2026 CGMC TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID (LGA) & TAXES

- Protect the current LGA appropriation
- Allow cities to authorize their own local sales tax (LST) under certain circumstances

WATER & WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

- $200M in total funding for Public Facilities Authority (PFA) programs to support water & wastewater infrastructure
- $250M for lead service line replacement

CHILD CARE

- $20M in bonding for the Greater MN Child Care Facilities Grant Program
- Advocate to increase funding for the DEED Child Care Economic Development grants

HOUSING

- Advocate for $20 million for the Greater MN Housing Infrastructure Grants Program for FY26-27 & ongoing
- Eliminate income restriction for housing Tax Increment Finance (TIF) for Greater MN
- Oppose one-size-fits-all zoning & land use mandates on cities
- Ensure usability of MN Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) grant programs for Greater MN

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Invest in the Greater MN Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI) Program
  - $20M in general obligation bonds
  - Protect $2.5M in annual general fund appropriations

TRANSPORTATION

- Support an infusion of $400M in trunk highway bonds into the Corridors of Commerce program to address safety needs of highway travel in Greater MN
- Support funding for the Local Road Improvement Program & the Local Bridge Replacement Program
- Support policies to speed up the phase-in of ongoing funding for small city streets
- Restore funding to the HUTDF with the dedication of revenue from sales tax on auto parts

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

- Support ongoing funding for the new EMS Operating Deficit Grant Program
- Support state policy changes that work toward workforce retention & recruitment improvements in Greater MN

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