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Metropolitan Council Overview

Presentation to the House Local Government
Subcommittee, Government Operations Committee



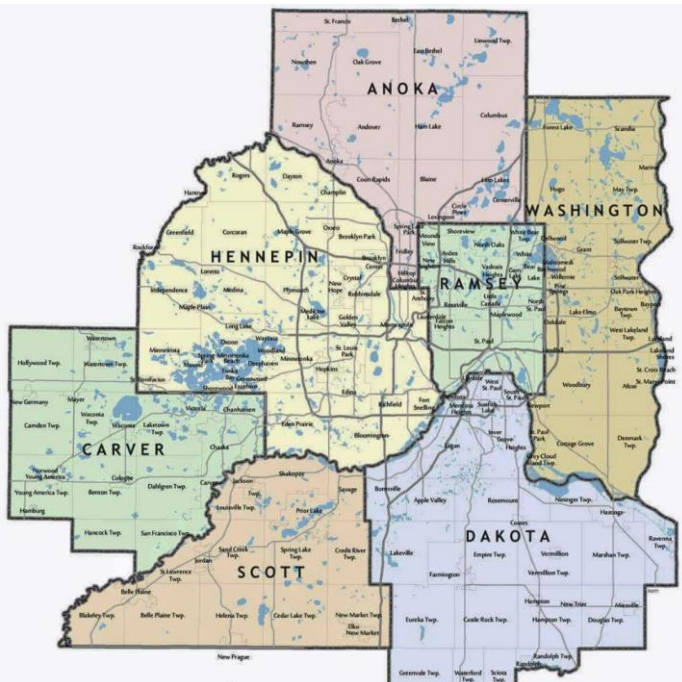
Who we are

- Created by the legislature to plan for growth & prosperity of Twin Cities area
- Provide efficient, award-winning services



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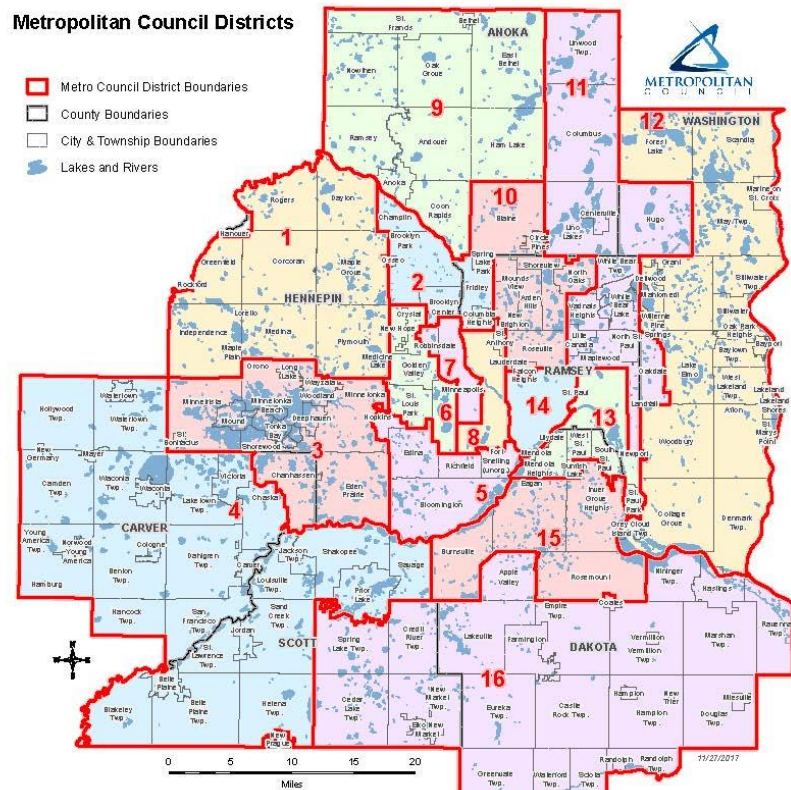
- Jurisdiction – seven-county metro area
- Governed by board with a regional perspective



Appointing Council members

- Nominating Committee – local government, community partners
- Public interviews
- Nominating Committee recommends to Governor
- Governor appoints

Metropolitan Council Districts



Who we are

Metropolitan Council Board
Nora Slawik, Chair

Community
Development
Committee

Transportation
Committee

Environment
Committee

Management
Committee



METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Economic
Development &
Housing Grants
MN 473.251

