

Transportation Advisory Board of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Kevin Roggenbuck, Transportation Coordinator
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RE: *Thrive MSP 2040*: Compiled comments for the Transportation Advisory Board.

Thrive MSP 2040 will set the policy direction for the next set of policy plans, including the Transportation Policy Plan and will be used to develop criteria for future investment decisions in transportation and other areas. Libby Starling, Met Council Director of Research, was scheduled to discuss *Thrive* with the Board and collect our comments.

TAB members were to review the Summary of Framing Presentations used to guide the preparation of *Thrive* and provide their own comments, suggestions, and viewpoints and ask questions of Ms. Starling at the September 19 TAB Policy and full TAB meetings. At the September TAB meetings, time constraints did not allow for discussion and comment. The TAB members were encouraged to provide comments to the TAB Coordinator who would compile them and share them with the TAB and Ms. Starling. Staff did receive several comments, listed below:

1. Strengthen requirements to contain urban sprawl
2. Promote a stronger, more comprehensive, and more reliable mass transit system
3. More closely align transportation and economic development policies and investments with Met Council's policies to contain urban sprawl
4. Promote investments to maintain and improve urban infrastructure, such as sewers and parks
5. Promote and protect green/open space within urban communities
6. Deconcentrate poverty by pushing affordable housing further out, beyond the inner suburbs

Ms. Starling will attend the October 17 TAB meeting to engage the TAB in discussion of *Thrive MSP 2040* and collect further comments.

