

2014 Budget & Levy

Proposed



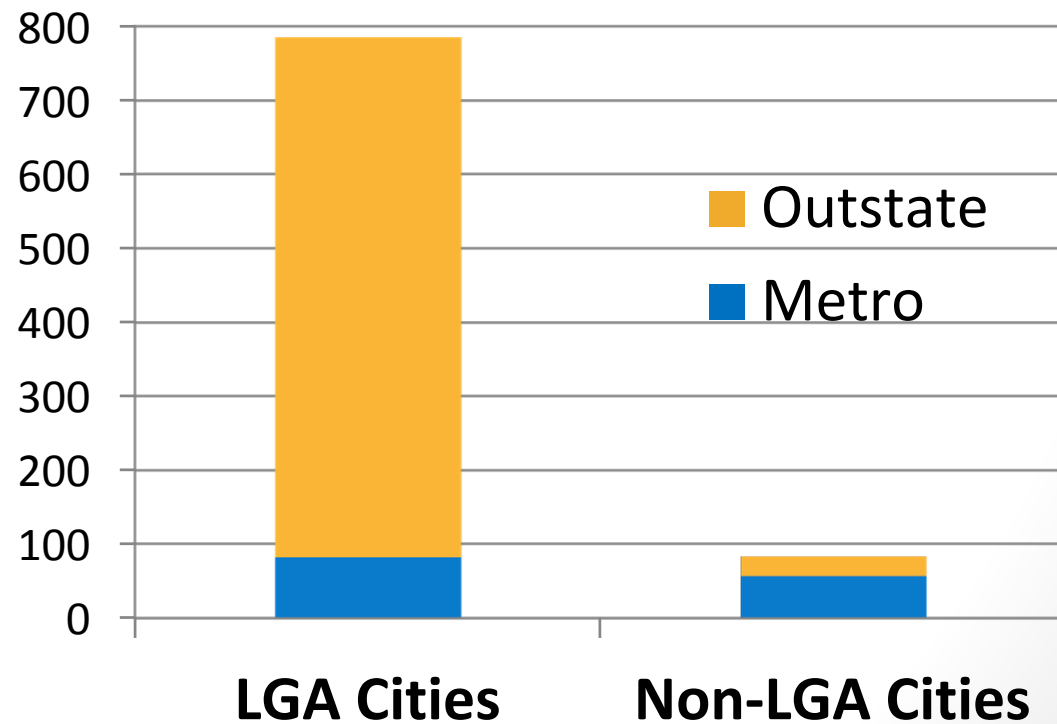
Strategic Objectives

- ✓ Ensure position of fiscal responsibility
- ✓ Preserve standards of excellence
- ✓ Encourage innovative & creative thinking

External Impacts

Minnetonka does **not** qualify for **Local Government Aid**.

