

## Metropolitan Council Budget Outlook



#### Agenda

Overview & Levies Wes Kooistra

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Community Development Beth Reetz

Environmental Services Bill Moore

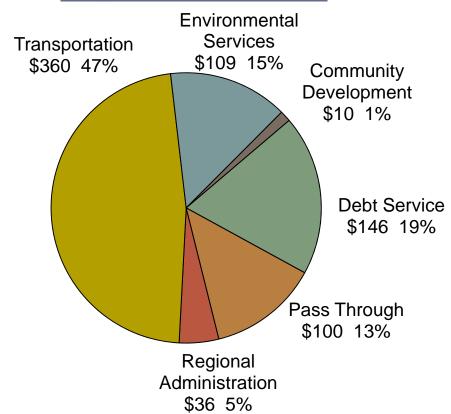
Council Guidance Wes Kooistra

### 2012 Budget Development Council Schedule

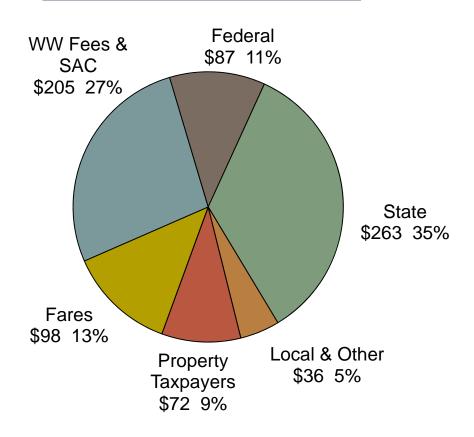
- Jul 27 or Presentation of Preliminary Operating Budget
   Aug 10 Levies & Adoption of Final Rates
- Aug 24 Adoption of Preliminary Operating Budget & Levies
- Sep 28 Present Preliminary Capital Program
- Oct 26 Adopt Public Comment Versions of Operating Budget, Levies & Capital Program
- Dec 14 6:00 PM Hear Public Comment Adopt Final Operating Budget, Levies & Capital Program