Regional
Land Use Planning
MN 473.851-867

Housing Services
MN 473.195

Regional
Parks Planning and
Grants
MN 473.301-51

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Wastewater
MN 473.511

Surface Water
Quality
MN 473.157

Water Supply
Planning
MN 473.1565

TRANSPORTATION

Regional
Transportation
Planning
MN 473.146

Transitway
Development
MN 473.399

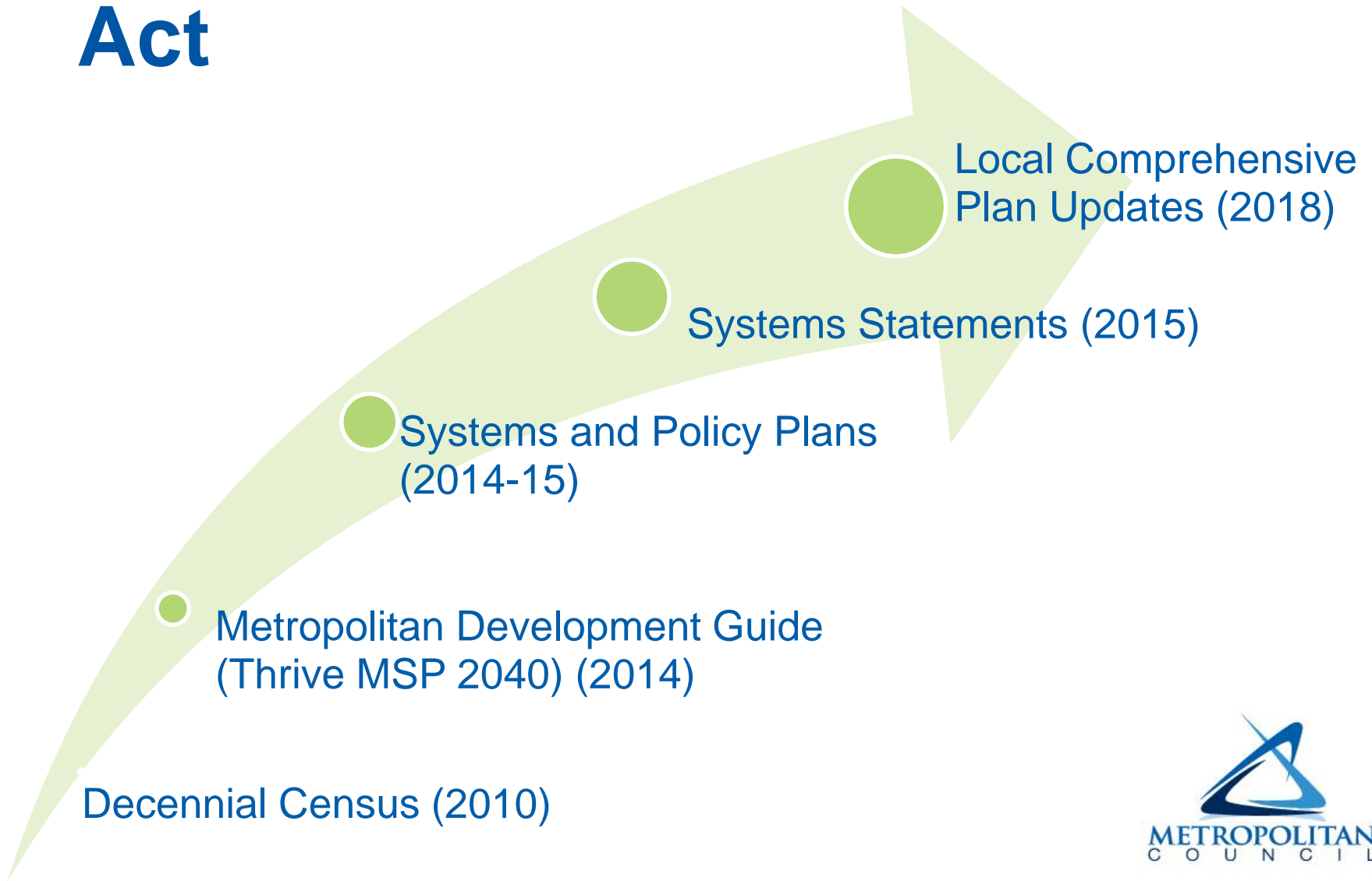
Transit
Services
MN 473.385



Community Development Functions

- **Administer Land Planning Act**
(MN Statute 473.851)
- **Prepare Regional Development Guide**
(MN Statute 473.145)
- **Implement Livable Communities Act**
(MN Statute 473.25)
- **Deliver Rental Assistance**
(MN Statute 473.195)
- **Guide Regional Parks & Open Space System**
(MN Statute 473.301)
- **Conduct Research to Support Policy Making**
(MN Statute 473.242)

Metropolitan Land Planning Act



1974 Metropolitan Parks Act

The Metropolitan Council shall:

- Identify generally the areas, which together with state facilities, will meet the outdoor recreation needs of the people of the metropolitan area
- Establish criteria and priorities for the allocation of funds for acquisition and development.

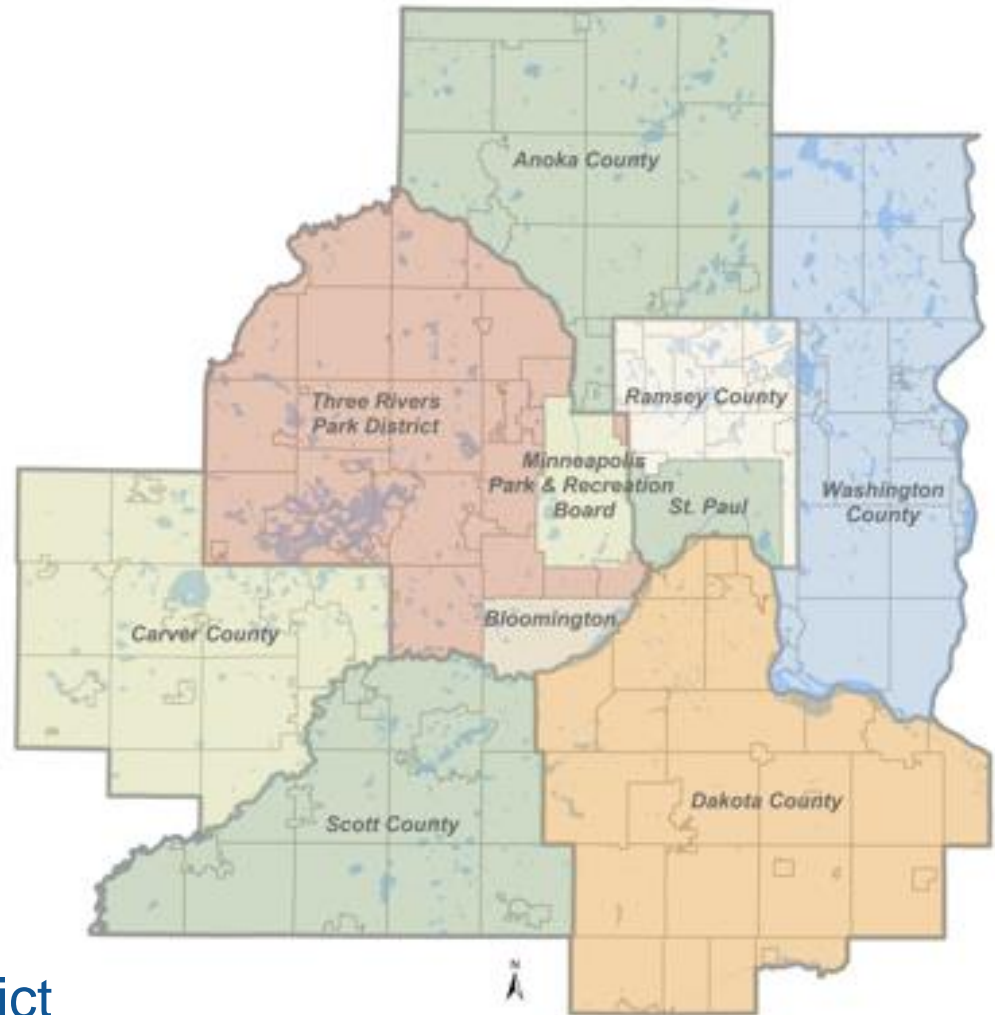


**Cottage Grove Ravine
Regional Park—
Washington County**

Minn. Statute 473.147

Local agencies operate regional parks

- Anoka County
- Carver County
- Dakota County
- Ramsey County
- Scott County
- Washington County
- City of Bloomington
- Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
- City of Saint Paul
- Three Rivers Park District



