

Business Item

Metropolitan Council



For the Metropolitan Council: January 8, 2025

Business Item: 2025-17

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 E – Danh Do
District F – Mark Jenkins
District G – William Lindeke
District H – Peter Dugan

E Alternate – vacant
F Alternate – Torin Gustafson
G Alternate – Richard Holst
H Alternate – vacant
B Alternate – Kevin Burkart

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

Nine Transportation Advisory Board positions are up for reappointment due to term expirations of the representatives from Council geographic districts E through H as well as the alternate for district B.

Council Member Deb Barber and Council Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director Charles Carlson served on the nominating committee which hosted interviews on December 30, 2024. Seven applications were received for the nine 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 E through H appointees will complete terms ending December 2026. The district B alternate term ends December 2025, concurrent with terms for districts A through D.

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