## Adopted 2011 Operating Budget \$761M

#### **Expenses & Uses**

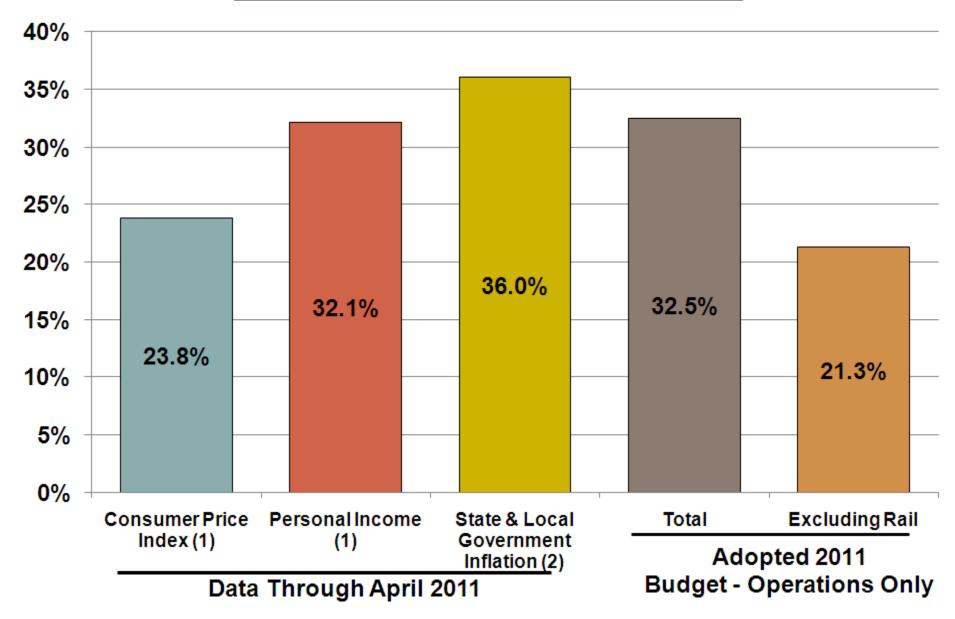


#### **Revenues & Sources**



\$ in Millions

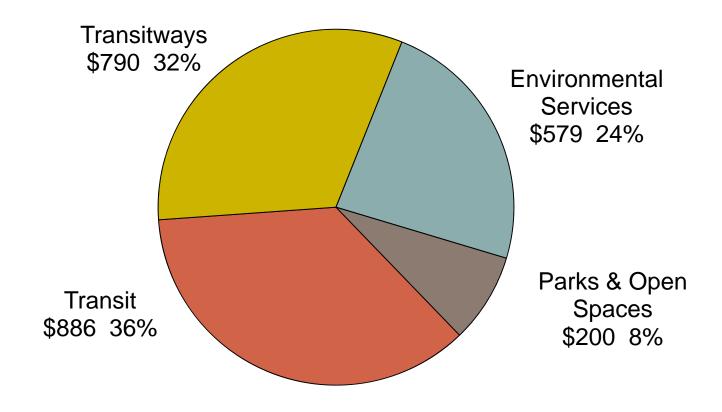
#### **Total Change Since January 2003**



- (1) US Bureau of Labor Statistics National Income and Products Account
- (2) US Bureau of Economic Analysis Table 1.1.9

#### 2011-16 Capital Improvement Plan

#### **Total \$2.455 Billion**



#### Predominance of Categorical Funding

- Transportation
  - Dedicated MVST
  - Federal, State and Local
  - Fares
  - Highway Right-of-Way Levy
  - Transit Debt Service Levy
- Environmental Services
  - Wastewater Fees
  - SAC Fees

- Community Development
  - Federal
  - **❖** General Purposes Levy
  - Livable Communities Levies (LCDA & TBRA)
  - Parks Debt Service Levy
- Regional Administration
  - Cost Allocation
  - General Purposes Levy

#### Changes from 2011 to 2012

- Pending Reductions in State Funding
- Fuel Price Increases
- Commercial & Residential Development Projections
- Federal Funding Reductions to HRA Administration
- Federal Transportation Funding Uncertainties
- New or Increasing Operational Demands
  - CCLRT Pre-Op
  - \* TGB, Land Mgmt., Software Maintenance, Document Mgmt.
  - New Forecasting Model, Development Framework Revisions, HUD Sustainable Communities Grant, Housing Policy Plan
- Employee Wages and Benefits
- General Inflation

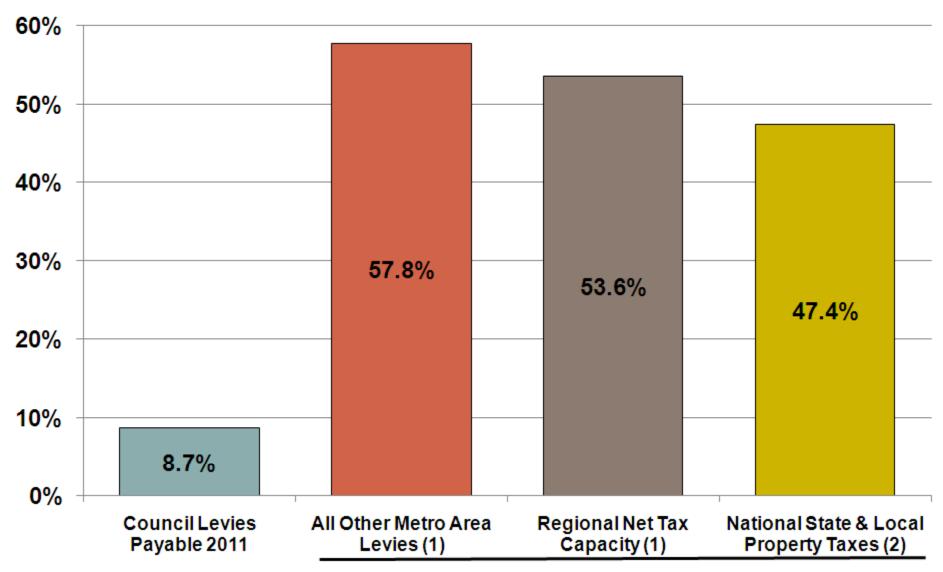
## Starting from a Position of Relative Strength

