

Business Item

Metropolitan Council



For the Metropolitan Council: January 10, 2024

Business Item: 2024-4

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 A – Doug Anderson	A Alternate – Samantha McKinney
District B – John Morast	B Alternate – vacant
District C – Husniyah Bradley	C Alternate – Andy Lewis
District D – Glen Johnson	D Alternate – Brandon Wagenfeld
Non-motorized – Brian Martinson	Non-motorized alternate – Alexander Ask
Transit – Amity Foster	Transit alternate – Timothy Marino
Transit – Christopher Vaughn	Transit alternate – Nathan Hemann

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 (as well as their alternates). TAB members serve staggered two-year terms.

Rationale

Fourteen Transportation Advisory Board positions are up for reappointment due to term expirations including the representatives from Council geographic districts A through D, as well as Transit and Non-motorized.

Council Member Deb Barber and Council Metropolitan Transportation Services Director Charles Carlson served on the nominating committee which hosted interviews on December 5 and 6, 2023. Twenty-five applications were received for the fourteen open appointments including alternate

positions. 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, district A through D, Transit, and Non-motorized appointees will complete terms ending December 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

