

December 4, 2014

To: TAB Members

From: Robert Lilligren

Subject: Consideration for TAB Chair

Dear Chair Hargis and TAB Members;

I want to express my interest in assuming the TAB Chair position. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Chair Hargis. I am grateful for Bill's thoughtful and fair leadership, like Chair Donn Wiski before him. I have learned a lot from working with these two TAB Chairs.

I have had a lifelong interest in transportation. In large part it was my transportation activism that led me into politics and policy-making. In my activism and in my elected life, I have constantly advocated for balanced investment that helps meet the needs of the whole region. In my twelve years as an elected official I gained a reputation for fairness in my leadership. My collaborative style brings diverse perspectives of many stakeholders together to find common ground to bring resolution to even the most challenging issues.

For the last four years I have been part of TAB leadership. I have served as co-chair of the Programming Committee and on the Executive Committee. I have also taken on additional responsibilities for the TAB as part of the Solicitation Evaluation Steer Group, the By-Laws Task Force and various other roles that are good preparation to be Chair. Also, I believe that now that I am no longer in elected office I am better qualified to act as TAB Chair. I can maintain focus on the needs of the entire region, rather than any individual jurisdiction.

I am committed to a strong, healthy region where all people are connected to jobs, services, recreational and educational opportunities, and other destinations. Leveraging our federal surface transportation dollars to ensure that all corners, and all people, of this region succeed is a primary function of the TAB. As TAB Chair, I am committed to working with each member to see this happen.

I ask TAB members for their continued support and confidence in my leadership. I ask you to please support me as your recommendation to the Met Council as the next Chair of the Transportation Advisory Board.

Thank you,

Robert Lilligren