- Fund Balances
- SAC Legislation
- Fuel Forward Pricing Program
- Aaa Bond Rating
- Levy Growth and Budget Constraint

#### **2011 Levies vs Limits**

|                         |      |       |                                  |       |               | Variance |         |  |
|-------------------------|------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|---------------|----------|---------|--|
|                         | 2011 |       |                                  | Limit | <b>Amount</b> |          | Percent |  |
| Non-Debt Service Levies |      |       |                                  |       |               |          |         |  |
| General Purposes        | \$   | 9.35  | \$                               | 13.36 | \$            | 4.01     | 42.9%   |  |
| Highway Right of Way    |      | 3.59  |                                  | 3.59  |               | -        | 0.0%    |  |
| Livable Communities     |      |       |                                  |       |               |          |         |  |
| - Demonstration Acct    |      | 8.18  |                                  | 10.49 |               | 2.31     | 28.2%   |  |
| - Tax Base Rev.         |      | 5.00  |                                  | 5.00  |               | -        | 0.0%    |  |
| Total Non-Debt Levies   | \$   | 26.12 | \$                               | 32.44 | \$            | 6.32     | 24.2%   |  |
| Debt Service Levies     |      |       |                                  |       |               |          |         |  |
| Transit                 | \$   | 42.18 | Limited by ability to issue debt |       |               |          |         |  |
| Parks                   |      | 7.12  |                                  |       |               |          |         |  |
| Total Non-Debt Levies   | \$   | 49.30 | _                                |       |               |          |         |  |
|                         |      |       | _                                |       |               |          |         |  |
| Total Levies            | \$_  | 75.42 | -                                |       |               |          |         |  |
|                         |      |       |                                  |       |               |          |         |  |

#### **Total Change Since Payable 2003 Levies**



Data Through Payable 2011 Levies

- (1) MN Department of Revenue
- (2) US Bureau of Economic Analysis Nat'l Income & Products Account Table 3.3

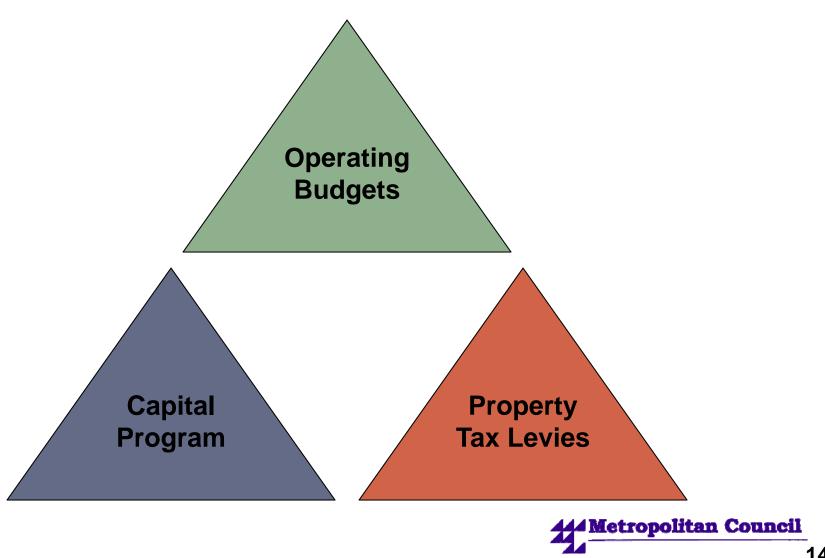
#### **Development of Levy Policy for 2012**

- Total 2012 Levies
  - 7 County Region
  - Transit Capital Levy Communities
- Distribution of Levies Among Levy Categories
  - Alignment with Priorities and Objectives
  - Levy Account Fund Balances
  - Structural Integrity

