

OTHER BUSINESS

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 12, 2018

Subject: Appointment of Transportation Committee Chair and Council representative on the Transportation Advisory Board

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Bylaws art. I.D.5; Minn. Stat. § 473.146, subd. 4(b)

Staff Prepared/Presented: Harry Melander, Acting Chair

Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of Deb Barber as the Chair of the Transportation Committee and the Council's representative on the Transportation Advisory Board, effective January 2, 2019.

Background

Council Member Rodriguez, who currently serves as the Transportation Committee Chair and the Council's representative on the Transportation Advisory Board ("TAB"), will leave the Council after December to begin her new job as Richfield's city manager.

Within the next few weeks the Governor is expected to appoint a new Chair and, in early 2019, new Council members. After these appointments occur new Council committee assignments will be made.

Under the Council Bylaws the Chair is responsible for recommending for Council approval the chair and members of all Council standing committees and Council representatives to advisory bodies.

Rationale

To ensure the Transportation Committee has a chair until committee assignments are made in 2019 and ensure ongoing Council representation on the TAB, it is appropriate to appoint a new Transportation Committee Chair and new TAB representative.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Appointment of a Transportation Committee Chair will help ensure the committee can function in a manner that will further the Council's efforts to achieve the five Thrive Outcomes (Stewardship, Prosperity, Equity, Livability, and Sustainability) and help ensure the Thrive Outcomes are part of the TAB deliberations and decision-making processes.

Funding

There are no funding implications.

Known Support / Opposition

N/A