

<b>ADVISORY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	August 20, 2008
<b>Subject:</b>	Setting Public Hearing for the Metropolitan Council's 2009 Unified Operating Budget, 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program and 2009 Capital Program and Budget
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minnesota Statutes Section 275.065, Subdivision 6(b), Section 473.13, Subdivision 1, Section 473.535
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Regional Administrator's Office

**Proposed Action/Motion**

That the Management Committee set a public hearing on November 12, 2008 at 5:00 PM to cover:

- 2009 Unified Operating Budget,
- 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program
- 2009 Capital Program and Budget

**Issue(s)**

As part of the process for approving the Council's 2009 Unified Operating Budget, 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Plan and 2009 Capital Program and Budget, the Council may hold a public hearing.

**Overview**

The Council is not required to hold a Truth in Taxation hearing this year, but to ensure the the public has an opportunity to provide input on the 2009 budgets, a public hearing is recommended.

In 2007, the Council authorized the Management Committee to set the public hearing date for the Unified Operating Budget, Capital Improvement Program, Capital Program and Capital Budget.

MS Sec. 473.13, Subd. 1, the Council is required to, on or before December 20, adopt a final budget covering its anticipated receipts and disbursements for the ensuing year and decide upon the total amount necessary to be raised from ad valorem tax levies to meet its budget.

MS Sec. 473.535 requires the Council to prepare and adopt a capital improvement program and a budget.

The Council is currently scheduled to adopt the budgets at the Council Meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE  
2009 UNIFIED OPERATING BUDGET,  
2009-2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND  
2009 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET**

The Metropolitan Council will hold a public hearing on November 12, 2008 to receive comments on the proposed *2009 Unified Operating Budget, 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Plan and 2009 Capital Program and Budget*.

The documents will be available on the Council's website at: [www.metrocouncil.org/about/budget2009.htm](http://www.metrocouncil.org/about/budget2009.htm). The *2009 Unified Operating Budget* and *2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program and 2009 Capital Program and Budget* will be available on October 15, 2008. Printed copies are available at no charge from the Council's Data Center, 390 N. Robert Street, St. Paul. Call 651-602-1140 or email: [data.center@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:data.center@metc.state.mn.us)

The public hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at 5:00 pm, 390 N. Robert St., St. Paul, MN.

Upon request, the Council will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities.

The procedure for the hearing will be as follows:

- Persons will be called to speak in the order in which they have registered. Individuals may register to speak in advance by calling 651-602-1140.
- Individuals will have 3 minutes each and designated representatives of groups will have 5 minutes. Once all speakers have presented, speakers may request additional time to make further comments.
- The chair of the hearing shall have discretion in limiting or extending testimony by any person.

You may also submit comments for the official record in one of the following ways:

- Mail: Metropolitan Council Data Center, 390 N. Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55101
- Fax: 651-602-1464
- Public Comment Line: 651-602-1500
- Email: [data.center@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:data.center@metc.state.mn.us)
- TTY: 651-291-0904

Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m., Tuesday, December 9, 2008. At the close of the public comment period, the Council will prepare a hearing summary. To request a copy of the hearing summary, call the Data Center at 651-602-1140, or 651-291-0904 (TTY).