#### **Summary of Key 2012 Decision Points**

- Solutions to Funding Transit Operations
- Strategy for SAC Funded Obligations
- Establishment of Wastewater Rates
- Total Levies & Distribution Among Categories
- Wages & Benefits Assumptions
- Alignment of Capital Preservation & Development Objectives with Available Resources

#### **Achieving Structural Balance**





## Transportation Division Budget Outlook



#### **Transportation Division - Objectives**

- Support the Council's framework and Regional Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)
  - ❖TPP: Double 2003 transit ridership by 2030
- Construct a balanced transit budget over 4 years
- Prioritize structural solutions mitigate structural gaps over time

#### **Division Specific Assumptions**

- Maintain 2011 service levels
- Maintain current fare structure
- CTIB funding for Northstar, Hiawatha and Cedar Avenue BRT and I-35W BRT express operations
- Metro Mobility: Maintain 0% denial rate for ADA-eligible rides
- CCLRT system construction; begin pre-revenue operations
- Update 2012 Budget once State Funding for transit finalized

#### **Challenges & Pressures**

- State transit funding unknown SFY 2012/2013
- Uncertainty with federal reauthorization-funding and its potential impact on operations
- Volatility in fuel pricing
- Healthcare costs increases
- MVST revenues unstable

#### **Options & Considerations**

- Balanced Budget 2yrs vs 4yrs
- Structural vs One-Time Solutions
- Use of transit reserves
- Administrative reductions/savings
- Use of federal funds in operations
- Balance between service reductions and a fare increase



# Community Development Division Budget Outlook



#### **Challenges & Pressures**

- Federal funding reduction for Section 8 administration impact on staffing capacity while service level and demand remain unchanged
- Growing demand for Livable Communities funding as economy improves

#### **Anticipated Changes**

- Activities/Initiatives for 2012
  - New Forecast Model and Forecasts
  - Revisions to Regional Development Framework
  - HUD Sustainable Communities Grant Corridors of Opportunity
  - ❖ Development of a Regional Housing Policy Plan



## Environmental Services Budget Outlook



#### **Challenges & Pressures**

- Continued slowdown in development
- More stringent environmental regulations
- Rehabilitation of facilities needed to preserve function and value of assets
- Metro Plant needs additional solids capacity

#### **Division Specific Assumptions**

- Limited increase in Municipal Wastewater Charges
- No use of Operating Reserve (designated for SAC relief)
- SAC units will be at 7,000 in 2011
- Growth related capital projects can be deferred
- No adverse regulatory impact in 2012
- Energy, chemicals and materials costs are as estimated

#### **Anticipated Changes**

As year progresses, SAC receipts will have impact on SAC revenues and reserve balance

#### **Summary of Key 2012 Decision Points**

June 2011 Public input on process

July 2011 SAC shift decision

July 2011 2012 rate setting

DATE? Metro Plant NPDES permit development



#### Council Guidance



#### **Council Guidance**

- April
  - CDC: Decision on preliminary LCA Fund Distribution Plan
- May
  - COUNCIL: Decision to use Wastewater Operating Reserves to fund SAC shift
  - EC: Acceptance of Industrial Rate fee formulas and phase-in plan for increases to certain rates (permit fees, holding tank load charge)
- June
  - Committee presentations of recommended operating budgets
  - EC: Decision about increase of out-of-region administrative component to load charge or others
  - MC: Recommendation for maximum levies

#### **Council Guidance**

- July
  - Council presentation of recommended operating budgets
  - COUNCIL: Decision on rates and fees
- August
  - COUNCIL: Adoption of preliminary operating budgets and maximum levies
- September
  - Committee presentations of capital program
  - Council presentation of capital program

#### **Council Guidance**

- October
  - Council adoption of the public comment versions of operating budgets and capital program. (Levies unchanged from August.)
- November
  - Public comment period
- December
  - Public comment
  - Council adoption of final operating budgets, levies and capital program