

## City-County Climate Action with **Federal Infrastructure Funds**

Thursday December 2, 2021 1:00 PM to 2:30pm Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5156358735?pwd=K1FMVGdjVHJvVlc5UHhDSHpWNnhjUT09>

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Additional meeting resources <https://rccmn.co/build-back-better/>

1:00 p.m. **Briefing/Q & A** Dr. Peter Wyckoff, Energy & Environment Advisor, Office of Senator Tina Smith on **Federal Infrastructure Funds** becoming available for **MN cities & counties**

1:30 p.m. **Conversation with city & county staff, elected & citizen leaders.**

- **Relevance of Federal Infrastructure funding to opportunities & needs in NW Hennepin Co. Communities** – Hennepin County Commissioner Kevin Anderson, District 7
- **Topic Conversations – Transportation (E.V.s, Transit, Roads) Infrastructure (Broadband & Water) Green Jobs/Workforce**
  - **What city priorities are you hoping to address?** related to improving – transportation, transit, E.V. charging, broadband & hybrid commuting & storm water infrastructure
  - **Share opportunities to coordinate & leverage federal investments.** Improving the chances of projects receiving funding. Flexibility in spending federal highway dollars.
  - **Brainstorm principles & criteria** to guide our local investments to cut carbon, increase resilience, reduce disparities, boost local business development & employment

Questions or suggestions? Please call or email

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In Minnesota – where the Infrastructure Dollars will go [www.rccmn.co/topics/infrastructure-bill-mn/](http://www.rccmn.co/topics/infrastructure-bill-mn/)

- **Roads & Bridges:** \$4.5 billion for federal-aid highway apportioned programs, \$302 million for bridges.
- **Public Transit:** About \$818 million to improve our public transportation
- **Electric Vehicles:** About \$68 million for an electric vehicle charging network.
- **Internet Access:** about \$100 million      **Airports:** About \$297 million
- **Water and Waste Water:** \$680 million over five years to improve water infrastructure

[MINNESOTA Infrastructure-Investment-and-Jobs-Act-State-Fact-Sheet](#)

### **Ask your Congress Member & Senators to Approve Build Back Better Package**

Contact your **MN Representative & Senators** this week to approve the Build Back Better package

- Including the proposed **555 billion in Climate Investments**
- **Fri Nov 19 Star Tribune & NYT Update** on the House Passing the Build Back Better Package
- **NYT** [www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/11/18/upshot/whats-in-democrats-reconciliation-bill.html](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/11/18/upshot/whats-in-democrats-reconciliation-bill.html)



Dr. Peter Wyckoff,  
Energy Policy Advisor of  
Senator Tina Smith



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### **Helpful Resources**

#### **Transportation**

- **US DOT Climate** [www.transportation.gov/tags/climate-change](http://www.transportation.gov/tags/climate-change)
- **Transportation related Climate Funding the Infrastructure Bill** [new transportation GHG reduction & resilience programs](#)
- **MN DOT Sustainability** [www.dot.state.mn.us/sustainability/](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/sustainability/)
- **MN DOT Transportation Equity** [www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/program/advancing-transportation-equity/](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/program/advancing-transportation-equity/)
- **Sustainable Transportation Advisory Council** [www.dot.state.mn.us/sustainability/advisory-council.html](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/sustainability/advisory-council.html)
  - [2020 STAC Recommendations](#) [MnDOT response2020 STAC Recs](#) [MnDOT response2021 STAC Recs](#)

#### **Metro**

- **Met Council TAB** [metrocouncil.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB.aspx](http://metrocouncil.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB.aspx)
- **Transit** [www.metrotransit.org/transit-improvements](http://www.metrotransit.org/transit-improvements) **Move MN** [www.movemn.org/initiative/transportation-forward/](http://www.movemn.org/initiative/transportation-forward/)

#### **Electric Vehicles**

- **MN DOT Electric Vehicles** <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/sustainability/electric-vehicles.html>
- **MPCA EVs** <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/electric-vehicles>
- **Drive Electric MN** – local ordinances best practices <https://driveelectricmn.org/becoming-ev-ready/>

#### **Broad Band Access**

- **Connected MN** - Example from Duluth! [www.connectedmn.us/news/liscduluth](http://www.connectedmn.us/news/liscduluth)

