

Transportation Advisory Board

of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Information Item

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TO: Technical Advisory Committee – Planning Subcommittee
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SUBJECT: 2040 TPP Update – Preliminary Draft Freight Chapter

The preliminary draft of Chapter 8, Freight Investment Direction prepared as part of the 2040 TPP Update for TAC Planning review is available via the dropbox link previously sent by e-mail. Please use this summary of key changes and additions while reviewing the chapter and drafting your comments.

Summary of Key Changes and Additions:

1. Added references to the pipeline system and terminals (pp. 302, 309, 323-324, & 328).
2. Under “Freight Challenges & Opportunities” added new section on automated trucks (pp. 313-314)
3. Updated Metro Freight System map (Figure 8-1, p. 310) to include Class I-specific rail lines, pipeline terminals/oil refineries, and major trucking terminals.
4. Added new section on River and Rail-Accessible Industrial Land (pp. 315– 316), including summary Table 8-1 and map (Figure 8-2).
5. Under “Freight Investment Direction” added new section on the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (p. 317).
6. Added new section on Critical Urban and Rural Freight Corridors (pp. 317-319); new map (Fig. 8-3) shows corridors with the Primary Highway Freight System and Minnesota highway Freight Program selected projects; Table 8-2 specifies highway segments designated for these corridors.
7. Added new section on the Regional Truck Highway Corridors Study (pp. 319-321) including Table 8-3 and map (Fig. 8-4) describing newly designated Regional Truck Freight Corridors. Added new text on Guidelines for Regional Investment (p. 322) designating Regional Truck Freight Corridors as “regional priorities” with guidelines for applying these corridors in the regional solicitation.
8. Updated the Metro Rail System Bottlenecks map (Fig. 8-5, p. 326) to be consistent with MnDOT’s 2015 State Rail Plan.

Council staff are taking comments on the preliminary draft from TAC Planning, TAC and TAB and other stakeholders before releasing a revised draft for public comment later this spring. Please contact Katie White (katie.white@metc.state.mn.us) if you have questions on how to submit comments.
