

Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

ACTION TRANSMITTAL 2013-49

DATE: December 10, 2013
TO: Transportation Advisory Board
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee
PREPARED BY: David Vessel
SUBJECT: Adjusted 2010 Census Smoothed Urbanized Area Boundary
REQUESTED ACTION: Request that the TAC Planning Committee recommend the draft 2010 Smoothed Urbanized Area Boundary to the Technical Advisory Committee of the TAB.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of the adjusted 2010 Census Smoothed Urbanized Area Boundary (SUAB) and forward it to Metropolitan Council for adoption.

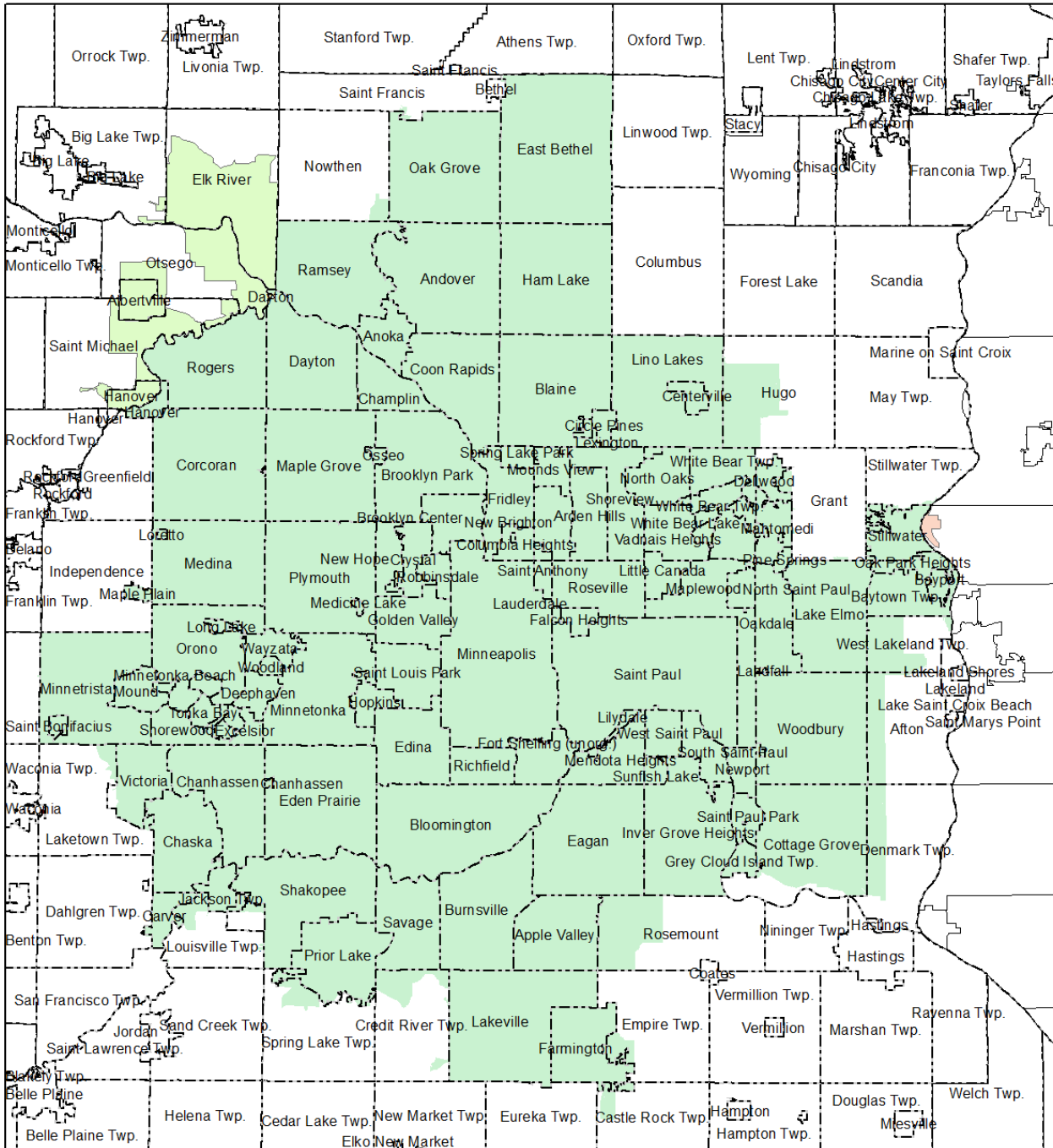
BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: After each census the U.S. Census Bureau delineates the contiguous urbanized portion of metropolitan areas, defined as of 1,000 persons per square mile. Under federal law, the US DOT uses this boundary for data reporting purposes. However, the strict Census definition can result in reporting problems, such whether a road that serves as the boundary is considered rural or urban. Thus, US DOT allows an MPO to adopt adjustments to an urban area boundary to “smooth” it for more accurate reporting. The boundaries resulting from the 2010 Census were released in 2012. Council staff consulted with local community and county representatives on the TAC Planning Committee regarding the recommended adjustments. Since the 2010 Twin Cities UZA boundary extended into Wright and Sherburne Counties and portions of St Croix, WI for the first time, officials from those areas were also consulted to develop adjustments to the boundary within their areas.




COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: TAC-Planning recommended approval.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
TAC Planning Committee	Review & Recommend	November 14, 2013
Technical Advisory Committee	December 4	November 14, 2013
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	

Metropolitan Council MPO Smoothed Urbanized Area Boundary



-  Wright & Sherburne UZA
-  Wisconsin Portion UZA
-  7 County Metro Area UZA

