regulate shared mobility* Learn more (7) Potentially collaborate with other cities (4)
* Contact the Twin Cities Shared Mobility Collaborative <https://www.tcsharedmobility.org/about>

 Action 6. **Quantify GHG emissions from Transportation & Prioritize High Impact Actions cities can take** * Learn more (4) Potentially collaborate with other cities (2)
* Current Met Council Project – with resources to be announced soon
* **Mauricio León,** Metropolitan Council Senior Researcher, Regional Indicators 651 602-1146 mauricio.leon@metc.state.mn.us in 2020 and 2021, the Met Council will add ***Metro Climate Stats***and a ***Scenario Planning tools*** *to the***Energy and resilience planning resources** provided to cities during comp planning <https://metrocouncil.org/Handbook/Plan-Elements/Resilience.aspx>
* **Metro cities will receive their community wide GHG data in mid-2020** from the Met Council (electricity, natural gas, VMT, water use, solid waste, etc.) <https://metrocouncil.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Committee-of-the-Whole/2019/05-01-19/Creating-tools-for-Climate-Change-PPT.aspx>
* **Sample Strategy Lists/ VMT Reduction Scenario Planning Tools for metro cities** - coming in 2021 from Met Council and Center Healthy Sustainable Cities [www.sustainablehealthycities.org/](http://www.sustainablehealthycities.org/)
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| **Efficient/ High Performance Buildings** ([High Impact Actions](http://allianceforsustainability.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/BuildingsTopicResourcesJan22WestMetro.pdf)) Resource Handout**Priorities from the Small Group Conversation and Surveys**  |
| Priority 1. **Adopt an Energy Benchmarking Ordinance*** Learn more (9) Potentially collaborate with other cities (9)
* **Hennepin Co. Efficient Buildings Collaborative** with **Minneapolis, Edina, SLP** (more cities welcome! [www.hennepin.us/your-government/projects-initiatives/efficient-buildings-collaborative](http://www.hennepin.us/your-government/projects-initiatives/efficient-buildings-collaborative)
* Leah Hiniker, Energy Manager, Hennepin County 612-543-1219 leah.hiniker@hennepin.us

Priority 2. **Adopt a Sustainable Building Policy** - high performance construction with city investment* Learn more (9) Potentially collaborate with other cities (9)
* **City of Minneapolis – Sustainable Building Policy** is being developed in 2020 building upon St. Paul’s policy while adding specific requirements for **City Buildings , Commercial, Multi-family –** private and nonprofit **Single Family Contact:** Luke Hollenlamp 673-2349 luke.hollenkamp@minneapolismn.gov
* **City of St. Paul –** [**Sustainable Building Policies**](https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/planning-economic-development/economic-development/sustainable-building-policy)Kurt Schultz**,** 651 266-6590 kurt.schultz@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Priority 3. **Support Legislation or Statewide Policy Improvements** for better new construction* Learn more (10) Potentially collaborate with other cities (8)
* **Option 1 - New Legislation -** Optional Advanced Performance Building Standard MN Cities Can Adopt – <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/tdr-fg15-01.pdf>
* **Option 2 - Update Statewide Building Energy Code sooner** [www.energycodes.gov/adoption/states/minnesota](http://www.energycodes.gov/adoption/states/minnesota)
* Brian Hoffman, SLP, Building and Energy Director: 952.924.2584 bhoffman@stlouispark.org
* Stacy Miller, Energy Policy, City of Minneapolis 612 673-3110 stacy.miller@minneapolismn.gov

Priority 4. **New Buildings - Educating Developers** Xcel design assistance, PACE $ for Construction* Learn more (7) Potentially collaborate with other cities (8)
* **St. Paul Port Authority** – energy efficient & Net Zero commercial building construction and PACE Financing for New Construction for better building envelopes and HVAC [www.sppa.com](http://www.sppa.com)
* **MN ULI –** [**Re-Development Ready Guide**](https://minnesota.uli.org/get-involved/advisory-services/best-practice-resources/redevelopment-ready-guide-2/) **Xcel –** [**Energy Design Assistance**](http://www.xcelenergy.com/programs_and_rebates/business_programs_and_rebates/new_construction_and_whole_building/energy_design_assistance) **(EDA)**
* **Trillion BTU Fund** [www.sppa.com/energy-financing/trillion-btu](http://www.sppa.com/energy-financing/trillion-btu)Require building for assessed need
* **Edina** [Updated Policy on New Multifamily Housing](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CSean%5CDocuments%5CAlliance%5C2020%5CHennepin%5CJan22WorkshopHandouts%5Chwww.edinamn.gov%5CDocumentCenter%5CView%5C6195%5CPolicy-on-New-Multi-family-Affordable-Housing-PDF)Steph Hawkinson 952-833-9578 shawkinson@edinamn.gov

Priority 6. Comment at the MN PUC & Legislature to **improve low income access to Utility Conservation Improvement Programs** (CIP) Learn more (5) Potentially collaborate with other cities (5 )Priority 7. **Truth in Sale of Housing Inspections** (adding an energy audit & energy score) Learn more (1) Priority 8. **Combine multi-family Energy Improvements with 4d Affordable Housing Tax Incentives.** Did not have time to discuss this one on Jan 22 |

