

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 9, 2015

Subject: Appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statute 473.146

Staff Prepared/Presented: Adam Duininck, Chair

Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board: **Steve Elkins** – Metropolitan Council Alternate, **Doug Anderson** – District A; **Brad Tabke** – District B; **Suzanne Sandahl** – District C; and **Jamez Staples** – District D; **David Van Hattum** - Transit Representative; **Kenya McKnight** - Transit Representative and **Ethan Fawley** - Non-motorized Representative, all effective January 1, 2016.

Background

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) was established by the Metropolitan Council pursuant to MN Statutes 473.146. The TAB's purpose is to advise and assist the Council, the Minnesota Dept. of Transportation, and all political subdivisions in accomplishing the responsibilities designated by state and federal law and regulation with regard to transportation planning and programming for the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

The TAB is a 34-member body composed of elected officials, representatives of government agencies involved in transportation issues, citizen members, and members who represent public transit, the freight industry and non-motorized transportation. 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. In addition, the Council is responsible for appointing the TAB Chair from among the advisory body membership. TAB members serve staggered two-year terms.

TAB bylaws, which are concurred with by the Council, allow for the Metropolitan Council representative to have an alternate.

Rationale

Terms for the District A, B, C, D, the two Transit Representatives and the Non-motorized Representative expire January 1, 2016. A news release was issued on October 15, 2015 seeking applicants for the open positions.

A record 32 applications were received for the positions. Council members Schreiber, Munt and Rodriguez served as the interview panel and interviewed 15 applicants on Wednesday, November 4, and Monday, November 30, 2015. The applicants represented a very strong, highly qualified pool of candidates. Following the interviews, the panel reviewed the application materials, interview notes and input from other Council members. The panel consulted with Chair Duininck and their appointment recommendations are noted

in the proposed action. If appointed, the four District and three modal appointees will serve a two-year term ending January 1, 2018. The Metropolitan Council Alternate does not have a term limit.

Funding

N/A

Known Support / Opposition

N/A