Livable Communities Act Grant Programs

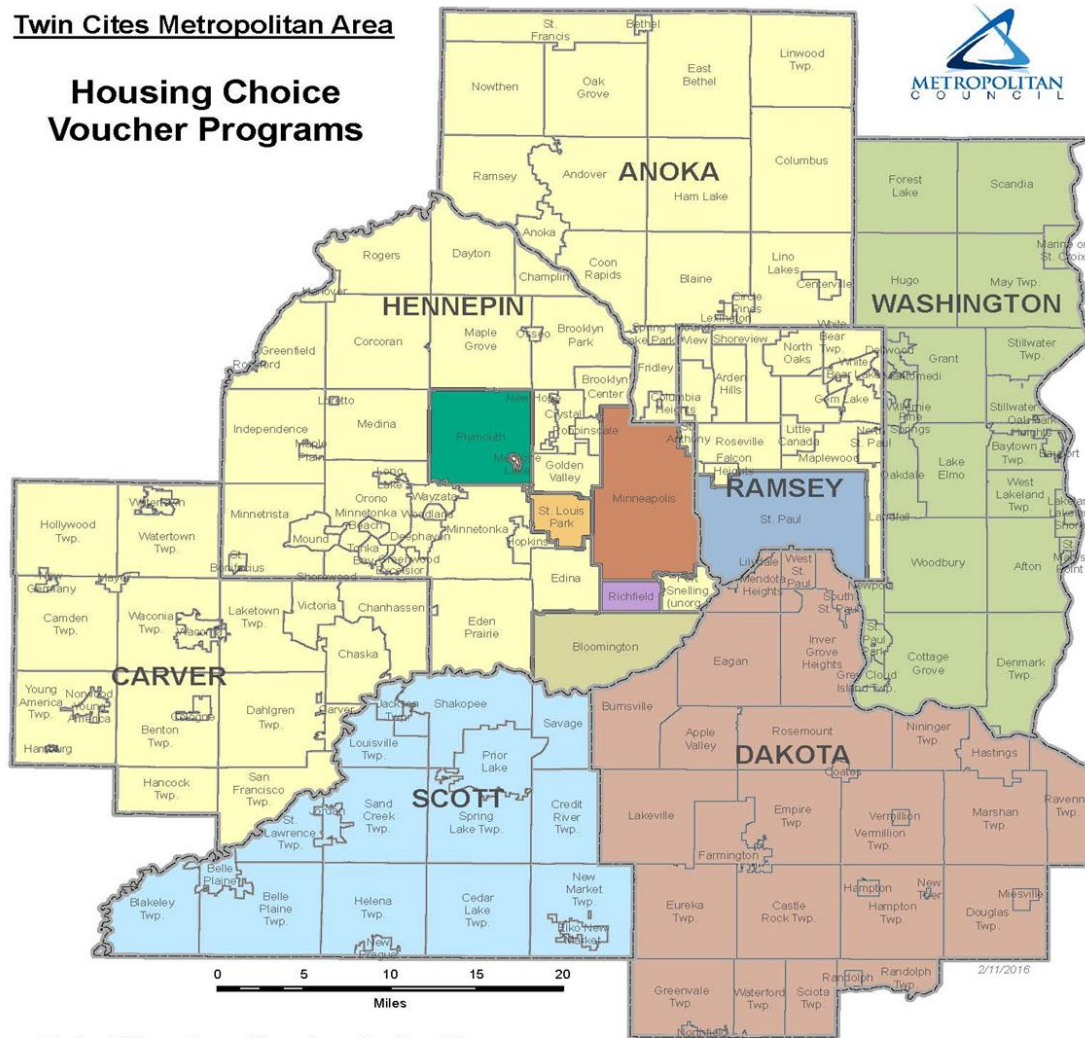
- Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA)
Supports development and redevelopment that links housing, jobs, and services and demonstrates efficient and cost-effective use of land and infrastructure.
- Local Housing Incentive Account (LHIA)
Produces and preserves affordable housing choices for low to moderate incomes.
- Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA)
Cleans up contaminated sites for redevelopment that creates jobs and/or produces affordable housing.

Metropolitan Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA)

- Largest administrator of the federal Housing Choice Voucher program in Minnesota
- Received HUD's highest ranking possible for 12 straight years for efficient and effective housing services

Twin Cites Metropolitan Area

Housing Choice Voucher Programs



Twin Cities Area Housing Authorities:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Metro HRA (651) 602-1428 | Plymouth HRA (763) 509-5410 | Dakota County CDA (651) 675-4400 |
| Minneapolis PHA (612) 342-1480 | Richfield HRA (612) 861-9770 | Scott County CDA (952) 402-9022 |
| St Paul PHA (651) 298-5158 | St Louis Park HRA (952) 924-2579 | Washington Co HRA (651) 458-0936 |
| Bloomington HRA (952) 563-8937 | | |



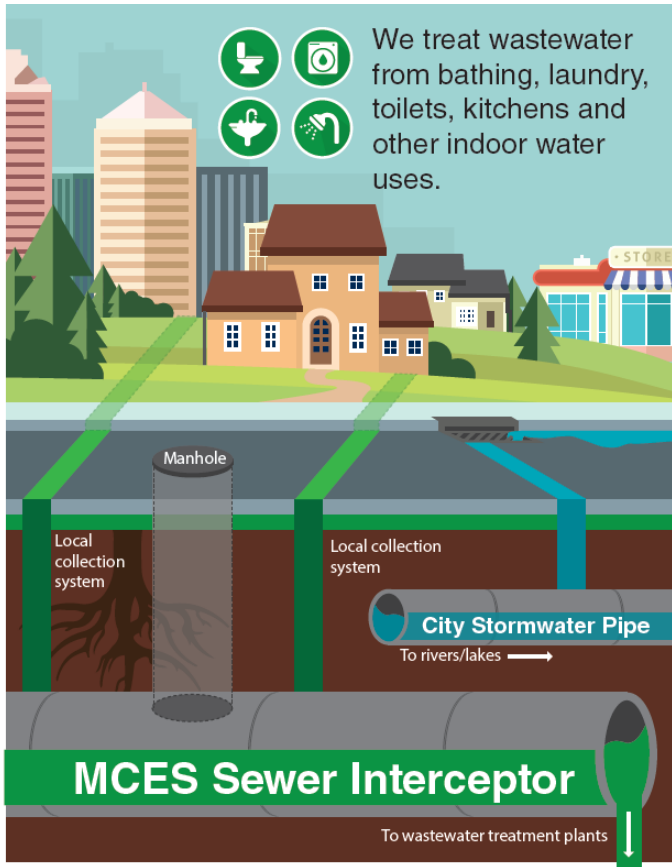
Metro HRA

- Serves 7,200 low-income families with housing assistance in communities throughout Anoka, Carver, and most of suburban Hennepin and Ramsey counties
 - Many populations served – homeless, veterans, disabled, elderly, families with children
- Distributes \$56 million in rent subsidies to 2,500 private landlords each year



Environmental Services

- Operates the regional wastewater treatment system
- Carries out water supply planning activities required under Minn. Stat. 473.1565 and 473.157

Wastewater Generation



A \$6-\$7B System...