#### **Storm Water Infrastructure**

- **Fix the Pipes Coalition** - <https://fixthepipes.org> **MN 2050** <https://www.apwa-mn.org/about/Minnesota2050>



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## RCC Network Updates [rccmn.co/blog/](http://rccmn.co/blog/)

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### WELCOME to RCC's new **Board Members**

- **Ian Oundo** Member, Coon Rapids, Sustainability Commission,
- **Huda Ahmed** (Blaine) Founder, Transformational Solutions ,
- **Daniel Katzenberger** Member, Eden Prairie Sustainability Commission,
- **Leo Ndiaye** (Mpls) Coordinator, MN BIPOC Local Elected Leaders Network,
- **Mia Simpson** (Mpls) Member, NENA & Richfield Arts Commission,

**A BIG THANK YOU to our outgoing Founding Board Members** - Jenifer Munt, Phil Muessig, Robert Blake, Asad Aliweyd and Tatyana Nelima!



**THANKS for supporting RCC's work in with a gift!** (one time or sustaining) [www.rccmn.co/donate/](http://www.rccmn.co/donate/)

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TUESDAY

Introducing our Network's new name **Resilient Communities Coalition** [rccmn.co/about/](http://rccmn.co/about/)

**Our New Focus** - RCC supports citizens to work with their cities to make real progress every year to achieve our 2030 & 2050 climate goals on time [rccmn.co/the-network/](http://rccmn.co/the-network/) by

- 1. Cultivating grassroots support for city and county action and effective city teams**
  - **Maintaining a Directory** of Local [Citizen Coalitions](#) and [Sustainability Commissions](#)
  - **Mentoring** new Citizen Coalitions & Sustainability & Human Rights Commissions
- 2. Hosting County Clusters** to support city/county collaborative implementation.
  - **Networking calls** citizen coalition & city commission volunteers sharing successes
  - **Annual city/county climate action check ins** – (in 2022) citizens, cities, counties & topic teams sharing their actions & accomplishments, tracking [GHG emission](#) reduction & planning city/county next steps to stay on track to meet 2030 climate goals.
- 3. Maintaining a Clearinghouse** – to strengthen our “hive mind” & support more cities to adopt proven actions
  - **Sharing resources**, best practices & model ordinances among **citizen coalitions & cities**
  - **Topic-resource people** supporting cities to take [high impact city actions](#), for
    - [Clean Energy](#) [Efficient Buildings](#) [Low Carbon Transportation](#) & [Resilience](#)
  - **Encouraging cities to join the MPCA's new “climate step” program**
  - **Co-sponsoring** Annual Environmental Commissions Conferences
  - **Connecting** the [MN BIPOC Local Elected Leaders](#) & [Youth](#) & [Commission](#) leader networks



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### RCC November Cities & Counties Climate Action Calendar [www.rccmn.co/topics/rcc-november-updates/](http://www.rccmn.co/topics/rcc-november-updates/)

Please send us your updates & resources to share in the future! THANKS Sean 612 250-0389 [sean@rccmn.co](mailto:sean@rccmn.co)

- **Transportation** - Help shape [Metro Transit's Zero-Emission Bus Transition Plan](#) by completing this [short survey](#).
- **GreenStep Workshop Recordings** [mngreenstepcities.blogspot.com](http://mngreenstepcities.blogspot.com)
  - Nov [New Approaches to Parking Management](#) New Guide [New approaches to parking management](#) Guide (Barb Thoman, 2021) [St. Paul parking ordinance](#)
  - Oct [How City Commissions Can Advance Sustainability](#) New Guide [Addressing the Sustainability Gap in the Development Process](#)
  - Nov [Equitable Community Engagement](#) New Guide [2021 Green Team Guide](#)
- **City Update** [MN Cities to Declare a Climate Emergency](#) Local governments of all sizes, and in all regions of MN will join in [declaring a Climate Emergency](#) in January calling for immediate action at all levels of government to address the climate crisis. Citizen leaders and youth are invited to support your City Council pass the resolution & join the effort! Contact Larry Kraft, SLP Council Member, [larrykraft@gmail.com](mailto:larrykraft@gmail.com) or Lola Schoenrich, GPI [lschoenrich@gpisd.net](mailto:lschoenrich@gpisd.net) [www.rccmn.co/topics/mn-cities-declare-a-climate-emergency/](http://www.rccmn.co/topics/mn-cities-declare-a-climate-emergency/)