



Mayor Coleman's 2010 Budget: Reforming Government, Making Tough Choices, Investing in Saint Paul's Future

2010 Budget in Brief

Background

- Unallotment and significant cuts to Local Government Aid continue to challenge Saint Paul, contributing to a nearly \$12 million shortfall in the budget next year and adding to more than \$144 million in lost money since 2003.
- Mayor Coleman continues to focus on reforming government, making tough choices, providing residents with better service at a better price, and balancing the budget without shifting the burden of debt to future generations.
- Saint Paul is undergoing a top-to-bottom reform of the way the City does business, generating projected savings of more than \$5 million annually.
- Saint Paul will continue to build upon its assets and invest in the future to attract new jobs to the region and move development of the Central Corridor forward.

2010 Budget Planning: Financial Stability

- Reduces spending and proposes a smaller General Fund budget than 2009.
- Absorbs nearly \$12 million in unallotted Local Government Aid.
- Creates a smaller City government for 2010 compared to 2009.
- Maintains structural balance and compliance with City fund balance policy.
- Reduces spending on backroom operations for the Saint Paul Public Library by a third.
- Acknowledges cost of services and how to pay for them.
 - Smallest levy increase in four years, compensating for only half of unallotted LGA.
 - Less than 7% increase in right-of-way assessments and water and sewer service rates.

2010 Budget Planning: Wise Investments

Safe streets, safe neighborhoods

- Leverages funds from President Obama's Recovery Act to add 34 officers, maintaining a force of 610 sworn officers in the Saint Paul Police Department.
- Maintains our commitment to community policing, including addressing domestic violence issues and providing victims a simplified path for escaping abusive households.
- Through the federal SAFER grant, brings 18 new fire fighters to the Saint Paul Fire Department.
- Creates the third of three planned "super medic" Emergency Medical Service units.



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Investing in children, families, neighborhoods

- Invests \$8 million of Invest Saint Paul funds to build a combined recreation center and library at Payne and Maryland avenues.
- Keeps all libraries – including Hamline Midway Library – open and gives Saint Paul residents access seven days a week.
- Invests in the creation of quality fields to replace Front, Sylvan and Prosperity recreation centers.
- Opens Baker, Griggs, Margaret, South St. Anthony, and Wilder recreation centers for reprogramming by community partners, following the models established by Desnoyer Park, St. Clair, and Orchard recreation centers.

2010 Budget Planning: Strong Management

Modernizing City operations, reforming the way the City does business from top to bottom

- Begins the 3-year implementation of COMET – City Operations, Modernization, and Enterprise Transformation – to upgrade and improve Saint Paul's backroom operations.
- Brings efficiency to City operations for \$5 million annual savings by 2012.
- Builds on management and process innovations – Department of Safety and Inspections, Department of Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity, Fire Department audit, Police Department assessment.

Maintaining, investing in City infrastructure

- Invests in critical streetscape improvements and parking mitigation along the Central Corridor.
- Follows the recommendation of the Capital Improvement Board to designate capital funds to fix roofs and sidewalks, fill potholes, renew play equipment and resurface tennis courts.

Sustainable Saint Paul

- Works with our energy, neighborhood, county, and state partners along with Minneapolis to reduce our carbon footprint along the Central Corridor.
- Builds on the \$1 million investment in the City's Energy Conservation Investment Fund to reduce energy consumption in City-owned buildings.
- Welcomes the addition of electric cars into the City's fleet through a partnership with Ford Motor Company.