(b) By January 1, 2018, the commissioner must report to the chairs, ranking minority members, and staff of the senate and house of representatives committees or divisions with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance. The report must, at a minimum, include:

a summary of the meetings held by the working group; the project options identified and the commissioner estimates associated with each option; and, if identified, the preferred option and the funding and delivery schedule for that option.

Sec. 140. METRO MOBILITY TASK FORCE.

Subdivision 1. Task force established. A Metro Mobility Task Force is established to examine the Metro Mobility program under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.386. The goal of the task force is to identify options and methods to increase program effectiveness and efficiency, minimize program costs, and improve service including through potential partnership with taxi service providers and transportation network companies, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 65B.472, subdivision 1, paragraph (e).

Subd. 2. Membership. (a) The task force consists of the following members:

(1) one representative from Metro Mobility, appointed by the Metropolitan Council;

(2) one elected official from each metropolitan county, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 4, each of whom must be from a district or unit of government that is located within the Metro Mobility service area, appointed by the respective county board in consultation with cities in that county;

(3) at least one and no more than three individuals representing transportation network companies, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 65B.472, subdivision 1, appointed as provided under paragraph (b);

(4) at least one and no more than three individuals representing taxi service providers, appointed as provided in paragraph (c);

(5) one representative appointed by the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee established under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.375, subdivision 9a;

(6) one representative appointed by the Council on Disability;

(7) one representative appointed by the commissioner of human services;

(8) one representative appointed by the commissioner of management and budget;

(9) one individual appointed by the Association of Residential Resources of Minnesota; and
(10) one individual appointed by the Center for Transportation Studies at the University
of Minnesota.

(b) An interested transportation network company may appoint no more than one person
as a task force member. Appointment under this paragraph is on a first-come, first-appointed
basis by written notification to the Metropolitan Council.

(c) An interested taxi service provider may appoint no more than one person as a task
force member. Appointment under this paragraph is on a first-come, first-appointed basis
by written notification to the Metropolitan Council.

(d) The task force members specified under paragraph (a), clauses (1), (3), and (4), are
nonvoting members of the task force.

Subd. 3. Task force duties. (a) The task force must evaluate the Metro Mobility program,
which must include but is not limited to analysis of customer service, program costs and
expenditures, service coverage area and hours, reservation and scheduling, and buses and
equipment.

(b) The task force must identify and analyze options to improve Metro Mobility program
service, limit costs, and improve efficiency.

(c) At a minimum, the task force must consider:

(1) availability of transit, transportation network company, and taxi service throughout
the Metro Mobility service area;

(2) demand responsiveness and service levels;

(3) share of trips in which specially equipped vehicles that comply with the Americans
with Disabilities Act are necessary;

(4) technology accessibility for Metro Mobility customers;

(5) liability considerations;

(6) integration with regional transit service;

(7) integration with Department of Human Services programs and services;

(8) partnerships with transportation network companies and taxi providers, including
methods to integrate billing or fare collection;

(9) potential to use transportation network companies or taxi services to provide an
enhanced service option in which riders pay a higher fare than other users of Metro Mobility
Services; and
(10) proposals and models from other service areas for incorporating transportation network companies and taxi service providers into transit systems.

Subd. 4. Administration. (a) Each appointing entity under subdivision 2 must make appointments and notify the Metropolitan Council by August 1, 2017.

(b) The Metropolitan Council representative appointed to the task force must convene the initial meeting of the task force no later than September 1, 2017. At the initial meeting, the members of the task force must elect a chair or cochairs from among the task force members.

(c) Upon request of the task force, the council must use existing resources to provide data, information, meeting space, and administrative services.

(d) Members of the task force serve without compensation or payment of expenses.

(e) The task force may accept gifts and grants, which are accepted on behalf of the state and constitute donations to the Metropolitan Council. Funds received under this paragraph are appropriated to the Metropolitan Council for purposes of the task force.

Subd. 5. Legislative report. (a) By February 15, 2018, the task force must submit a report to the chairs, ranking minority members, and staff of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance.

(b) At a minimum, the report must:

(1) describe the current Metro Mobility program;

(2) summarize the work of the task force and its findings;

(3) identify options for reducing program costs and improving efficiency;

(4) identify at least three potential service level approaches that involve partnering with and incorporating transportation network companies, taxi service providers, or both; and

(5) provide any recommendations for program and legislative changes.

Subd. 6. Expiration. The task force under this section expires February 15, 2018, or upon submission of the report required under subdivision 5, whichever is earlier.

Sec. 141. LEGISLATIVE ROUTE NO. 123 REMOVED.

(a) Minnesota Statutes, section 161.115, subdivision 54, is repealed effective the day after the commissioner of transportation receives a copy of the agreement between the commissioner and the governing body of Le Sueur County to transfer jurisdiction of Article 3 Sec. 141.