

REGIONAL COUNCIL OF MAYORS

The nationally recognized Regional Council of Mayors (RCM) was formed in 2004 as a voluntary opportunity for regional mayors to convene and focus on issues of regional significance. The RCM provides a nonpartisan platform for networking, learning, collaboration, and action that supports the region's overall economic competitiveness, prosperity and quality of life. The RCM forms initiative advisory committees to catalyze action strategies focused on relevant and timely issues, e.g., housing, environment, transportation, jobs, healthy communities. The RCM is supported by the Urban Land Institute Minnesota (ULI MN).

Meetings: RCM meetings are held the second Monday of each month, hosted by Dorsey & Whitney, located at 50 South 6th Street, Suite 1500, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Mayors are encouraged to participate on a consistent basis.

Governance: The RCM operates without a formal legal structure. It is guided by two co-chairs who serve two year, staggered terms. A RCM Executive Committee, (current and former chairs and the ULI MN Executive Director), set agendas and recommend leadership positions. Initiative advisory committees are co-chaired by a mayor and a private sector leader. Initiative committee terms are open ended.

Financial Support: There are no dues. The RCM is supported by contributions from Target, BlueCross and BlueShield MN and the Family Housing Fund; parking, lunch and staff support are provided. RCM mayors are encouraged to join ULI as individual members or under the public agency program.

Actions: The RCM, as an informal organization, will not take actions that obligate or act on behalf of participating mayors or their city. From time to time, Mayors and/or their cities will lend their support on matters of regional significance, which have been vetted by the RCM, through resolutions, testimony or letters.