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: The cost of video steaming and recording TAB meetings.

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At the October 17 TAB meeting, the Board voted to table the decision whether to stream and record video of the TAB meetings until the November meeting pending a look into the cost of doing so. I discussed this with the Council staff person who streams and records the Council and committees meetings. Below are comments from that discussion.

- The Council can track how many people inside the Council and outside watch the video stream.
- There are five cameras in the Chambers. One is fixed on the Chair, another fixed on the guest speaker position. Two cameras are fixed at wide angle to cover about half of the dais. One camera is free to move around and focus on speakers at the dais. A staff person in the AV room has to watch a monitor and manually move the camera to focus on the Board member speaking.
- Cannot stream to mobile devices; ipod or smartphone.
- Cannot stream or record TAB meetings that are held outside the Chambers.
- Need to end TAB meetings or stop streaming and recording shortly after 3:00 PM so staff can save the TAB meeting record and reset it to stream and record the Council's Committee of the Whole meetings that start at 4:00 PM.
- Must reformat TAB agendas like the Council's agendas so individual items can be viewed on recorded video.
- Audio streaming and recording is an option, but the TAB meetings would still need to adjourn shortly after 3:00 PM or stop the audio at that time.
- The cost of streaming and recording TAB meetings is really just the staff time to do it, about three and a half hours. Streaming and recording TAB meetings could set a precedent for other committees, Land Use Advisory Committee, Parks & Open Space Commission, the TAC, etc... If other committees also ask to be streamed and recorded, it could become one person's part time job.

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