*Only 83 of the 868 MN cities will **not** receive LGA in 2014.*

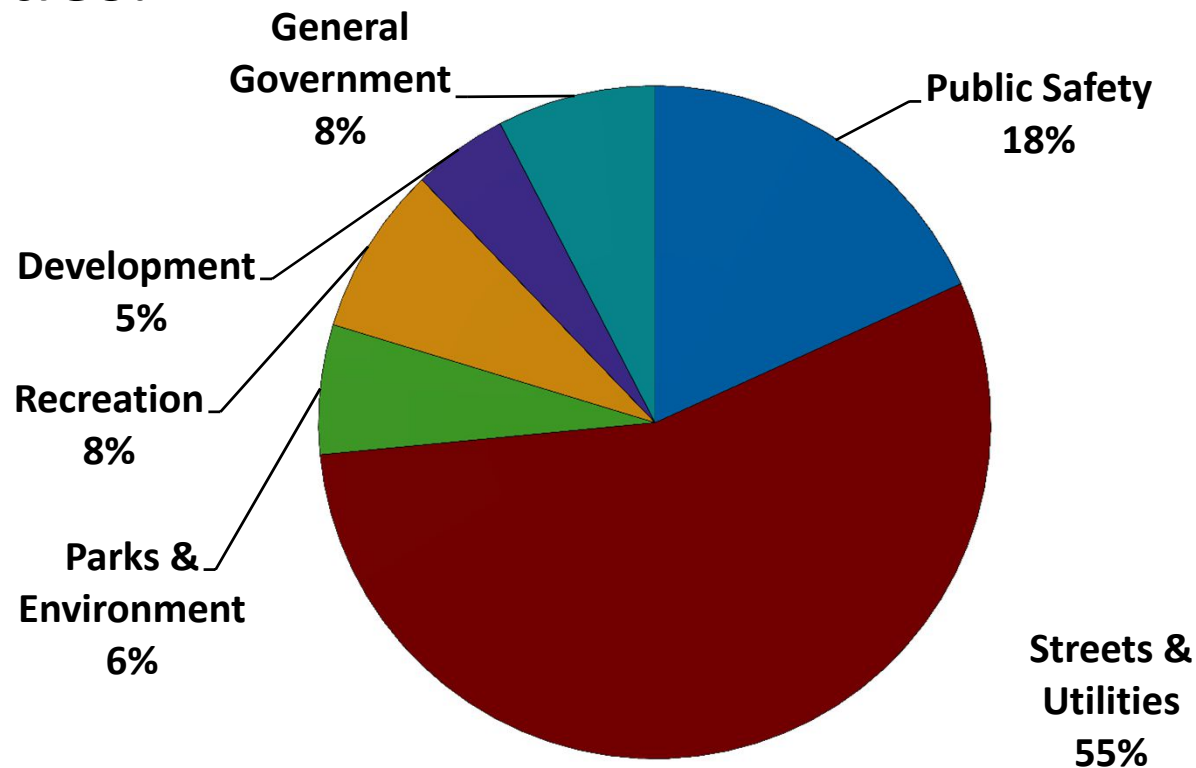


External Impacts

- ✓ Reinstatement of **sales tax exemption** for most local government purchases in 2014
 - Savings reduces levy increase needed.
- ✓ Proposed 2.87% city levy increase is below **state levy cap**.

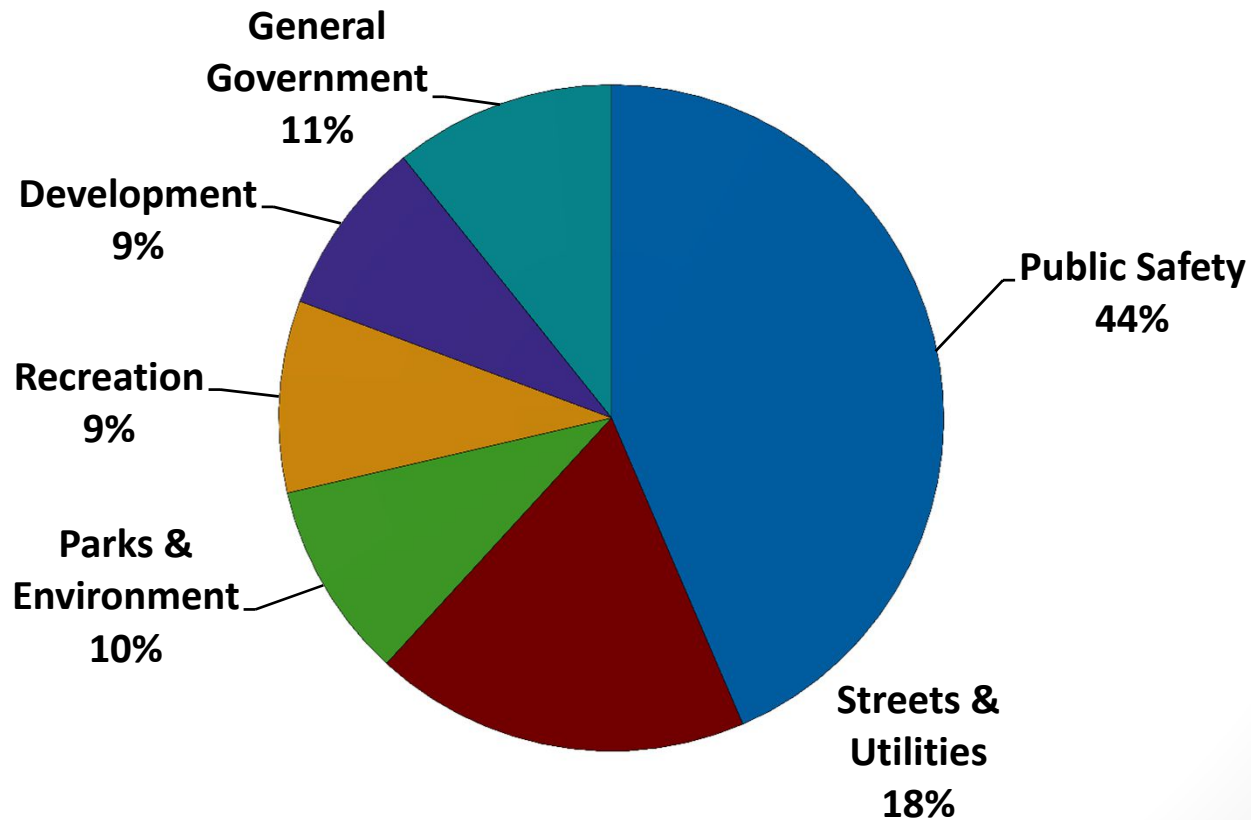
2014 Budget – All Funds

Public Works is largest share of expenses due to capital investment in streets and utilities.



