

Greetings Policy Board Members and Alternates,

Our next Policy Board meeting was scheduled for **Wednesday, July 23, 2014**. We **will not convene** the Policy Board this week; this notice is provided in lieu of that meeting.



Brief MetroGIS Updates:

The **Geospatial Commons**, a statewide clearinghouse for geospatial data, is rapidly coming into view. An early version of the new data clearing house can be viewed here: <http://gisdata.mn.gov>

This resource will enable geospatial professionals quickly and accurately acquire the data they need. MetroGIS and its stakeholder partners are in enthusiastic support of this emerging resource.

Work on the **Metro Regional Centerline Collaborative** has begun in earnest. This effort—led by Hennepin County—is working to document and collect the shared needs and business case for a shared metro road dataset among the Seven Metropolitan Counties. The Metropolitan Council and Metro Emergency Services Board are involved as advisory contributors. This effort is running as a local compliment to the Statewide Centerline Initiative, begun in 2012.

The **Metro Address Points Project** is proud to announce the two metro counties (Dakota and Ramsey) have deployed the MetroGIS Address Point Editor tool to complete their county's address point data layer and will make them available on DataFinder. Other metro counties are in process with developing the address points dataset.

The **new MetroGIS website** is ready for launch and will be launched pending final cyber-security testing to be performed by Metropolitan Council Information Services staff. A notice will be sent when the new site is available.

Metro and state partners have also begun discussions and planning on **jointly acquiring aerial imagery in 2016 to save money and eliminate duplicative effort.**

Awards:

MetroGIS has just received notice that it has received a **State Government Innovation (SGI) Award** for its Free and Open Public Geospatial Data Initiative from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota in partnership with the Bush Foundation.

This award is directly attributed to you as policy makers and your staff's many hours of research, deliberation, commitment and action toward making geospatial data more widely available to the citizens of Minnesota. Well done and well deserved to all involved with MetroGIS! Award details are here: http://www.hhh.umn.edu/news_events/PressReleases/SGIA_2014.html

As always, I am available if you have questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued interest and participation in MetroGIS.

Respectfully,
Geoff