

# Business Item

Metropolitan Council



For the Metropolitan Council: April 9, 2025

## Business Item: 2025-91

Appointment to the Transportation Advisory Board

<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minnesota Statute 473.146
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Charles A. Zelle, Chair
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Chair's Office

### Proposed Action

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

**District H Alternate** – Rachel Chinitz

### 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

The district H alternate representative position on the Transportation Advisory Board is currently vacant. Council Member Deb Barber and Council Metropolitan Transportation Services Director Charles Carlson served on the nominating committee which hosted an interview on March 24, 2025 upon receiving an application for the district H alternate position. Following the interview, the committee reviewed the application materials and interview notes, and made an appointment recommendation for Chair Zelle's consideration. The Chair's final recommendation is as noted above.

If appointed, the district H appointee will complete a term ending December 2026.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive

MSP 2040. Appointing members to the TAB is necessary to keep the committee functioning. TAB work advances Imagine 2050 through shaping regional and state transportation plans.

### **Funding**

N/A

### **Small Business Inclusion**

N/A