2014 General Fund Budget

Reflects community's top priorities of **public safety**, **streets**, and **natural resources**.



Public Safety

- ✓ **New fire chief and new city attorney**
- ✓ **Police and firefighter pensions PERA contributions (employer and employee) and POC deferred compensation contributions**



Streets & Utilities

- ✓ Sparrow Road, I-394 Ridgedale on-ramp, Shady Oak Road (Hwy 7 to Excelsior Blvd), Co. Road 101 (Mtkka Blvd to Hwy 12)
- ✓ Water and sewer system infrastructures



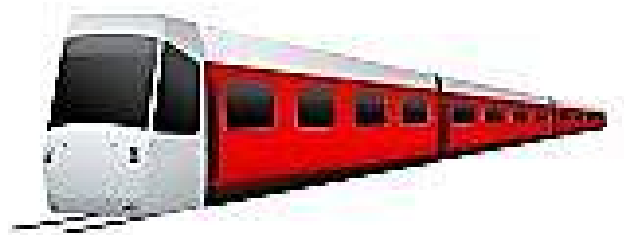
Parks, Recreation & Environment

- ✓ **Maintenance of streetscapes & parks**
- ✓ **Emerald Ash Borer Program**
- ✓ **Recycling programs balanced finances**



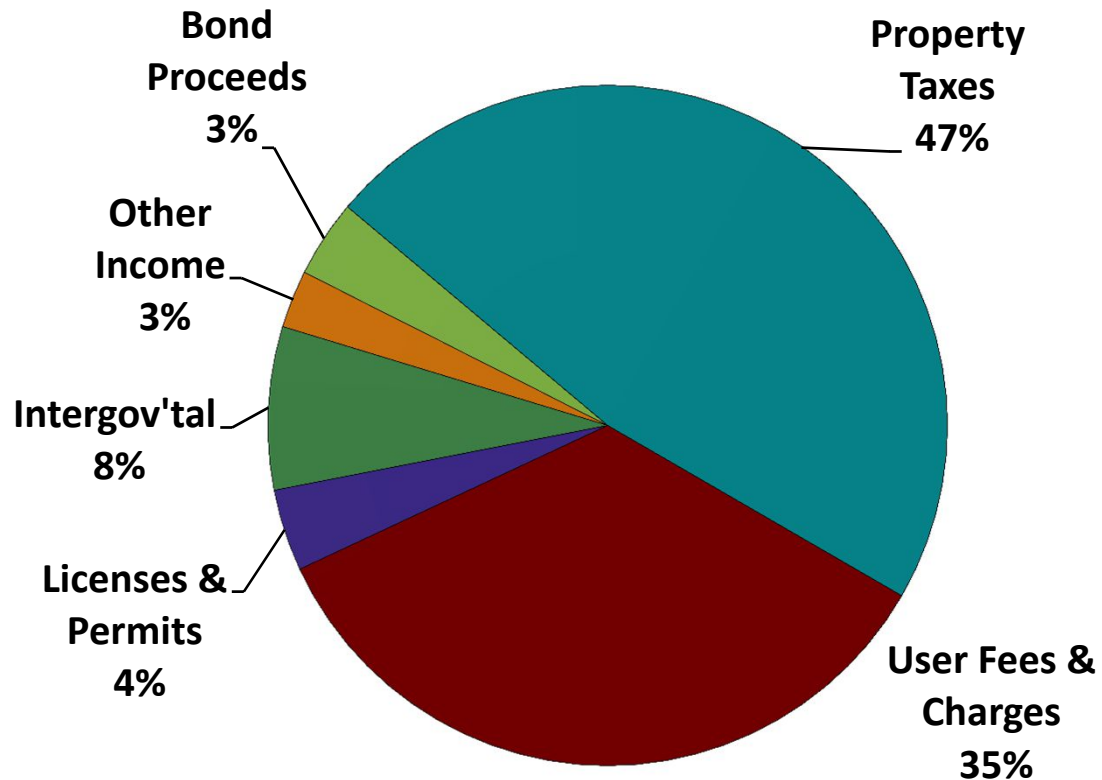
Development

- ✓ Village center study ☐ Shady Oak SWLRT station
- ✓ HRA levy flat



2014 Revenue – All Sources

Property taxes and **fees** support most services.

