

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 9, 2019

Subject: Appointment to the Transportation Advisory Board

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statute 473.146

Staff Prepared/Presented: Nora Slawik, Chair

Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointment to the Transportation Advisory Board: **Nickolas Fox**—Non-Motorized Representative.

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 2016, the TAB updated its bylaws to allow for district and modal representatives to have alternates, which the Council also is responsible for appointing. The TAB members serve staggered two-year terms.

Rationale

The non-motorized representative position has a vacancy because the appointed representative started a job with the City of Minneapolis, and the alternate started a job with the city of Saint Paul the following month, thereby creating vacancies on the TAB. Per TAB Bylaws, Citizen members cannot be elected officials or employees of counties, cities, townships, or the Metropolitan Council during their term on the Board. The appointee, Nickolas Fox, is a current alternate in the transit category. This appointment will ensure the non-motorized category is represented on the TAB. The appointment lasts through December 31, 2019.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Appointing members to the TAB is necessary to keep the committee functioning. The TAB work advances all five Thrive Outcomes through shaping regional and state transportation plans.

Funding

N/A

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.