

Business Item

Metropolitan Council



Committee Meeting Date: None

For the Metropolitan Council: April 12, 2023

Business Item: 2023-85

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):

District D – Glen Johnson
District E Alternate – Sam Villella

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 regarding 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

TAB District D (Council Districts 7 and 8) has a vacancy following the resignation of the Council-appointed member in early 2023. The district's currently appointed alternate Glen Johnson is available to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the current term ending January 2024.

Chris Geisler was appointed by the Council to represent District E in February 2023 (item 2023-47) following an open application process. No other applications were received for District E and the Council appointed no District E alternate member. More recently a potential alternate member was identified and applied for the position. If appointed, Sam Villella would serve as the District E alternate through the current term ending January 2025.

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

Small Business Inclusion

N/A

