

**ACTION TRANSMITTAL 2013-49**

**DATE:** November 14, 2013  
**TO:** TAC Planning Committee  
**PREPARED BY:** David Vessel  
**SUBJECT:** Adjusted 2010 Census Smoothed Urbanized Boundary  
**REQUESTED ACTION:** Request that the TAC Planning Committee recommend the draft 2010 Smoothed Urbanized Area Boundary to the Technical Advisory Committee of the TAB.  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Technical Advisory Committee of the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of the adjusted 2010 Census Smoothed Urbanized Boundary (SUAB) and forward it to the Transportation Advisory Board and Metropolitan Council for adoption (See Attachments)

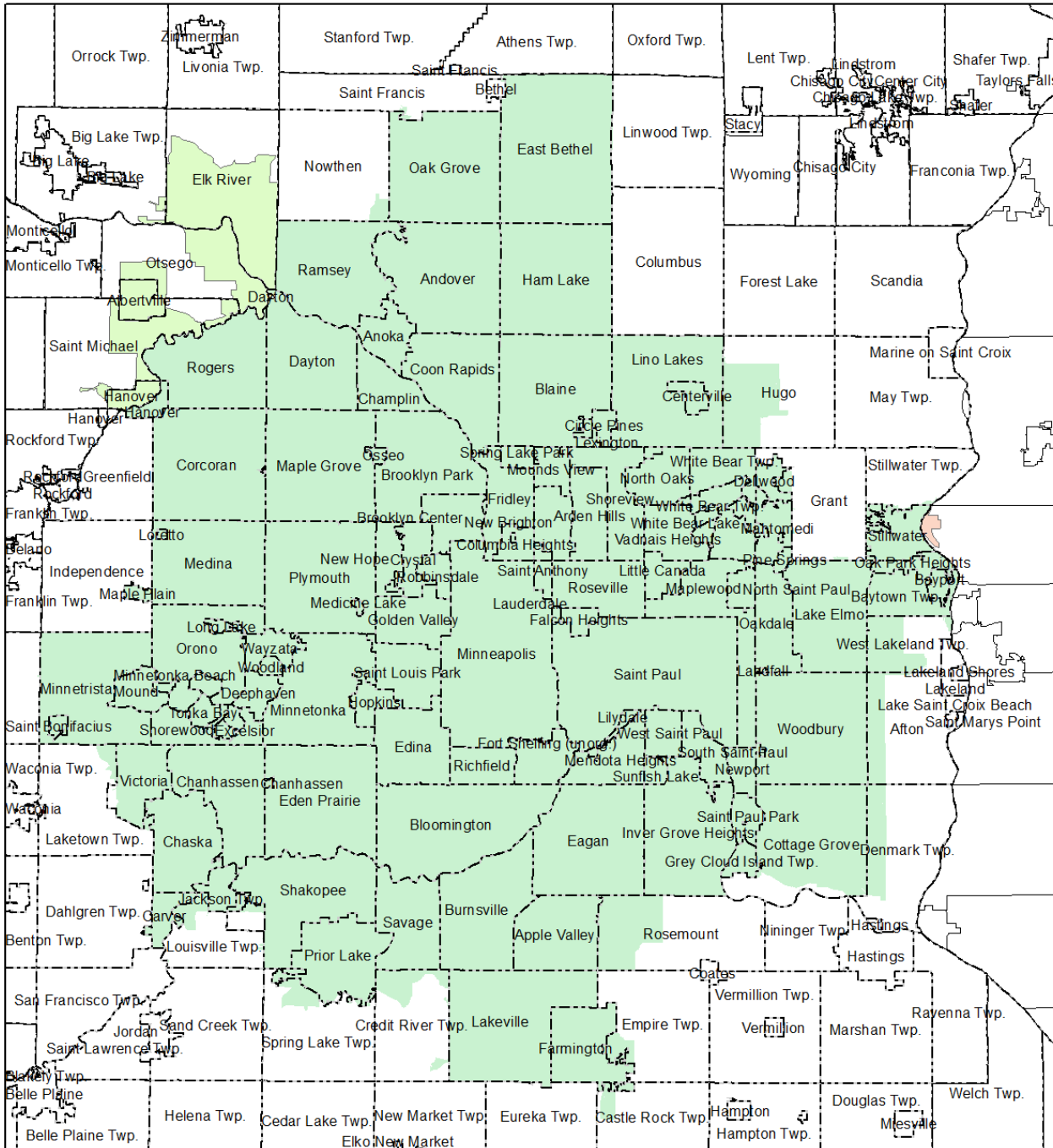
**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** After each census the U.S. Census Bureau delineates the contiguous urbanized portion of metropolitan areas, defined as of 1,000 persons per square mile. Under federal law, the US DOT uses this boundary for data reporting purposes. However, the strict Census definition can result in reporting problems, such whether a road that serves as the boundary is considered rural or urban. Thus, US DOT allows an MPO to adopt adjustments to an urban area boundary to “smooth” it for more accurate reporting. The boundaries resulting from the 2010 Census were released in 2012. Council staff consulted with local community and county representatives on the TAC Planning Committee regarding the recommended adjustments. Since the 2010 Twin Cities UZA boundary extended into Wright and Sherburne Counties and portions of St Croix, WI for the first time, officials from those areas were also consulted to develop adjustments to the boundary within their areas.

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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	
TAB Policy or Programming Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	

## Metropolitan Council MPO Smoothed Urbanized Area Boundary



- Wright & Sherburne UZA
- Wisconsin Portion UZA
- 7 County Metro Area UZA

