

Metropolitan Council and TAAC A Partnership for Better Access

Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee
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Metropolitan Council's Role

Planning

- Designated as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization or MPO
- Long-range transportation planning and shorter term federal funds programming

Transit Functions

- Provide, contract for, and coordinate metropolitan transit operations (bus and rail)
- Provide financial assistance to local transit providers

Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee's Role

“ to advise the council on the development and management of policies regarding accessibility of all aspects of fixed regular route and special transportation services for persons with disabilities.” 473.375

How a TAAC Recommendation goes through the Met Council process

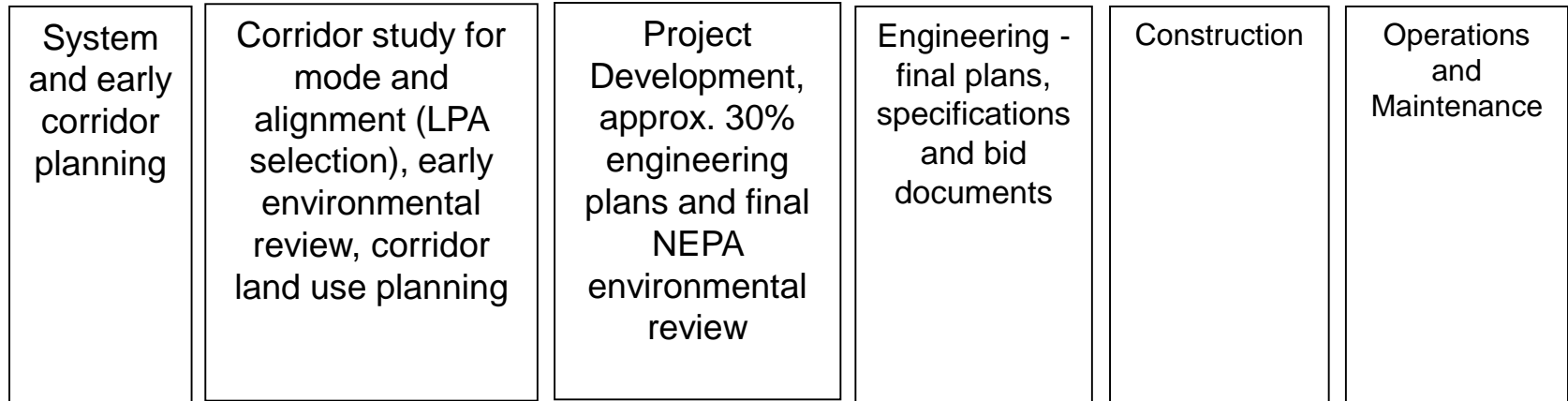
TAAC makes a formal recommendation

TAAC staff bring it to Director of MTS or General Manager of Metro Transit (Arlene McCarthy/Brian Lamb)

Transportation Committee takes it up for consideration

AND...TAAC routinely provides valuable input during project design. Examples include: LRT, BRT, public facilities, and transportation policy (TPP).

Project Development Process



Progression of example project development process

Eagan Transit Station Improvements

- New Freedoms grant to provide upgrades to the Eagan Transit Station. The upgrades are currently in progress and include:
 - Improved heating in waiting area
 - Improved lighting in waiting area
 - Improving security cameras
 - Adding a handicapped door access button
 - Adding signage



Central Corridor Improvements at Central Station

- Based on feedback from the disability community, access to the Green Line was improved by installing an elevator and linking LRT to the skyway system.
- Problem that skyways were closed at 9 p.m.
- Partnered with Mayor Coleman and the city
- Resulted in improved access

Mayor Coleman with disability activist Rick Cardenas on site at Green Line's Central Station.



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When we partner, good things happen.



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