

## Transportation Advisory Board of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

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**TO:** Transportation Advisory Board

**FROM:** Mary Karlsson, Metropolitan Council  
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**DATE:** August 8, 2012

**RE:** Transportation Policy Plan Amendment: Bottineau Transitway Locally Preferred Alternative and Results of the Arterial Transitway Corridor Study.

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Technical Advisory Committee met on August 1. The agenda included action on a recommendation from the TAC Planning Committee to approve an amendment to the Transportation Policy Plan that would identify the locally preferred alternative for the Bottineau Transitway and the results of the Arterial Transitway Study.

Council staff presented information showing that light rail transit is the locally preferred alternative for the Bottineau Transitway and three alignments alternatives, B, C and D1, will be studied further. Staff also described the results of the Arterial Transitway Study and said Lake Street and Hennepin Avenue along with Penn Avenue and Emerson-Fremont Avenues would be identified as potential arterial BRT corridors in the TPP.

Staff said the city of Golden Valley has not passed a resolution in support of the locally preferred alternative. It is the Council's practice to act on the TPP amendment after receiving a resolution of support from all affected local governments. The TAC discussed whether there was any urgency in approving the amendment before gaining support from Golden Valley, noting that the deadline for a New Starts application was approximately August 2013 and taking action now could be seen as pressuring Golden Valley to support the LPA.

The TAC voted to table the TPP amendment to the September TAC meeting.