

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 27, 2016

Subject: Appointment to the Transportation Advisory Board

District(s), Member(s): 11 - Sandy Rummel; 12 – Harry Melander

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 appointment of **Rolf Parsons** to represent District F on the Transportation Advisory Board.

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 and an alternate for the Council. In addition, the Council is responsible for appointing the TAB Chair from among the advisory body membership.

Rationale

The District F incumbent resigned in late 2015. In response to the vacancy posting, three applications were received. Council members Schreiber, Munt and Rodriguez served as the interview panel and interviewed the applicants on Monday, January 11 and Wednesday, January 13, 2016. 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 recommendation is noted in the proposed action. If appointed, the District F representative will complete the two-year term ending January 1, 2017 and be eligible for re-appointment.

Funding

N/A

Known Support / Opposition

N/A