

Metro Cities Comprehensive Planning Workshops

Minnesota Design Center (*previously Metropolitan Design Center*)

March 2016, Proposed Outline for Potential Host Cities

Workshop Structure/Location

Workshops would be offered in half day morning formats, depending on scheduling about 9 am – 12 pm.

The first hour will involve informational presentations by experts in each field area, followed by introductions among participants and their moving into smaller groups for discussion of challenges and opportunities in their communities related to the topic of the workshop. We will utilize design-thinking methods to help the groups think in new ways about these issues and to develop innovative solutions that the groups will share with the whole group at the end of the morning. The goal of each workshop is to have the participants learn about the newest ideas and best solutions in each of these areas from around the world and leave the workshop with directly relevant and immediately actionable steps to take as part of the comp-plan process.

Workshop Frequency

In order to benefit the comp plan process, we will offer four workshops in the Spring of 2016 and at least three more in Fall 2016. During each season, each workshop will be offered one week apart.

Topics

See attached document for our list of proposed workshops.

Host Cities

Host cities provide meeting space for the workshops to take place. These could be community rooms, council chambers, or other spaces that can accommodate between 40-50 attendees. Host cities would be waived the \$75 fee for attending the workshop in their city.

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