

## Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 27, 2021

**Subject:** Appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minnesota Statute 473.146

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Charlie Zelle, Chair

**Division/Department:** Chair's Office

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB):

**Chair** – James Hovland

**District E** – Christopher Geisler

E Alternate – Choua Que Vang

**District F** – Mary Giuliani Stephens

F Alternate – Amanda Hemmingsen-Jaeger

**District G** – Bill Lindeke

G Alternate – Shannon Watson

**District H** – Peter Dugan

### 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 addition, the Council is responsible for appointing the TAB Chair from among the advisory body membership. TAB members serve staggered two-year terms.

### Rationale

Four Transportation Advisory Board positions are up for reappointment due to term expirations including the representatives from Council geographic districts E through H.

Council Member Deb Barber, Council Member Susan Vento, and Council Member Kris Fredson served on the nominating committee which hosted interviews on January 7. Fourteen applications were received for the four open appointments. Following the interviews, the committee reviewed the application materials and interview notes, and made appointment recommendations for Chair Zelle's consideration. The Chair's final recommendations are as noted above.

If appointed, the district E through H appointees will complete terms ending January 2023.

TAB Bylaws state the TAB may make a recommendation for the Chair appointment. Chair Hovland has served on the TAB since 2005 and has served as Chair since 2015. No opposition was expressed by TAB members and no other interest stated.

### **Thrive Lens Analysis**

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

### **Funding**

N/A

### **Known Support / Opposition**

N/A