

## Legislative Tour Stops

Thursday, February 19 <sup>th</sup>			
<b>Mankato, 6:00PM</b> Mankato Intergovernmental Center- Mankato River Room 10 Civic Center Plaza	<b>Rochester, 6:00PM</b> Rochester Community and Technical College Heintz Center Commons 1926 Collegeview Road SE <b>Note: This is an address correction.</b>	<b>St Cloud, 6:00PM</b> St. Cloud City Hall- Council Chambers 400-2nd Street South	<b>Willmar, 6:00PM</b> Kennedy Elementary School 824- 7th Street W

Friday, February 20 <sup>th</sup>			
<b>Albert Lea, 10:00AM</b> Albert Lea City Hall Council Chambers 221 E. Clark Street	<b>Winona, 3:30PM</b> Winona City Hall- Council Chambers 207 Lafayette	<b>Marshall, 2:30PM</b> Southwest State Lecture Hall 1501 State Street	<b>Bemidji, 3:30PM</b> Bemidji State University- American Indian Resource Center Gathering Place 1620 Birchmont Drive
<b>Worthington, 10:30AM</b> Worthington City Hall Council Chambers 303 Ninth Street	<b>Little Falls, 9:30AM</b> Morrison County Government Center- Garden Level Meeting Room 213 -1st Avenue SE	<b>Alexandria, 4:00PM</b> <b>Note: This is a time Change</b> Alexandria City Hall 704 Broadway	<b>Moorhead, 12:30PM</b> Senate Tax Committee Minnesota State University Moorhead- Comstock Union 1104 - 7th Avenue S.
<b>Duluth, 9:30AM</b> Duluth City Hall-Council Chambers 411 W 1st Street	<b>Virginia, 1:30PM</b> Mesabi Range Community and Technical College- small auditorium 1001 Chestnut Street W.	<b>Brainerd, 10:30AM</b> Washington Educational Services Building- Board Room 804 Oak Street	

Metro Stops			
<b>Woodbury</b> Monday, Feb. 23 6:00 p.m. Central Park Amphitheater, 8595 Central Park Place	<b>Bloomington</b> Tuesday, Feb. 24 7:00 p.m. Bloomington City Hall, 1800 W Old Shakopee Rd	<b>Minneapolis</b> Tuesday, Feb. 24 6:00 p.m. Minneapolis Park Board, 2117 West River Road	<b>Burnsville</b> Wednesday, Feb. 25 7:30 p.m. Fairview Ridges Hospital, 201 E. Nicollet Blvd
<b>White Bear Lake</b> Wednesday, Feb. 25 6:30 p.m. White Bear Lake High School - South Campus, 3551 McKnight Rd N	<b>St. Paul</b> Thursday, Feb. 26 6:00 p.m. West Minnehaha Rec Center in Frogtown, 685 Minnehaha Ave W	<b>Plymouth</b> Thursday, Feb. 26 7:00 p.m. Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd.	<b>Coon Rapids</b> Thursday, Feb. 26 7:00 p.m. Coon Rapids City Hall, 11155 Robinson Drive
<b>Forest Lake</b> Thursday, Feb. 26 6:30 p.m. Forest Lake City Hall 220 N. Lake Street			

## Talking Points

It is critical that your city speak up about the governor's proposed LGA cuts at these four stops. Legislators need to hear from you about the real impact these cuts would have on your ability to provide services, keep public workers employed, and ensure property taxes are affordable to your residents. CGMC has prepared the following talking points for you to use when speaking with legislators.

- 1. Cutting LGA will result in thousands of job losses across the state.** In order to balance budgets, many cities will have to cut services and lay off public employees. Because many cities will be delaying projects, private contractors will also lose work. Cities highly value their employees, and layoffs are always a last resort; however, the governor's proposed LGA cuts are too severe and, in many cases, layoffs are unavoidable.
- 2. Cutting LGA is a backhanded property tax increase from a "no new taxes" governor.** Cities will be unable to provide the current level and quality of services to residents without increasing levies. The purpose of the LGA program is to protect residents in all cities from huge spikes in property taxes; cutting LGA will unequally increase property taxes across the state, making some cities less affordable than others.
- 3. The governor's proposed LGA cuts WILL affect our city.** Provide specific examples of equivalent service cuts and possible service cuts. For an equivalent service cut, take your city's proposed LGA cut and compare it to an equivalent expenditure (i.e. "our cut equals closing all city parks"). For possible cuts, describe the actual actions your city is considering for making up the lost funds (i.e. freezing wages, reducing staff, closing library, etc).