

## **ACTION TRANSMITTAL 2014-78**

**DATE:** December 9, 2014  
**TO:** TAB Members  
**FROM/PREPARED By:** Amy Vennewitz, MTS Transportation Planning 651-602-1058  
**SUBJECT:** TAB Review and Comment on proposed final 2040 Transportation Policy Plan  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the TAB reviews and provides comment on the proposed final 2040 Transportation Policy Plan

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:**

The Council and its partners began the process of updating the Transportation Policy Plan in April 2013. Stakeholders were represented on the TPP Policymaker Task Force which included representatives of the Council, TAB, MnDOT and CTIB; and on the Partner Agency Work Group (PAWG) which included all the members of the TAC Planning committee and additional representatives of local units of government and agencies to provide broader geographic balance and additional technical expertise. The two groups reviewed and commented on portions of the draft document throughout its development. TAB members also participated in a half day TPP investment workshop in late 2013 and received monthly updates on the plan's development during the first half of 2014.

In June 2014 TAB and TAC provided comments on the draft plan and recommended that the Council approve the release of the draft 2040 TPP for public comment. The draft 2040 TPP was released for public comment on August 14, ten public meetings were held throughout the region with over 150 participants, a public hearing was held on September 17 and the public comment period closed on October 1.

The Council received comments from 126 "commentors" including individuals, local units of government and state, local or non-profit agencies via letters, e-mails, and testimony. About 900 total comments were received, resulting in approximately 750 unique comments. The TAB received a presentation on the major comments and proposed revisions in November 2014. In addition, the Council provided policy direction on the proposed changes at two Committee of the Whole work session meetings and the recommended revisions have been incorporated into the plan. A Public Comment Report has been prepared documenting the comments, Council responses and proposed changes to the draft TPP in response to the comments.

The proposed final 2040 Transportation Policy Plan is available for review at: <http://www.metrocouncil.org/tpp-update>. Both a version showing the draft TPP with tracked changes and a version of the proposed final document is available. The 2040 TPP Public Comment Report is also available on the website.

Under the region’s Transportation Planning and Programming Guide adopted June 2012, a new step whereby Council staff presents the public comments and proposed response to TAB for review and comment was added to the TPP Update process. At its November 2014 meeting TAB received an information presentation on the proposed changes, which are now incorporated into the proposed final 2040 TPP. Under this new review step, TAB can, if it so desires, provide additional comments to the Council for its consideration prior to final adoption.

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:**

The Metropolitan Council, in consultation with the Transportation Advisory Board, is required under both state and federal law to develop a multimodal long-range regional transportation plan that identifies transportation system goals, needs, and investment priorities over at least a 20-year period. The proposed final 2040 TPP meets the state and federal requirements.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION:**

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