

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 22, 2021

Subject: Appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board

District(s), Member(s): All

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

Prepared/Presented: Charles A. Zelle, Chair

Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

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

District A – Doug Anderson

District B – Randy Maluchnik

District C – Andy Lewis

District D – Ashwat Narayanan

Non-motorized – Brian C. Martinson

Transit – Amity Foster

Transit – Mathews Hollinshead

B Alternate – John Morast

C Alternate – Husniyah Bradley

D Alternate – Glen Johnson

Transit alternate – Stephanie Alexander

Transit alternate – Evan Rowe

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

Seven Transportation Advisory Board positions are up for reappointment due to term expirations including the representatives from Council geographic districts A through D, the non-motorized representative and two transit representatives.

Council Member Deb Barber and Council Member Molly Cummings served on the nominating committee which hosted interviews on November 29. Fifteen applications were received for the seven 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 A through D, non-motorized, and transit appointees will complete terms ending January 2024.

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