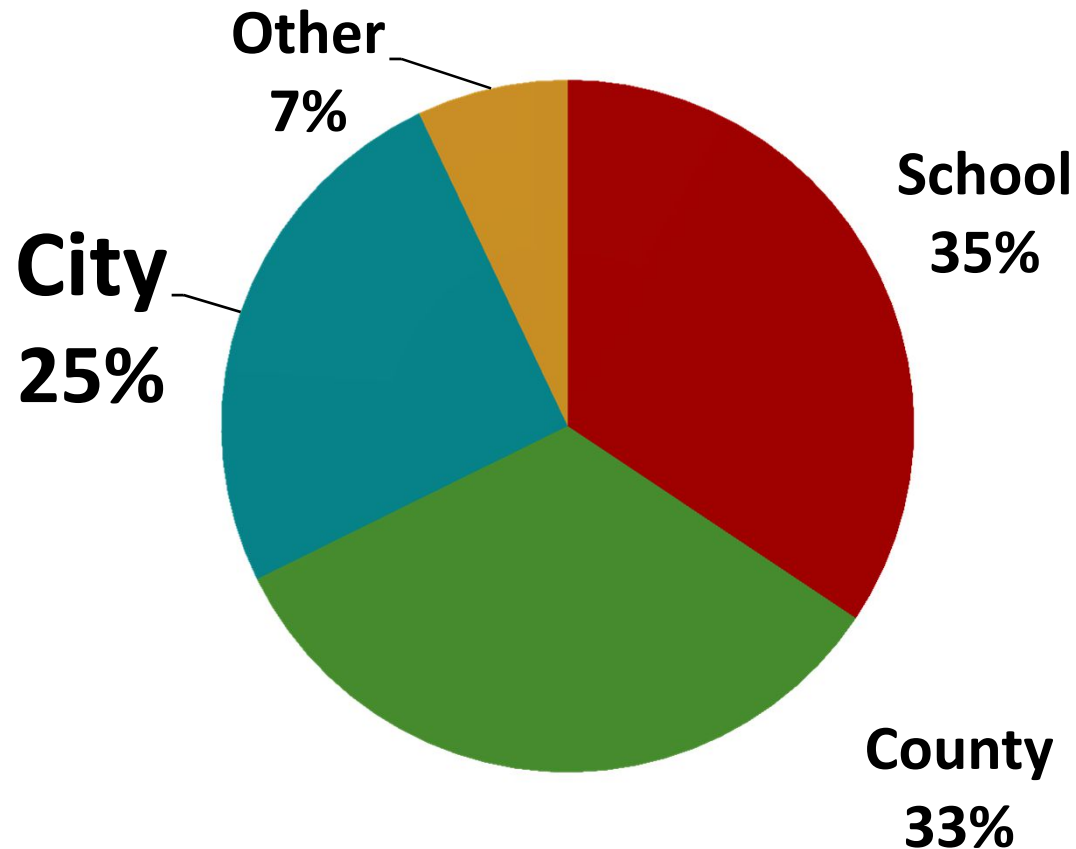


2014 Levy

| Property Taxes (000\$) | 2013 | 2014 | <i>Change</i> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Operating & Capital Levies | \$29,926 | \$30,825 | |
| Park Bond Referendum | 1,064 | 1,054 | |
| <i>Total City Levy</i> | <i>\$30,990</i> | <i>\$31,879</i> | <i>2.87%</i> |
| EDA HRA Levy | 175 | 175 | |

Property Taxes

City is 1/4 of total property tax bill.



Property Tax Refund Programs

- ✓ Homeowners with incomes less than \$103,730
- ✓ Renters with incomes less than \$56,220
- ✓ Special refund for increases greater than 12%
- ✓ *Contact: MN Department of Revenue*



Other Property Tax Assistance

- ✓ Senior citizen tax deferral ☐ Incomes less than \$60,000

MN Department of Revenue

- ✓ Foreclosure prevention counseling

Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin County

2014 Proposed Levy

- ✓ Proposed increase of 2.87% below state levy cap
- ✓ Responsibly balances **reasonable costs** with ensuring **quality of services**
- ✓ Consistent with city's traditional stewardship for **long-term** fiscal strength
 - Aaa bond rating, GFOA Excellence Award



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Where quality is our nature

