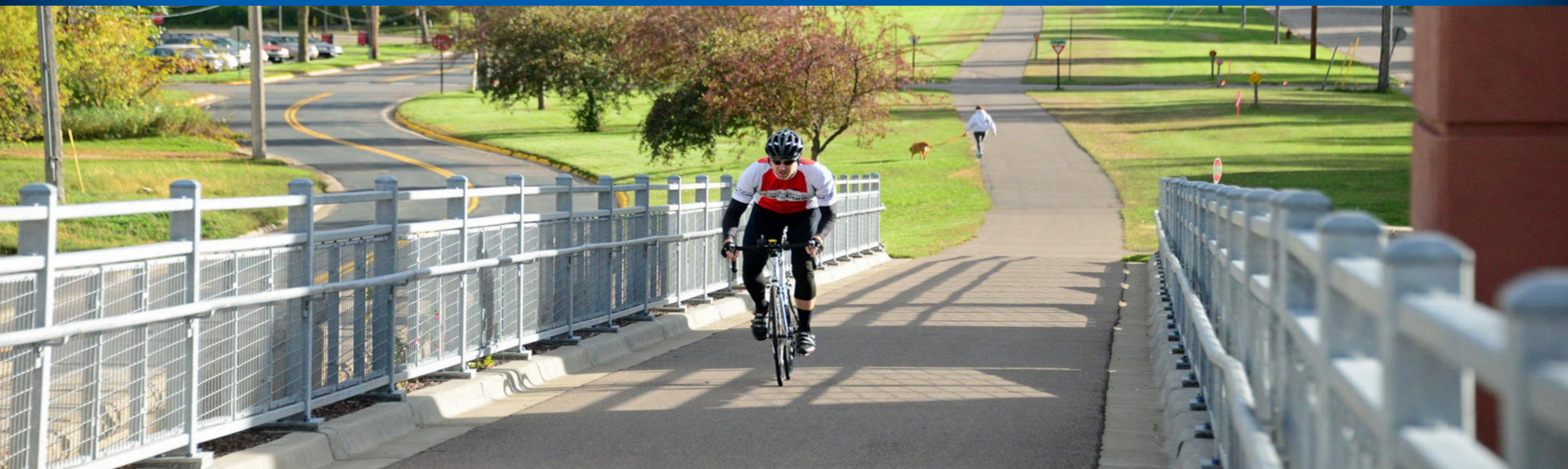


Advisory Committee Policy and Procedure



DATE: 7.18.17

Presenting to: Equity Advisory Committee (EAC)



What We'll Cover

I. Background of project

II. Types of advisory bodies

III. Process

IV. Focus areas

V. Questions/ideas/feedback

Questions to the Committee:

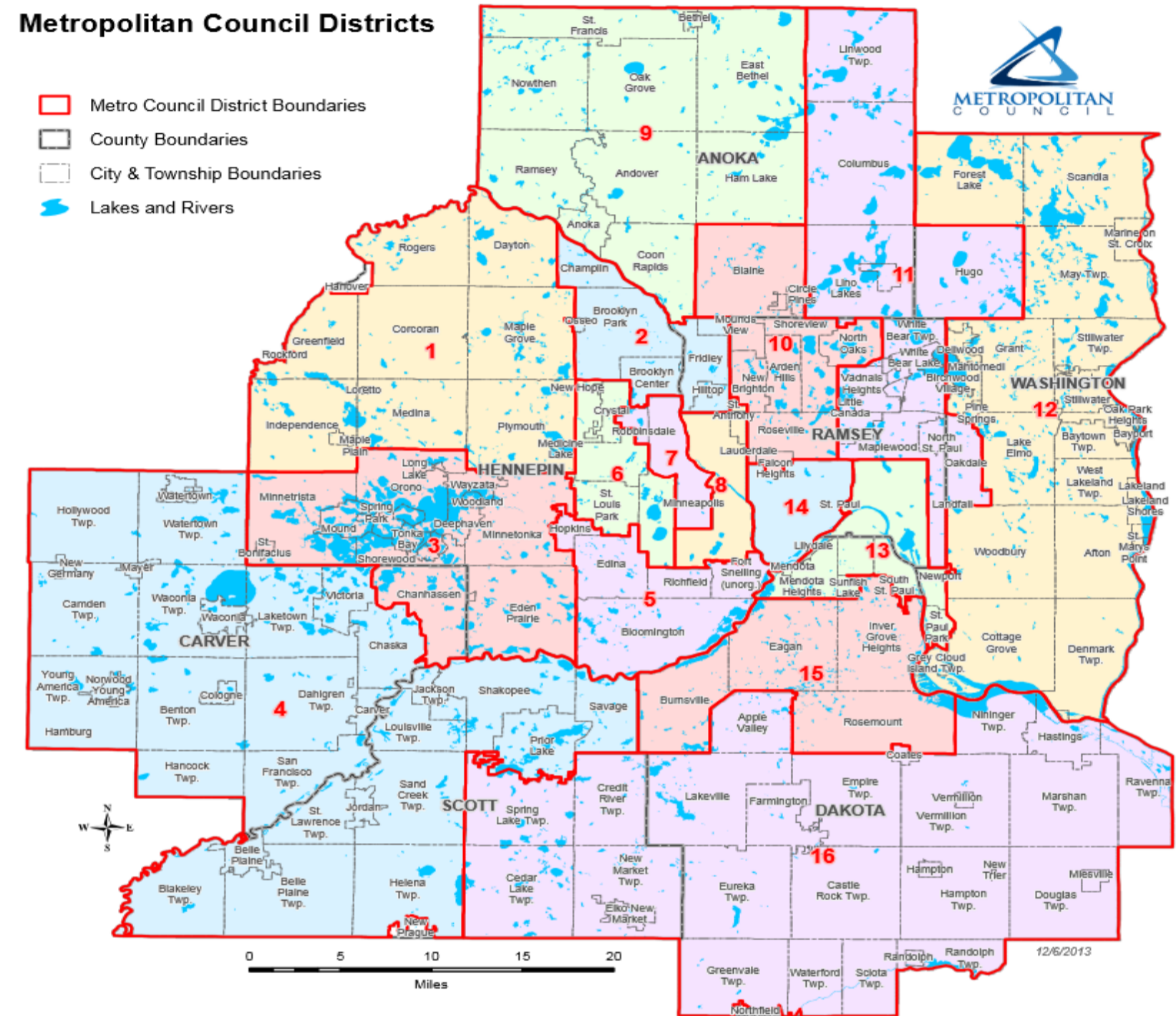
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- What practices do you see facilitating more equitable outcomes in advisory committees?

