

Recommendation to Release for Public Comment

2020 Update

2040 Transportation Policy Plan

Transportation Committee 6/22/2020



Transportation Policy Plan Development

Create a vision for a shared regional transportation system

- Collaborate with counties, cities and townships
- Build partnerships that make a stronger system possible, serving people and connecting to places across the region
- Listen to our partners and the people who live in the region to hear what they want in a transportation system
- Translate that shared vision into investment plans and decisions that help build and maintain that system

TPP Public Comment Period Timeline

- 6/22 Transportation Committee
- 6/24 Council releases for public comment**
- 6/25 Public comment period begins**
- 6/25 Public notice and background on Council website
- 6/28 Star Tribune advertisement
- 7/27 Public hearing at Transportation Committee**
- 8/10 Public comment period ends**
- 8/11 to 9/11 Finalize public comment report
- 9/11 to 10/2 Finalize TPP revisions
- 10/21 Transportation Advisory Board
- 10/26 Transportation Committee
- 11/11 Council adopts final TPP**

Outreach and engagement audiences

- Formal Council partners (TAB, TAAC, Council Committees)
- Organizations engaged (business, advocacy, cultural, work force, education organizations, neighborhood groups)
- Cities, counties, and townships throughout the Twin Cities region
- Residents of the region

Outreach and engagement approach



Be socially connected while physically distant.

- Information, education, promotion
- Engagement
- Formal partnerships
- Informal partnerships
- Language appropriate
- Reporting back
- Formal review channels



Outreach and engagement

- Web announcement and web page notice
- GovDelivery email announcement
- Outreach to key business, advocacy, cultural, work force, education, neighborhood organizations
- Social media – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Star Tribune classified advertising
- Public hearing – WebEx event or telephone town hall

Outreach and engagement

Outcomes

- One more opportunity for feedback and guidance
- Engage a cross-section of the region's residents
- Offer appropriate and authentic engagement
- Capacity to grow interactions with communities, stakeholders and constituencies

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Some cities have temporarily opened streets and expanded space for people walking, biking and rolling. How do you see these temporary changes playing a part after COVID-19?

As part of the 2020 Transportation Policy Plan Update, we'll be studying and comparing travel behavior before and after COVID-19.

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What are your expectations or concerns about electric vehicles?

In the 2020 Transportation Policy Plan Update, we have an electric vehicle study to plan for future transportation improvements.

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Have you been one of the people able to work from home? What do you think about continuing teleworking?

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2020 Comment Process to Date

- Draft TPP update has been reviewed by TAC Planning, TAC, TAB, TAAC, Council members, internal Council staff
- Over 100 technical comments
- Comment letters submitted by Minneapolis, St. Paul, Apple Valley, Ramsey County
- Technical/internal review process purpose is to put the best and most complete document out for public review
- Many comments resulted in technical edits and corrections

Comments for 2050 Plan

- Some comments received relating to policy development will be addressed in the 2050 regional planning process
- Issues to be addressed:
 - Climate change scenario planning and regional strategies
 - Better connecting transportation/jobs/housing with a regional vision
 - Better connecting transportation to economic development
 - Focus on access to destinations goal; eliminating emphasis on congestion relief/reduction
 - Vehicle miles traveled reduction and setting a regional target

2018 TPP Update Comments Addressed

- 300 comments; 150 people/organizations
- Public hearing: 25 comments; emails received: 90
- Four primary comments:
 - Transit fleet electrification
 - Concern over a diesel spill and its environmental impact
 - Eliminating racially biased transit fare enforcement
 - Free fares
- Other Comments received:
 - Support for better transit connections
 - Safer bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure
 - General advice related to accessibility
 - Support for Arterial BRT investment

Thank you

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