

**ACTION TRANSMITTAL – 2019-54**

**DATE:** November 8, 2019

**TO:** TAC Planning Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Twin Cities Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan

**REQUESTED ACTION:** That the Twin Cities Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan be recommended for adoption by the Metropolitan Council, pending public review and comment.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Recommend adoption of the Twin Cities Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan, pending public review and comment.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** This plan is intended to support coordination of transportation services between transit providers and human service agencies that provide transportation, with a focus on people with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes. The plan identifies barriers and challenges faced by both riders and providers of these services and also identifies strategies and potential work to be done to address these barriers.

Projects funded through the Federal Transit Administration’s Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program (often referred to as Section 5310) must address strategies that have been identified in a local coordinated plan.

This plan update was guided by a steering committee with 14 members representing state agencies, counties, MnDOT, transit and medical transportation providers, Metro Mobility, the Minnesota Board on Aging, and nonprofits that serve people with disabilities. A stakeholder workshop was held where participants reviewed mobility barriers and strategies to address those barriers. The Council’s Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee, which includes riders and advocates for older adults and people with disabilities, has also participated in the plan development with representatives at the stakeholder workshop and presentations at its regular meetings. The steering committee prioritized strategies to address the identified barriers. Strategies are grouped in three categories and prioritized as high, medium, or lower priorities: Coordinate and Consolidate Transportation Services and Resources; Mobility Strategies; and Communication, Training, and Organizational Support.

A public comment period to review the draft plan will be open November 12 through December 27, 2019. Any needed changes will be made to the draft plan after a review of any public comments that are received, and the final plan is anticipated to be presented in early 2020 for recommendation for adoption by the Council.

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:** The Coordinated Plan is a federal requirement for distributing funding within the region from the Federal Transit Administration’s Enhanced

Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program (also referred to as Section 5310), which is administered by MnDOT.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Planning Committee	Review & Recommend	
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	