

ACTION TRANSMITTAL No. 2016-34

DATE: May 12, 2016
TO: Technical Advisory Committee
FROM: Technical Advisory Committee - Planning
PREPARED BY: Katie White, Senior Planner (651-602-1716)
SUBJECT: 2016 Unified Planning Work Program Administrative Amendment
REQUESTED ACTION: MTS requests an administrative amendment to the 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to add the Transportation System Performance Evaluation to the list of projects.
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That TAC adopt an amendment to the 2016 UPWP to add the Transportation System Performance Evaluation.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION: Every year the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is recommended through the TAC and TAB committee structure before adoption by the Metropolitan Council and approval from MnDOT and the Federal Highway Administration. This document establishes activities that MTS will use federal planning funds for in the coming calendar year, including the titles of studies that will be undertaken. Activities in the UPWP can be unique consultant projects or ongoing work of the Council and MTS.

Task B-2 of the UPWP references activities, “to develop, maintain, and disseminate information on the performance of the Twin Cities transportation system to inform policy decisions and funding allocations and to comply with state law.” This references the Transportation System Performance Evaluation, a document that is required by state law to be complete before the next update to the Transportation Policy Plan. However in the section labeled “Products” at the end of section B-2 the TSPE is not listed. This administrative amendment would include the TSPE in the list of Products at the end of section B-2.

MnDOT and FHWA are requesting an administrative amendment to the 2016 UPWP to document the Council’s approval to undertake this study prior to engaging a consultant. There is no budget impact as a result of this change.

RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY: The Transportation System Performance Evaluation is required by state law and is used to develop the Transportation Policy Plan.

STAFF ANALYSIS: Federal law requires the adoption of a Unified Planning Work Program. MnDOT’s office of Transportation System Management and the local office of the Federal Highway Administration oversees the administration of federal transportation planning dollars, and has requested this action.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND ACTION: TAC Planning moved to recommend the amendment.

ROUTING

TO	ACTION REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
Technical Advisory Committee - Planning	Review & Recommend	5-12-16
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	