-  8 wastewater treatment plants
-  610 miles of sewer pipe
-  60 pump stations

With \$130M per year in capital investments

Why is it important to keep our sewer system in good repair?



Protect public health



Manage assets effectively

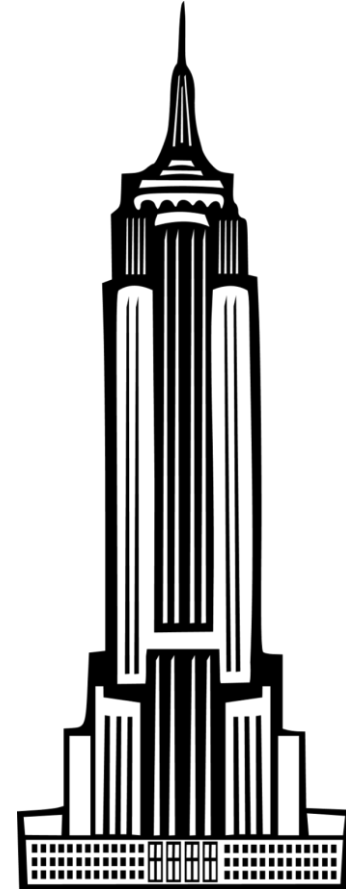


Protect other infrastructure

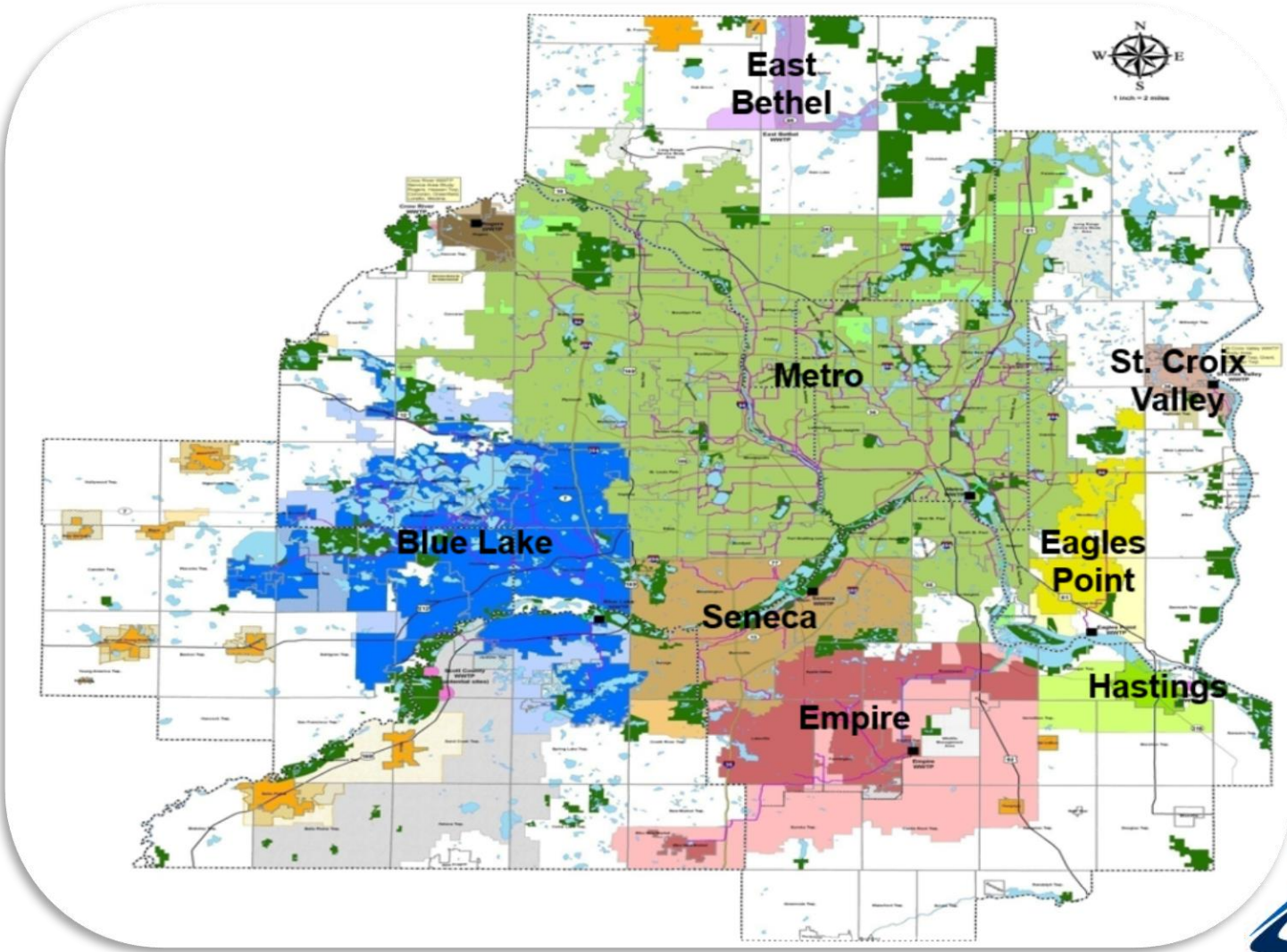
Wastewater Output

Averages 250 million gallons day

- Could fill the Empire State Building in 1 day



Service Area and Facilities



Water Supply Planning

Minnesota Statute 473.4565

- “Carry out planning activities addressing the water supply needs of the metropolitan area.”
- Metro Area Water Supply Advisory Committee (MAWSAC)
 - Counties
 - Municipalities/utilities
 - State agencies
- MAWSAC
 - Assists and guides Council water supply planning
 - Approves Master Water Supply Plan (2015)
 - Appoints and collaborates with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) (2015)

The Metropolitan Council is not a water supplier.

The regional planning process has been designed and applied to ensure local water suppliers have control of and responsibility for their water supply systems.



