

Technical Advisory Committee – Planning Subcommittee

# Transit Planning Basics and Values Exercise

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# Transit Planning Basics and Trade-Offs

- Transit markets and service design factors
- Measuring transit success
- Transit service design trade-offs
  - Geographic coverage
  - Frequency and span of service
  - Days of service (weekday and weekend)
  - Transfers
  - Directness
  - Stop spacing
- Best practices and peer region examples

# Transit System Values

Building off the May presentation at TAB and Metropolitan Council...

- Half- or full-day workshop tentatively scheduled for June
- Council and TAB members invited to participate
- Focus of the workshop:
  - Refresher on May materials
  - Gathering input on regional transit values using engaging techniques like charettes, games, interactive design tools, surveys
  - Small group discussions

# Deliverables

- Transit planning basics presentation for use in or adaption for other efforts
- Engagement summary of policymaker views on transit values

## Council-expected Outcomes:

- Greater understanding of the trade-offs inherent in transit system design
- Base understanding of how regional policymakers value the transit system when faced with trade-off decisions
- Starting a dialogue about regional transit planning

# Purpose of this Exercise

- Prepare policymakers for future transit planning efforts and gather input on values
  - Bus service allocation study (frequency vs. coverage)
  - Metro Transit's Network Next
    - Service Improvement Plan update
    - Arterial bus rapid transit system update
    - Speed and reliability program
- Ground detailed policymaker transit input in solid foundation of understanding
- Educate new policymakers on terminology and trade-offs

# Questions?

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