

Committee Report

Business Item No. 2016-130

Consent

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 13, 2016

Subject: Administrative Amendment to the 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve an administrative amendment to the 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to include the Transportation System Performance Evaluation under the “Product” list on the bottom of page 11.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda at the Transportation Committee.

Motion by Rodriguez, seconded by Letofsky and carried.

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 27, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 13, 2016

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: FAST Act

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Division/Department: Transportation, Metropolitan Transportation Services

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Background

Every year the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is recommended through the TAC and TAB committee structure before adoption by the Metropolitan Council and approval from MnDOT and the Federal Highway Administration. This document establishes activities for which MTS will use federal planning funds in the coming calendar year.

The Transportation System Performance Evaluation (TSPE) is referenced in the narrative of Task B-2 on page 11 of the 2016 UPWP. MnDOT has requested that the title of the project be listed under the “Product” heading at the bottom of the page before consultant work can begin. A consultant is needed for this project due to staffing constraints at this time.

Rationale

The main purpose of the UPWP is to serve as an application to the US DOT for federal transportation planning funds and to ensure coordination of planning activities among the various agencies involved in the transportation planning process. The purpose of this administrative amendment is to assure all anticipated work products are shown in the document.

Funding

This resolution carries no associated funding change as there is sufficient consultant funding in the UPWP.

Known Support / Opposition

This item passed through the Technical Advisory Committee and the Transportation Advisory Board. There is no known opposition.