Project Background

- 2014 Thrive Equity Working Group
- Staff turnover and loss of institutional knowledge
- Need for consistent and transparent process
- Document existing conditions and stakeholder engagement

Advisors to the Council

- Committees, work groups and task forces
- Citizen members as well as public officials, agency representatives and subject matter experts



Policy Making Route



Types of advisory groups

Advisory Committee

Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC)
Metropolitan Parks & Open Space Commission (MPOSC)
Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)
Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC)
Equity Advisory Committee (EAC)

Task Force

Inflow and Infiltration Task Force
Sewer Access Charge (SAC) Task Force
Wastewater Reuse Policy Task Force

CMC/CAC/ BAC

Corridor Management Committee (CMC)
Business Advisory Committee (BAC)
Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC)

Purpose: Advises the Metropolitan Council from the perspective of people with disabilities

- Metro Transit
- Paratransit (Metro Mobility)
- Plans and Policies

Membership: 16 members - a chair appointed by the Council, seven members chosen by disability and senior groups in the metro area, and eight others selected by Council to represent 16 districts

Accomplishments:

- Innovated Metro Mobility public forum format
- Heavily influenced existing LRT station design



Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC)

Purpose: provides advice and assistance to the Council on regional land use and comprehensive planning

Membership: 16 members and a chair. Each Council district is represented and locally elected officials make up at least half of membership

Accomplishments:

- Giving feedback on the Local Planning Handbook
- Recommending changes to the Council that influenced community designations in Thrive MSP 2040



Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

Purpose: helps shape regional and state transportation plans

Membership: 34 members – includes county and city elected officials, citizens, transportation providers, and representatives of state and regional agencies.

Accomplishments:

- Provides a forum for deliberation among state, regional and local officials, transportation providers and private citizens
- Reviews and comments on the Thrive MSP 2040, the Transportation Policy Plan and other significant planning documents
- Solicits and evaluates applications for federal transportation funding



Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC)

Purpose: helps the Council develop a long-range plan and an acquisition and development program that includes funding priorities for regional parks.

Membership: 9 members - a chair appointed by the Council and eight members representing the 16 Council districts.

Accomplishments:

- 2014 study of regional parks use by communities of color
- Parks Equity Toolkit



Equity Advisory Committee (EAC)

Purpose: advises the Metropolitan Council in its work to advance equity in the metropolitan region.

Membership: 21 members – Co-chairs are selected by the Council. Eight district representatives and nine at-large members.

Accomplishments:

- Founding the committee, drafting bylaws and work plan
- Providing guidance on the 2017 Fare Increase Proposal

Changes Already Implemented

- Increased marketing and outreach efforts on vacancies
- Updated application form
- Interview everyone that applies
- Batching vacancies

Focus Areas of Project

The Advisory Committee Policy and Procedure areas of focus:

I. Application Process

II. Selection Process

III. Onboarding Process

Questions to the Committee:

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