

Metro Transit Police Work Group Update

Committee of the Whole
December 15, 2021



Topics For This Month's Update

- Overview of topics covered since November 17 Committee of the Whole
- Reminder of upcoming work plan items

Topics covered since November update

The Police Work Group met twice since the November COW Update

- November 19 meeting focused on **youth**
- December 3 meeting focused on **data, governance, and accountability**

Interactions with youth

During the November 17 Police Work Group meeting, the work group heard presentations on:

- 1. Refresher on Citizens League Youth Engagement**
- 2. Overview of MTPD Policies, Practices, Procedures, and Training related to Interactions with Youth**
 - Policies pertaining to interactions with youth
 - Juvenile investigations
 - Youth outreach
- 3. Overview of Metro Transit Student Pass Program, including how Metro Transit and Schools Address Student Safety and Security**
 - Student Pass Program Overview
 - Minneapolis Public Schools and Students' Perspectives on Security of Students Riding Transit

Data, governance, and accountability

During the December 3 Police Work Group meeting, MTPD and Metro Transit Strategic Initiatives staff presented on:

- Types of police data
- Police technology systems
- Key performance indicators
- Weekly Compstat reporting
- Relationships between goals and performance measures
- Considering equity/disparities

Recommending outcomes and identifying data

By February 28, 2022, the Metro Transit Police Review Work Group will report back to the full Metropolitan Council with recommended transit safety and security outcomes and strategies to achieve the outcomes.

The recommendations must also identify data and other information that Metro Transit will provide the Metropolitan Council as part of regular Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) updates that will begin in Q1 2022.

Once the Metropolitan Council accepts the recommendations, the adopted outcomes and strategies will serve as Metropolitan Council policy guidance for the Metro Transit Police Department.

Work Plan Check-In

Topics discussed to date towards developing recommendations

- Review of Citizens League Final Engagement Report (9/10)
- 21st Century Policing at MTPD – Presentation by Chief Frizell (9/23)
- Other transit agencies' law enforcement and public safety practices (9/23)
- Experiences and perspectives regarding public safety and police interactions (10/8)
- Reviewed plan to survey MTPD employees (10/8)
- Code of Conduct (10/15)
- Community partnerships and MTPD contracts with community-based organizations, with guests from A Mother's Love (10/15)
- Homeless Action Team update (10/15)
- Employee perspectives (11/5)
- MTPD interactions with youth (11/19)
- Metro Transit Student Pass Program and safety of students on transit (11/19)
- Police and safety data (12/3)

Plans for Upcoming Meetings

Dates reflect current work plan but will be adjusted as needed

- December 17 – Public comment opportunity
- December 31 to February 28 – Developing recommendations

Future COW Updates are scheduled for

- January 19, 2022
- February 16, 2022

Plan for December 17 Open Forum

Members of the public are invited to provide comments:

- Sign up at public.info@metc.state.mn.us to make comments during the meeting.
- Record a message at 651-602-1500 to be played during the meeting (time permitting).
- Email your comments to public.info@metc.state.mn.us to be shared with work group members.

Work Plan Check-In Questions

The following questions were posted to the work group on 12/3, and we would welcome thoughts from all Council Members:

- 1. Is there additional information about topics already covered in work group meetings that you need before developing recommendations?** (“topics already covered” = topics listed on slide 7, e.g., code of conduct, employee perspectives, youth, etc.)
- 2. Are there topics that were not part of the initial work plan that you want to cover before moving into developing recommendations or in the early stages of developing recommendations?**
- 3. What do you need from staff to support you as you prepare to develop recommendations?**



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