Message and Strategy for 2019

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New Gov, New House, New Friends!

- Significant new staff in administration
- Now through early part of session (February) will be spent introducing CGMC to administration
- Outreach has already started
- Engage with Metro House Leadership
- Engage with metro legislators, especially Mpls and St. Paul who are most likely to support LGA
Can’t Forget Old Friends

• GOP still in control of Senate and will have much to say about outcomes
• 34-33 means that we need to outreach to rural members of BOTH parties
• Senate GOP will likely be against much of Walz/DFL agenda
  – MN Care buy-in
  – Gas tax
CGMC Priorities May Represent Policy Sweet Spot

• LGA, Rural Economic Development, and Water Infrastructure hold promise as spots of agreement between legislative bodies and Governor

• ...If parties don’t let disagreement on other things get in the way.
Messages for Legislators

• Tax bill must include LGA
• Water infrastructure must be a priority
• Pass a comprehensive transportation package that does not endanger the General Fund
• Child care crisis can’t wait
Action Items for Cities

- Your engagement is critical!
- Communicate with your legislators about CGMC priorities
  - LGA increase of $30.5M
  - Bonding bill with $128M for clean water infrastructure
  - Permanent funding for city streets
  - Child care
- Pass LGA resolution ASAP!
- Plan on coming to Legislative Action Day on Jan. 30 in St. Paul
Final Thoughts

• Exciting time
• Lot’s of possibilities and opportunities for Greater Minnesota
• BUT ONLY IF WE ARE ON OUR GAME!
Between now and the beginning of session, you will:

A. Meet with you legislators about CGMC priorities
B. Chat with your legislators about CGMC priorities
C. Discuss CGMC priorities with your legislators
D. All of the above
Questions and Discussion