



## Update notification to the MetroGIS Policy Board in lieu of meeting on April 23, 2014

Greetings Policy Board Members and Alternates,

This email serves as a brief update on MetroGIS projects and a notice that **we will not convene** the Policy Board on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 as scheduled.

At its March 27 meeting, the MetroGIS Coordinating Committee did not identify any fiscal or policy matters requiring the Policy Board to convene.

### **MetroGIS Summary Updates:**

**Free and Open Public Geospatial Data:** I am pleased to announce that based on your recommendation from last October, four of the Seven Metropolitan County Boards have passed resolutions supporting free and open public geospatial data.

- Ramsey County and Hennepin County adopted their resolution on February 11, 2014
- Dakota County adopted its resolution on March 25, 2014
- Carver County adopted its resolution on April 1, 2014

Anoka County is set to review and act upon the issue at its upcoming County Board meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

Many thanks to all of you involved in, and committed to, this important step in expanding data availability and public service!

### **Project Updates.**

**Website:** The new MetroGIS website is very near completion. Live deployment is anticipated in early May. Thank you for your patience.

**Regional Address Points Data:** Significant advances have been made with version 2.0 of the Address Editor Tool deploying in April 2014. The tool is in full production in Dakota County, is being tested in Ramsey and Carver counties, being installed in Anoka and is under review and consideration in Hennepin, Scott and Washington counties. Dakota County's address point data is now being distributed on the MetroGIS DataFinder web site.

**Road Centerline Data:** The Statewide Centerline Initiative is currently focused on MnDOT converting its existing systems to a more readily available data model. The Seven Metropolitan Counties and Metropolitan Emergency Services Board with support from MetroGIS and the Metropolitan Council are set to convene in May to fully document their core business needs for the data.

**Geospatial Commons:** The forthcoming statewide data clearing house is in development. A viewable evaluation version of the site is viewable here: <http://gisdata.mn.gov/>

**Working with partners bordering the Metro:** Through summer and fall of 2014, a series of meetings are anticipated with GIS partners that border the metro (including Wisconsin) to build relationships, share information and find areas of common interest.

**Stormsewer Dataset Project Research:** Interest in a regional stormsewer dataset solution continues to grow. Through 2014, we anticipate documentation of business needs from interested partners and developing a more complete understanding of the regulatory and permitting authorities which govern stormwater in Minnesota.

As always, your continued interest in MetroGIS is appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,  
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