

# North Metro Mayors

## 2018 Legislative Action Plan

### Transportation Funding

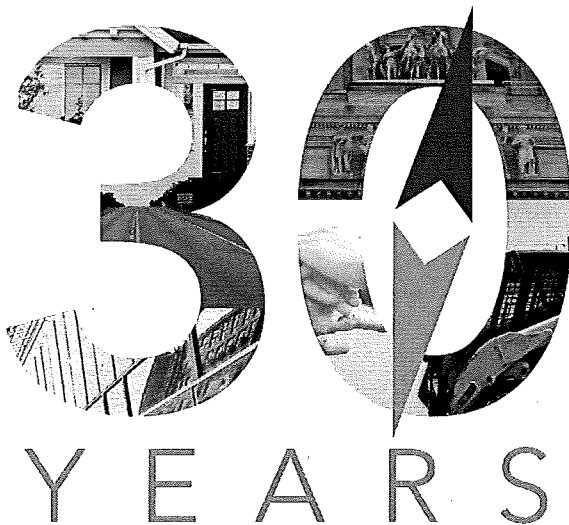
- Work with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, legislative leadership and transportation committees, Governor's administration, Metropolitan Council, Minnesota Transportation Alliance and key congressional members and staff to secure increased transportation funding.

### Rail Crossings and Rail Safety

- Support funding for modernization and separation of rail-vehicle traffic as a critical matter of public safety and congestion relief along all major rail lines in the North Metro.
- Assist Ramsey to secure funding for road/rail separation at Ramsey and Sunfish Lake Boulevards along the BNSF main line, adjacent to US Highway 10.
- Assist MnDOT to secure funding for road/rail separation along the BNSF main line at Trunk Highway 47 in Anoka.

### Transportation Advocacy

- Support the regional efforts of:
  - North Metro I-35W Corridor Coalition MnPASS Lane Project between Minneapolis and Blaine
  - North Trunk Highway 65 Coalition
  - Highway 10 Workgroup
  - 169 Coalition to relieve congestion on Highway 169 in the North Metro
  - Highway 252 Conversion Group
  - Connect Blue Line Now! Coalition to address barriers and begin construction on Blue Line Light Rail (Bottineau) project
- **Trunk Highway 65**--Assist Blaine to provide significant capacity enhancements including upgrading major intersections.
- **Highway 169** at 101st Avenue, Brooklyn Park--Assist Brooklyn Park, Maple Grove, and Champlin to secure funding for an interchange and other improvements.
- **Trunk Highway 10**--Assist Coon Rapids and Anoka to secure funding to construct a third lane between Hanson Boulevard and 7th Avenue in Anoka. Assist Ramsey and Anoka to secure funding to construct all recommended Trunk Highway 10 Access Planning Study improvements.
- **Trunk Highway 610**--Assist Maple Grove to secure funding to complete 610 and advocate for improvements through the Fish Lake split and expanding capacity on I-94 from Maple Grove to the west. Assist Coon Rapids to secure funding for full interchange on 610 in Coon Rapids
- **Trunk Highway 252**--Work with Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Hennepin County, the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Council to resolve transportation system safety and congestion issues.
- Assist North Metro cities to secure funding for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) reconstruction/improvement projects.



Collaboration Builds Communities

## Fiscal Policy

- Work with the NMMA legislative delegation, League of Minnesota Cities, Metro Cities, Anoka County, Hennepin County, Ramsey County and other stakeholders to be sure the collective North Metro voice is heard and to ensure that the Local Government Aid and Metro Area Fiscal Disparities programs remain intact. Advocate for NMMA perspectives in debates over comprehensive tax reform proposals.
- Support and advocate for TIF legislation sought by member cities and support the use of TIF as a tool for cities to promote economic development.
- Continue to join with other county and city organizations opposing reverse referenda.
- Oppose legislative efforts to restrict city use of, or add a reverse referendum process, to the gas and electric franchise fee statutes.

## Who We Are

The North Metro Mayors Association was created in 1988 to serve as the non-profit champion organization to encourage private and public investments in the northern suburbs.

Within our territory, which is defined by legislative districts, member cities represent more than 464,000 residents in Andover, Anoka, Blaine, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Circle Pines, Coon Rapids, Maple Grove, Mounds View, New Brighton, New Hope, Ramsey, and Spring Lake Park.

Community Partners, which include multiple chambers of commerce, non-profits and businesses of all sizes, help demonstrate our united front in sustaining and growing the North Metro.

## Governance

- Work with the League of Minnesota Cities, Metro Cities and other local government partners in a collaborative manner to advance key local governmental legislative objectives.
- Support Metropolitan Council changes, including staggered terms, elected city officials' significant participation in nominating Metropolitan Council members, and increased transparency in the appointment process.
- Engage NMMA Community Partners in legislative efforts to more effectively carry the NMMA message to elected officials and the governor's administration.
- Conduct legislative candidate forums in NMMA member city districts to inform candidates on NMMA issues and to assist voters in determining their choices.

## Water

- Support efforts of the NMMA Water Work Group to establish policy positions on water issues.
- Engage NMMA stakeholders to endorse and promote regional water supply facilities.
- Monitor the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and potential regulation changes which would make it more difficult for cities to develop closed dump sites.

## Additional Issues

- **PUBLIC SAFETY:** Support the expansion of the North Metro Law Enforcement Training Facility in Maple Grove.
- **HOUSING:** Support consistent application of state housing financing programs to help facilitate local housing goals in addition to state goals.
- **ENVIRONMENT:** Support the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Andover's efforts to secure funding for removing the hazardous waste pit at the Waste Disposal Engineering (WDE) Landfill.
- **ELECTIONS:** Support legislation creating early voting opportunities that create administrative and financial efficiencies for local governments.
- **REGIONAL RECREATION:** Assist in securing funding for a competition sized swimming pool in New Hope.

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## North Metro Mayors Day at the Capitol

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

**Attendees:** NMMA elected officials, city staff, Community Partners

**Materials:** NMMA Day at the Capitol packet, including 2018 legislative platform and NMMA fact sheet, a map of the capitol complex

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<b>10:00 AM – 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Legislative Meetings</b>  10-15 minute meetings with NMMA legislators, meeting will be with a mixture of NMMA members	State Office Building and Minnesota Senate Building
<b>3:30 PM – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>NMMA Board of Directors Meeting</b>	League of Minnesota Cities Building

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### Additional Notes

**Meetings:** Each legislative appointment will be with an NMMA legislator and a combination of at least two NMMA officials (mayors, city administrators/managers, city council members, Community Partners). Meetings can be arranged by Ewald staff, if they have NMMA members' availability on March 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Capitol Tours:** Hosted by the Minnesota Historical Society. The tours of the newly renovated capitol building can be set up by request. Tours start at the top of every hour near room 126 of the capitol building, and take roughly 45 minutes.

**Parking:** There are various spots to park on the capitol complex, including the Dept. of Transportation ramp, the Sears parking lot, street parking, and parking ramps in the surrounding area.

**Lunch:** There are two main places on the capitol complex to get lunch: the Dept. of Transportation building and the basement of the Capitol building. There are also restaurants nearby.

**Contact:** On March 7, Owen can be reached at (651) 357-8921 Troy can be reached at (763) 381-7894 Jill can be reached at (612) 889-2611.

