

Regional Policy Conference

“New Federal Role for the Urban/Regional Agenda and Implications for the Twin Cities Metro”

September 23, 2009

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Humphrey Center

University of Minnesota

Morning Agenda

8:00 am **Registration and continental breakfast**

8:30 am **Welcome** —Cowles Auditorium

J. Brian Atwood, Dean, HHH Institute of Public Affairs

8:35 am **Today’s regional discussion**

Peter Bell, Chair, Metropolitan Council

8:45 am **“What Comes Next for our Metro Nation: The New Forces Driving Regionalism”**

Keynote address

Bruce Katz, Director, Metropolitan Policy Program, The Brookings Institution

9:45 am **Audience questions and reactions**

10:15 am **Morning break**

10:30 am **“Next steps for regionalism: What fits the Twin Cities Greater Metro Area?”**

Reactor panel and keynote speaker dialogue

- Jay Lindgren, Dorsey & Whitney
- Mary Bujold, President, Maxfield Research, Inc.
- Jay Cowles, Member, Itasca Project ; President, Unity Avenue Associates

Facilitator—Peter Bell, Chair, Metropolitan Council

11:15 am **Audience questions and comments**

12:00 noon **Break**

12:15 pm **Buffet Luncheon** – Humphrey Center Atrium

 **Metropolitan Council**



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Afternoon Agenda

1:00 pm “Positioning the Twin Cities Region for Success”

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Panel discussion

- Bill Hargis, Mayor, City of Woodbury
- Art Rolnick, Senior Vice President and Director of Research,
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
- Jan Callison, Commissioner, Hennepin County Board
- Sean Kershaw, President, Citizens League

Facilitator—Annette Meeks, Chair, Transportation Committee,
Metropolitan Council

1:45 pm Audience questions and comments

2:15 pm Observations and Summary Comments

- Bruce Katz, Metropolitan Policy Program Director, The Brookings Institution
- J. Brian Atwood, Dean, HHH Institute of Public Affairs
- Lee Sheehy, Director, Region and Communities Program,
The McKnight Foundation
- Peter Bell, Chair, Metropolitan Council

3:00 pm Closing