

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 14, 2015

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Katie White, MTS Senior Planner, presented this item. Jon Commers had one comment regarding air quality regulation and governance for future consideration. The item was requested to be non-consent to the Council.

Motion by Jon Commers, seconded by Steve Elkins, and carried.

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UNDER THE MOVING AHEAD FOR PROGRESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY
(MAP-21)

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects and transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of project costs; and

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Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2015.

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