Planning Objectives for Regional Water Supply

- Adequate water supplies are essential for our region's growth, livability and prosperity
- Met Council Role in Regional Water Supply Planning
 - A regional water supply plan
 - Support local government units making informed and effective decisions
 - Assistance to communities in developing and implementing local plans
 - Identify approaches for emerging issues, and
 - Strong collaborative relationship with stakeholders.

Transportation

Transit Operations

- Provide, contract for, and coordinate metropolitan transit operations (bus and rail)
- Provide financial assistance to local transit providers

Planning

- Designated as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization or MPO
- Long-range transportation planning and shorter term federal funds programming

Regional Transit Services

| Metropolitan Council Delivered Services | Contracted Services | Suburban Transit Provider Services |
|--|------------------------------|---|
| Bus regular route | Metro Mobility | Bus regular route |
| METRO Blue Line and Green Line light rail | Contracted bus regular route | Dial-a-ride |
| METRO Red Line bus rapid transit | Transit Link dial-a-ride | |
| A Line arterial bus rapid transit | Metro Vanpool | |
| Northstar commuter rail | | |
| Regional support and rideshare services | | |

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Functions

- **Perform federal and state mandated planning**
 - Long-range: Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)
 - Short-range: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
 - Major transportation studies
- **Allocate federal funds** through competitive solicitation overseen by Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)
- **Coordinate planning activities** with MnDOT, transit operators, MAC, and local governments
- **Ensure public input** in planning and federal funds programming

