



Advisory Committee Open Positions Announcement

Transportation Advisory Board

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OPENINGS

There are four Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) community member openings with two-year terms beginning January 2025.

- District E (Council Districts 9 and 10)
- District F (Council Districts 11 and 12)
- District G (Council Districts 13 and 14)
- District H (Council Districts 15 and 16)

Use the [*find your district*](#) tool online to find your Met Council district.

ABOUT THE COMMITTEE

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) is a key participant in the region's transportation planning process. This board is where state, regional and local officials, transportation providers, and community members contribute to transportation planning and recommend projects for federal funding. The board:

- Provides a discussion forum for state, regional and local officials, transportation providers and community members.
- Reviews and comments on regional and statewide plans and documents produced by the Council and its partners.
- Solicits, evaluates and recommends to the Council local and regional projects to receive federal transportation funding, known as the Regional Solicitation.
- Recommends the region's Transportation Improvement Program, which includes all regional projects that have federal transportation funds being spent over the next four years.

WHO IS ON THE COMMITTEE?

The TAB has 34 members drawn from county and city elected officials, citizens, transportation providers, and representatives of state and regional agencies. The Metropolitan Council appoints 12 members – eight citizen members, two members representing public transit, one member representing non-motorized transportation, and one member of the Metropolitan Council.

IMAGINE YOURSELF IN THIS ROLE

You would give advice and input on new initiatives, policies, or programs. You would learn about a broad range of topics, because transportation and planning relate to so many issues. You would comment on presentations and discuss topics in depth. You would influence projects

or policies and help decide what type of subjects come before the Committee. You would act as a sounding board for the Council and may make recommendations to the Council.

Note: TAB members are “[local officials](#)” under Minnesota law. After appointment, members are required to file economic interest statements with the Metropolitan Council that disclose sources of compensation and certain assets. Economic interest statements are public data. [Learn more here](#).

MEETING INFORMATION

Frequency: Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month, 12:30-3:00 pm. in downtown St. Paul

Location: Downtown St. Paul at the Metropolitan Council, 390 Robert Street North.

Approximate time commitment annually: The Transportation Advisory Board usually meets every month and meetings last up to two hours and half hours. There is a prep meeting for Council appointed members prior to each monthly meeting. Board members usually spend a few hours reviewing materials in advance of the monthly meeting.

BENEFITS

Serving on this Board is a volunteer role without compensation. Members are reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties including transit fare or local parking and mileage for meetings.

You would expand your network by working with elected officials and others interested in transportation and planning. You would further your professional development by volunteering on an advisory committee at the Council. You could gain new experience in public service or build on your previous experiences. You would address challenges and contribute to effective regional planning. You would share perspectives from different parts of the region.

WHAT WE DO AT THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

The Council provides the following services for the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan region:

- **Plans for Future Growth of the Region:** As the Metropolitan Planning Organization the Council plans for future growth and makes strategic, efficient public investments to support the region’s high quality of life and economic competitiveness.
- **Operates Metro Transit:** Every day, Metro Transit serves bus and rail passengers with award-winning, energy-efficient fleets (nearly 85 million in 2014 or nearly 90% of all regional transit rides). These strategic investments support a growing network of bus and rail transitways, and transit-oriented development.
- **Collects and Treats Wastewater:** This region collects and treats wastewater at rates 40% lower than peer regions, while winning national awards for excellence.
- **Protects and Monitors Clean Water:** The Council works to ensure adequate clean water for the future through water supply planning and lake and river monitoring programs.
- **Develops Regional Parks and Trails:** The Council plans and develops a world-class regional parks and trails system made up of more than 50 parks and park reserves and more than 340 miles of interconnected trails.
- **Provides Affordable Housing:** The Council creates and supports affordable housing opportunities throughout the region by providing affordable housing for 6,500 families in

100 communities through the Metro Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) and establishing regional housing policies and planning.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete and submit an online application to join the Transportation Advisory Board on the Metropolitan Council website by the priority deadline **Friday, December 13, 2024.**

Applicants can expect the following steps in the recruitment process:

1. Applicant completes and submits [application online](#).
2. Selection Committee reviews your application.
3. Selected candidates will be invited to a structured panel interview in December 2024 or January 2025.
4. Recommendations are made to the Metropolitan Council Chair.
5. Committee members will be appointed by the Metropolitan Council in January or February 2025.
6. Submit [Statement of Economic Interest](#) to Metropolitan Council after appointment.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about the board or the application process, please contact the following Metropolitan Council staff:

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OTHER RESOURCES

Board materials and more information are available on the [Transportation Advisory Board](#) on the Metropolitan Council website. There you may find the Board's meeting minutes, agendas and member roster.