

Business Item

Metropolitan Council



For the Metropolitan Council: July 23, 2025

Business Item: 2025-173

Appointment to the Transportation Advisory Board

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

Proposed Action

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

District F – Torin Gustafson

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

One Transportation Advisory Board position is up for appointment due to a vacancy for District F. The position became vacant upon Mark Jenkins' appointment to the Metropolitan Council effective July 9, 2025. Upon notice of the anticipated vacancy of the District F TAB member, Council Member Deb Barber and Council Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director Charles Carlson contacted the current District F alternate and reviewed their application materials and interview notes. They then made the appointment recommendation for Chair Zelle's consideration. The Chair's final recommendation is as noted above.

If appointed, the District F appointee will complete the term ending December 2026.

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