Council Budget Development

Calendar Year

Operating Budget

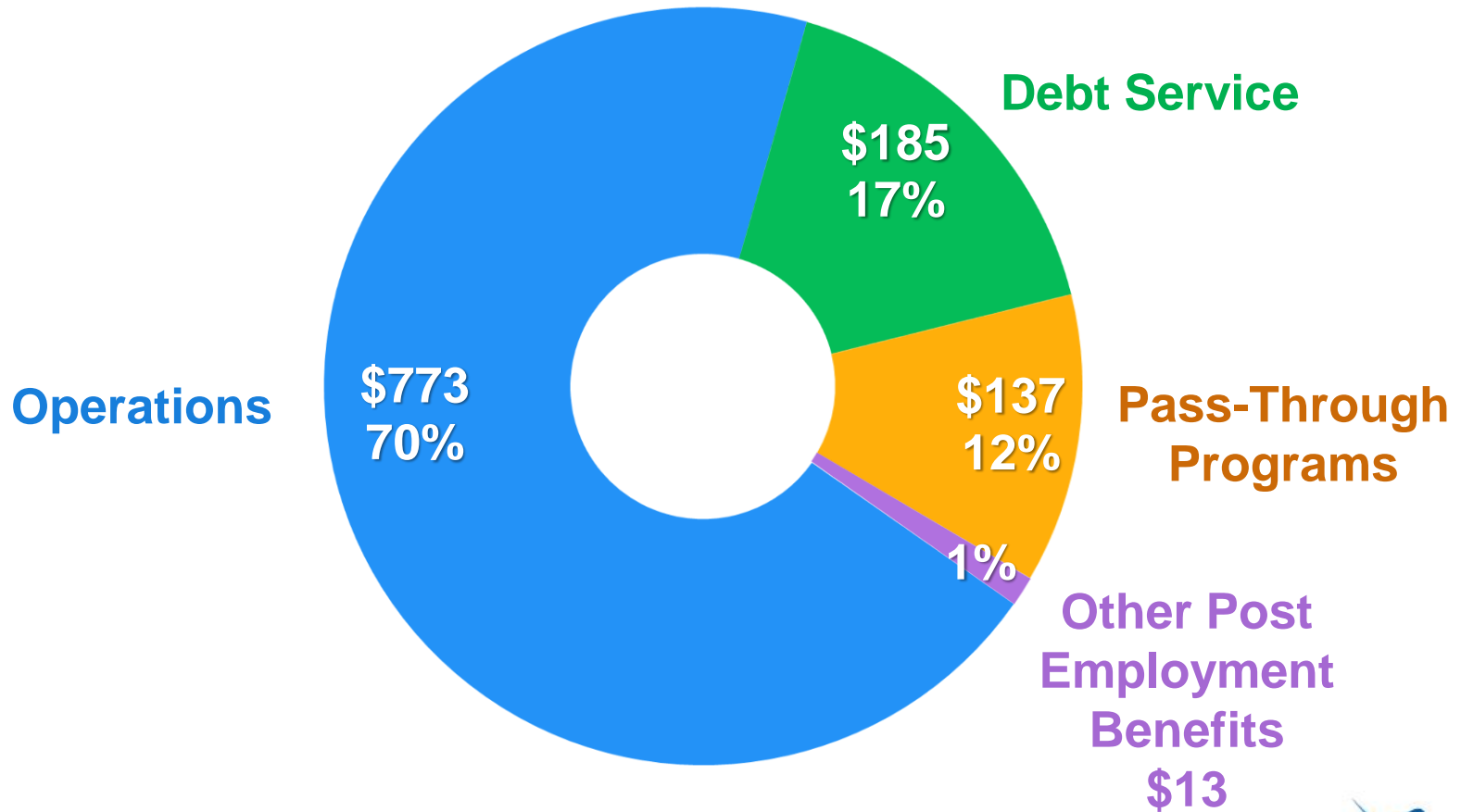
Operations
Pass-through
Debt Service

Capital Program

Authorized Projects
Planned (6-year)
Annual Spending

CY 2019 Operating Budget - \$1.1B

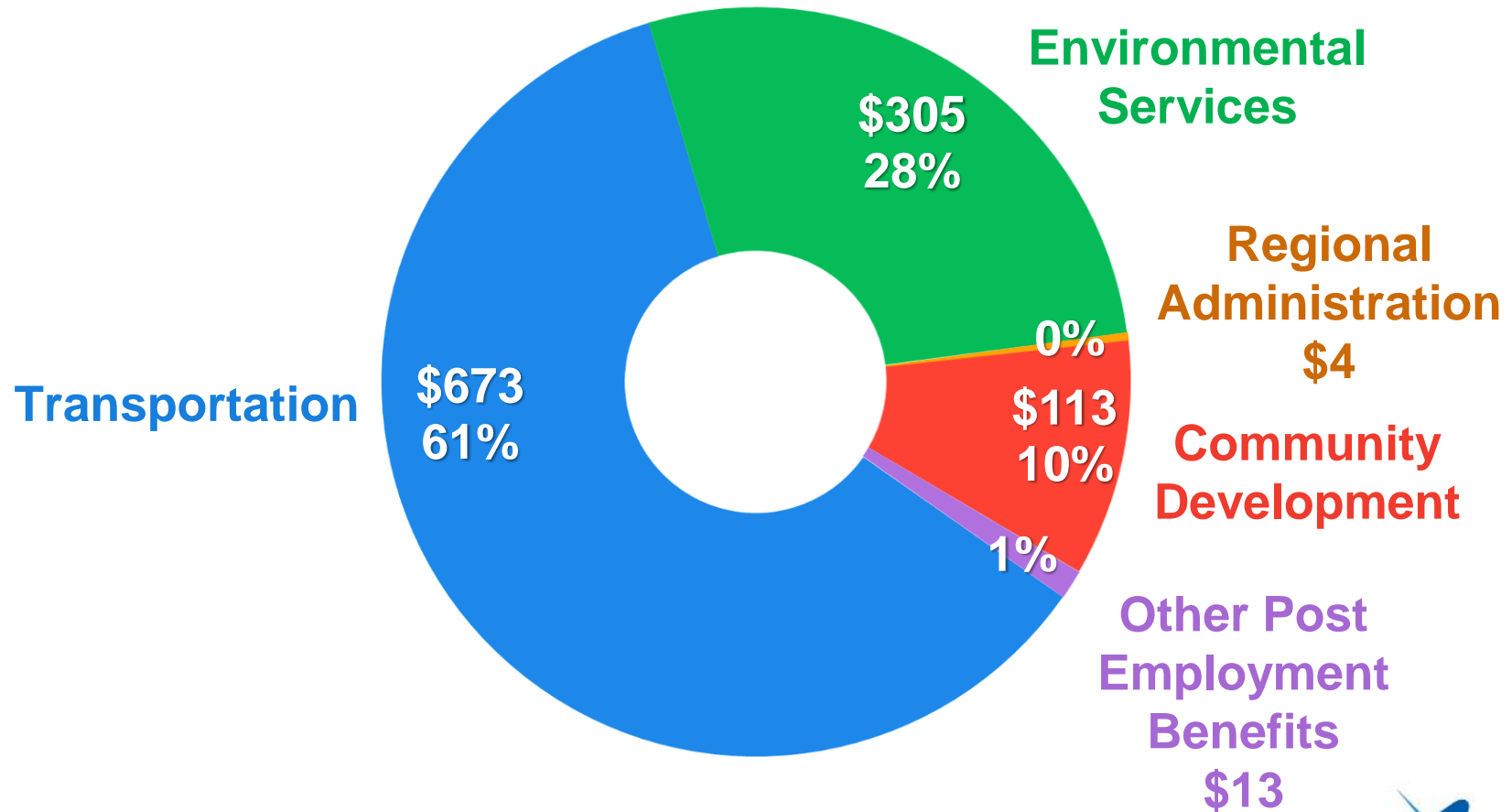
Uses by Function



Dollars in millions

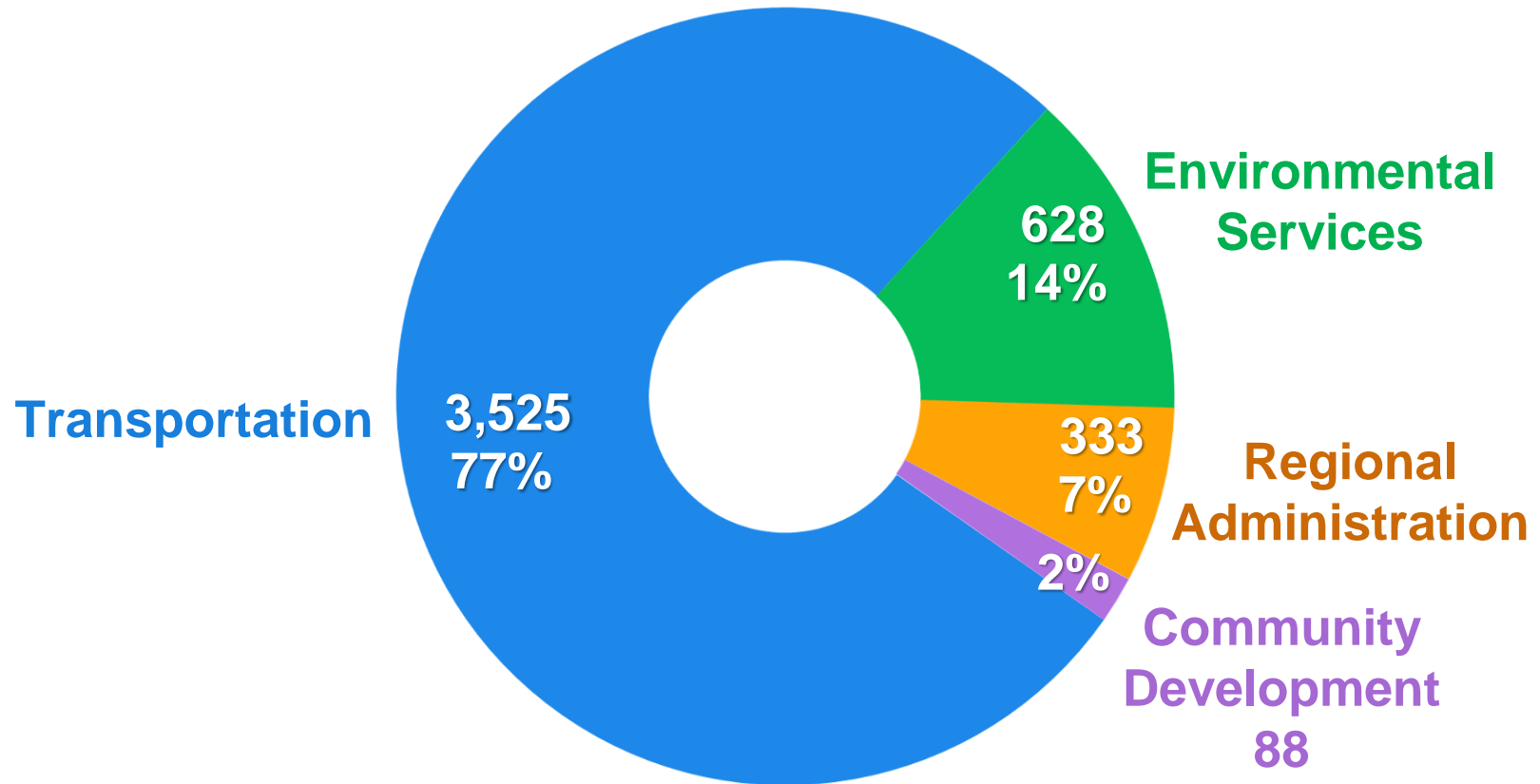
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Uses by Division