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| Priority 1**. Procuring Renewable Energy for City Operations*** Learn more (10) Potentially collaborate with other cities **(8)**
* **Community Solar Gardens –** <https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/solargardens>
* **Solar Possible** - [www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/joint-procurement-solar-energy](http://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/joint-procurement-solar-energy) Peter Lindstrom MN CERTs, (612) 625-9634 plindstr@umn.edu
* **Renewable Energy Procurement Cohort** – CERTS, GPI Collaborative purchasing (Edina)

Priority 2. **Expanding Rooftop Solar within City** Businesses, Institutions (schools), Residents* Learn more (15) Potentially collaborate with other cities **(8)**
* **Adopt SolSmart policies & ordinances –** [**link**](https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/become-designated-solar-friendly-community) **Cameran Bailey**, SolSmart Met Council 651.602.1212 cameran.bailey@metc.state.mn.us
* **Provide Solar Feasibility Studies** to businesses & institutions with the best roof tops in your city [Maplewood Case Study](http://palebluedot.llc/carbon-copy/2018/12/13/re-energize-maplewood-solar-potentials-study) – Providing Solar feasibility studies for 50 businesses
* **Solar bulk purchasing campaigns** <https://www.midwestrenew.org/solargroupbuy/>

Priority 3. **Cities Commenting on Xcel’s Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) in April, May, June –*** Learn more (8) Potentially collaborate with other cities **(6)**
* **Purpose:** Access community-wide clean power sooner. Retire coal faster, limit new natural gas plants, increase distributed generation and demand response

**Next Steps –** in April/May **Stacy Miller** and **Tara Brown** will offer several webinars to support additional cities to participate in contributing comments after Xcel provides their updated IRP in April * Create a shared letter to the MN PUC and Xcel that cities can sign on to
* **Minneapolis - Stacy Miller**, Energy Policy 612 673-3110 stacy.miller@minneapolismn.gov
* **Edina - Tara Brown** Sustainability Coordinator, 952 826-1621 tbrown@edinamn.gov
* **Xcel** <https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/rates_and_regulations/resource_plan_overview>
* **Fresh Energy** <https://fresh-energy.org/tag/xcel-energy/>

Priority 3. **Additional Cities Helping with City of Minneapolis 100% Renewable Energy Resolution*** Learn more (7) Potentially collaborate with other cities **(6)**
* **Contact** Stacy Miller, City of Minneapolis 612 673-3110 stacy.miller@minneapolismn.gov
* Example project (suggested by Dan K) Renewable Energy Contract of Google Data Hub in Becker, MN to buy power from large projects Mortenson Construction is developing

The [resolution](http://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Download/RCA/4338/100%20renewables%20resolution%20final.pdf) establishes renewable electricity definitions, priorities, progress metrics, and next steps. City staff have created a municipal operations [report](http://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Download/RCA/1608/wcmsp-203626.pdf) on expected future electricity consumption and a follow-up [blueprint](https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Download/RCA/2357/Blueprint%20for%20renewable%20by%202022%20final.pdf) on paths toward 100% renewable electricity municipal operations. Read the City’s [blueprint](https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Download/RCA/2357/Blueprint%20for%20renewable%20by%202022%20final.pdf) for achieving this goal. <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/buildings-energy/WCMSP-210721>Priority 4. **Support Legislation** (2021) **to Continue Xcel Energy’s Solar Rewards*** Learn more (10) Potentially collaborate with other cities **(5)**
* This is important to maintain and expand incentives for rooftop PV solar (distributed generation)
* To enable cities to succeed in meeting their local renewable energy production goals
* **Contact** Stacy Miller, City of Minneapolis 612 673-3110 stacy.miller@minneapolismn.gov

Priority 5. **Solar Ready Building Construction** (City, businesses, multifamily) require wiring to roof, etc.* Learn more (8) Potentially collaborate with other cities **(5)**

Priority 6. **Support Legislation** (2020 Centerpoint Energy) **to advance renewable natural** gas via PUC * (Was not discussed on Jan 22) CenterPoint Energy Proposes Natural Gas Innovation Act seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and advance Minnesota's clean energy future [LINK for more info](https://electricenergyonline.com/article/energy/category/biofuel/83/816491/centerpoint-energy-proposes-bipartisan-clean-energy-legislation.html)
* Al Swintek, Government Relations Centerpoint (612) 321-4799 albert.swintek@CenterPointEnergy.com
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**West Metro Cities Climate Action Conversation with Environmental Commissions Volunteers**

**Wednesday January 22, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at St. Louis Park City Hall** [**www.rccmn.co/hennepin-communities**](http://www.rccmn.co/hennepin-communities)

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* Greg Hawks Chanhassen Env. Commis. Commissioner
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* Mindy Ahler Edina Transportation Commission Member
* Michelle Horan Edina Energy & Environment Commission Member
* Ana Martinez Edina Energy & Environment Commission Student Commissioner
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* Chuck Prentice Edina Energy & Environment Commission EEC Outreach Committee
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* Paul Thompson Cool Planet, Citizens Climate Lobby EEC Outreach Committee
* Michelle Meek Community Volunteer Community Volunteer
* Molly Cummings Metropolitan Council Member District 5
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