

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 25, 2016

Subject: Approval of Appointment to the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC)
District G
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statute 473.375 9a.
Staff Prepared/Presented: Adam Duininck, Chair
Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointment to the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee, **Dona Harris - District E**, term ending January 2018.

Background

The Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC) was established by the Metropolitan Council pursuant to MN Statute 473.375 9a. The TAAC's purpose is to advise the Council on "the development and management of policies regarding accessibility of all aspects of fixed regular route and special transportation services for persons with disabilities." The TAAC also advises the Council "on long-range plans to meet the accessible transportation needs of the disability community." The TAAC is a 16-member board which includes people who are elderly, have a disability, use special transportation, and represent appropriate agencies for people who are elderly or have a disability. The Metropolitan Council appoints eight members and the Chair. The remaining seven members are appointed by the Minnesota State Council on Disability (2), the Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (2), the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging (2), and the Minnesota state AARP office (1).

Rationale

District E on the Transportation Accessibility and Advisory Committee is vacant due to Douglas Moody's mid-term resignation.

Ms. Harris is a long-time user of ADA paratransit and has a history of working with contractor staff to improve service and foster better understanding of the transit system.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.