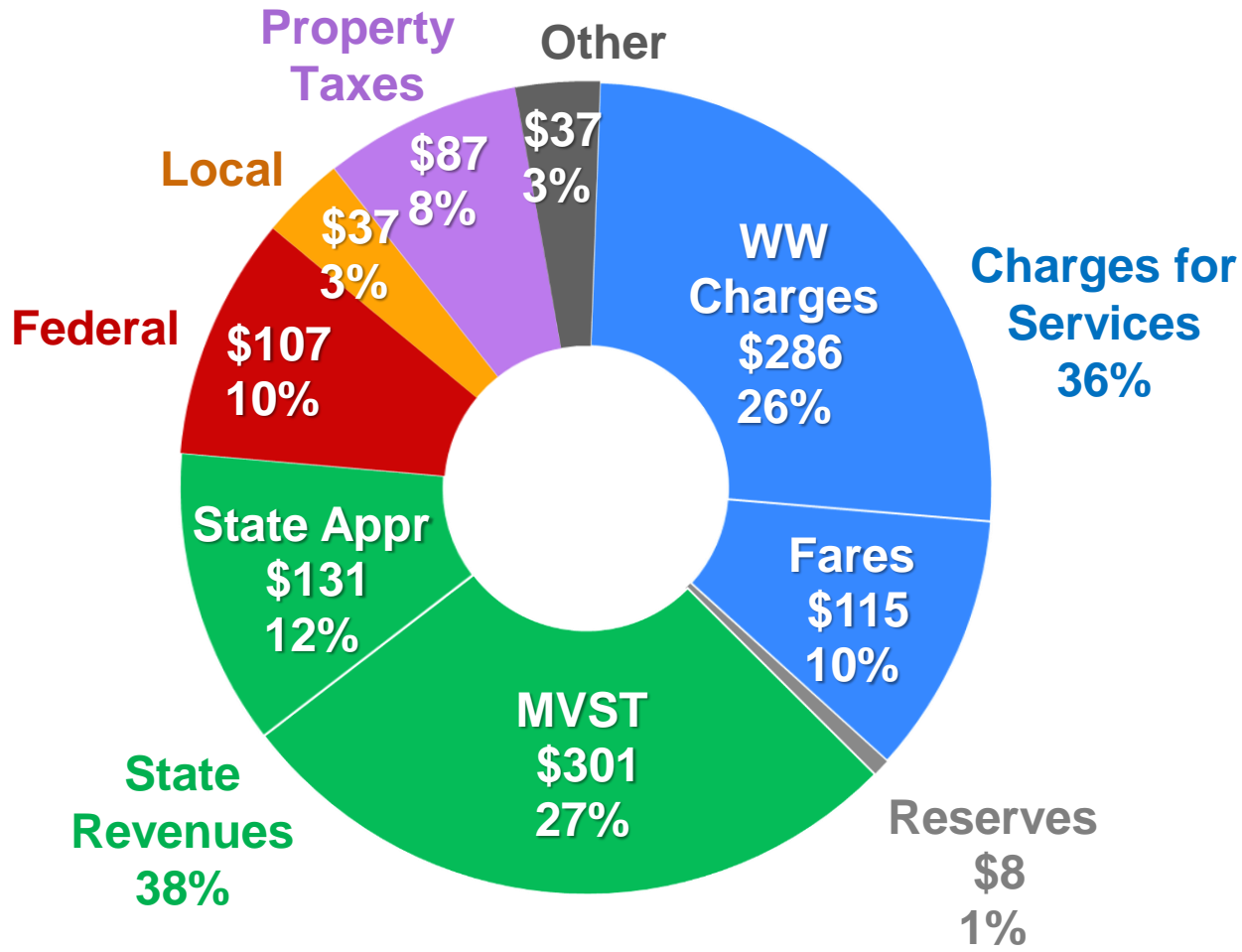
Dollars in millions

4,575 FTEs by Division



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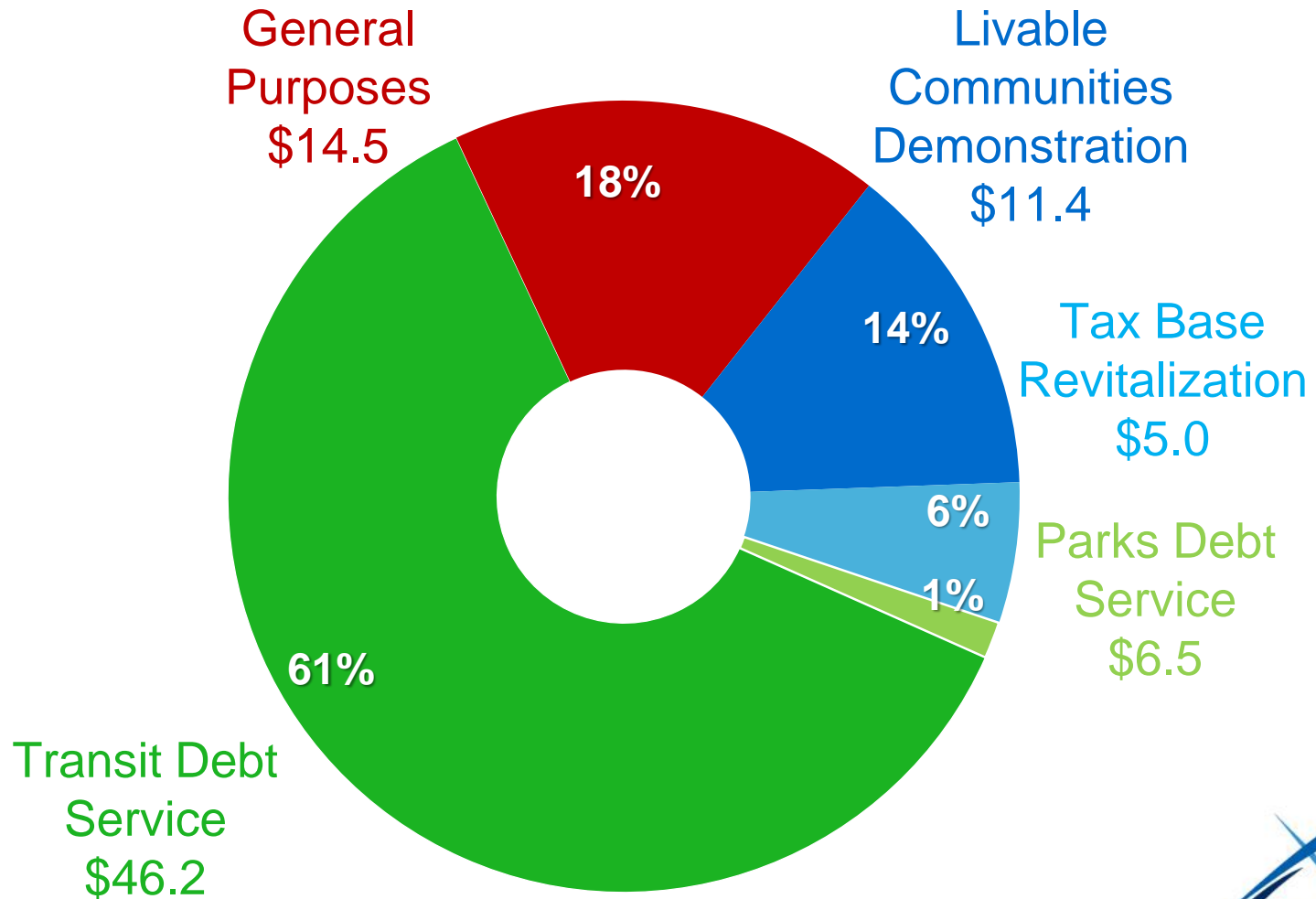
Funding Sources



Dollars in millions



Payable 2019 Property Tax Levy - \$87M

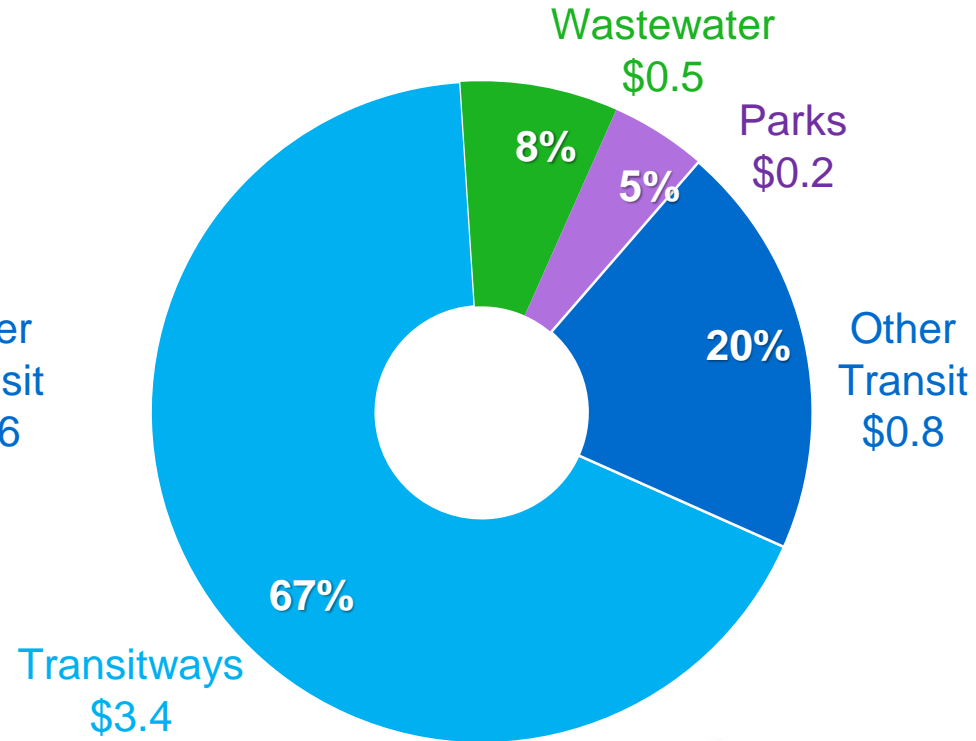
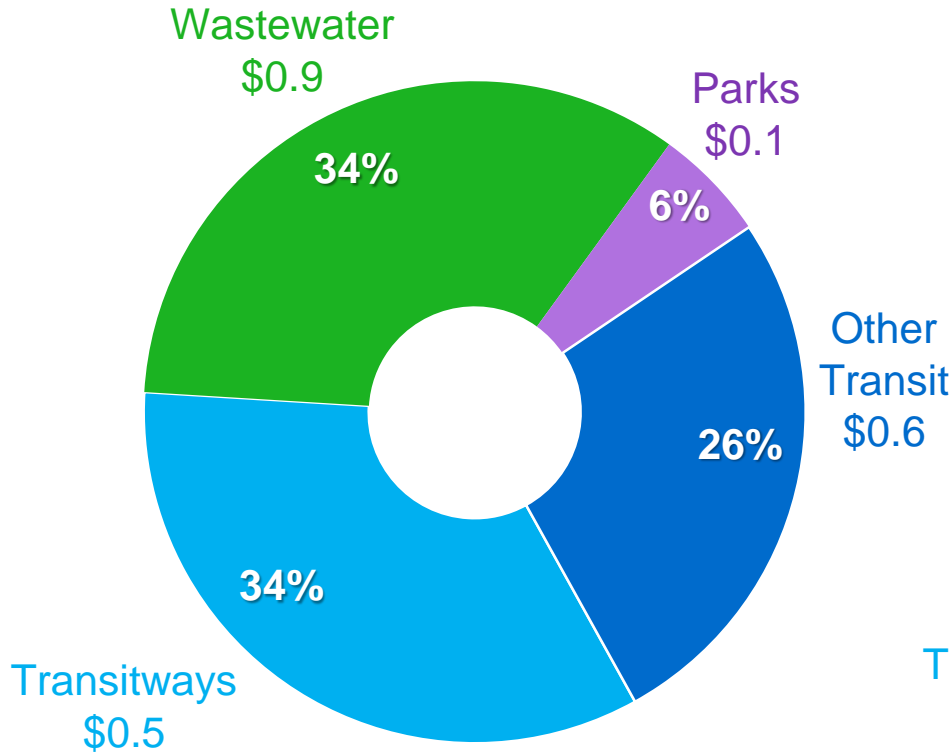


Dollars in millions

2019 Capital Program - \$7.56B

Authorized Capital Program
- \$2.88B

6-Yr Capital Improvement Plan -
\$4.68B



Dollars in billions



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