

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 9, 2012

Council Meeting: N/A

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date:** January 5, 2012  
**Subject:** Adopt Transportation Committee 2012 Work Plan  
**District(s), Member(s):** All Districts  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** N/A  
**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Brian Lamb, General Manager, Metro Transit (612-349-7510)  
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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit and Metropolitan Transportation Services

### Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee adopt the attached list as its 2012 Work Plan.

### Background

Each year the Transportation Committee approves an annual work plan to guide its business and agenda. Staff has prepared the Transportation Committee 2012 Work Plan (attached).

The proposed work plan includes special projects anticipated to occur in 2012 as well as policy topics both committee members and staff have identified that the committee may consider during the year. Staff has also included routine business and information items that typically come before the committee. The work plan is intended to be a guide to the committee's work that is flexible and can be amended.

# ***2012 Transportation Committee Work Plan***

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## **A. SPECIAL INITIATIVES / PROJECTS / POLICY TOPICS**

### **Transit System Operations**

- Transit Regional Service Improvement Plan (Metro Transit)
- Transit Fare Structure (Metro Transit & MTS)
  - Distance-based fares
  - Peak/Off Peak definitions
  - Transfer Policy
  - Annual Fare System Evaluation
- 2011 Transit Regional Route Performance Analysis (MTS)
- Green Line (Central LRT) Transit Service Study (Metro Transit)
- Green Line (Central LRT) Vehicle Delivery Update (Metro Transit)
- Minnetonka Transit Study Update (Metro Transit)
- LRT Operations & Maintenance Facility Expansion Update and Tour (Metro Transit)
- LRT Remodeled Rail Control Center Tour (Metro Transit)
- LRT Type I Overhaul Update
- Park-and-Ride Update (Metro Transit)
  - Annual Park-and-Ride Survey
  - Park-and-Ride Construction Update
  - Annual Park-and-Ride License Plate Survey
- Support Facility Construction Update (Metro Transit)
- Advanced Hybrid Bus Design (Metro Transit)
- Linden Hills Direct Mail Example (Metro Transit)
- State of Commute Survey Results (Metro Transit)
- Twins 2012 Promotional Campaign (Metro Transit)
- Title VI Policies and Analysis (Metro Transit)
- Commuter Challenge Results (Metro Transit)
- State Fair Preview (Metro Transit)
- Downtown St. Paul Bus Stop Improvements (Metro Transit)
- Northstar Ramsey Station Update (Metro Transit)

### **Transportation Planning/MPO**

#### **Highways**

- RALF Program Reassessment (MTS)
- MnDOT Statewide Multimodal Plan (MTS & MnDOT)
- MnDOT Highway Investment Plan (MTS & MnDOT)
- Congestion Safety and Management Plan (CSMP) Update (MTS & MnDOT)
- Highway Funding, Distribution and Uses (MTS)
- A-Minor Arterial Evaluation Study (MTS)
- Interchange Approval Process (MTS & MnDOT)

#### **Transit**

- Regional Transitway Guidelines adoption (MTS)
- APTA Peer Review on 14-year coach bus life (MTS)
- 2012 Guideway Status Report\* (MTS)

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- 2012 Transportation System Performance Evaluation\* (MTS)
- Public Transit Human Services Coordination Plan Update\* (MTS)

### **Transitways**

- LRT/BRT System Name and Branding adoption (MTS & Metro Transit)
- Red Line (Cedar Avenue BRT) Implementation/Start-up Plan (MTS)
- Orange Line (I-35W BRT) Update (Metro Transit)
- Northstar Ramsey Station & BNSF Negotiations Update (Metro Transit)
- Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis Update (Metro Transit)
- Bottineau Corridor Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) selection/TPP Amendment (MTS)
- Gateway (I-94) Corridor LPA selection/TPP Amendment (MTS)
- Arterial Transitway Corridors Study (Metro Transit)

### **Aviation**

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### **Bike and Pedestrian**

- Bike Walk Twin Cities Presentation (MTS & TLC)
- Safe Routes to School Project Update/Report (MTS & TLC)
- Regional Bicycle System Master Study (MTS)

### **Freight**

- Metro Freight Study (MTS)

### **Other**

- Travel Behavior Inventory Update (MTS)
- Regional Travel Forecasting Model Update (MTS)
- 2011 Transportation System Performance Evaluation\* (MTS)

### **Funding/Budget**

- Regional Solicitation Programming Review Workshop with TAB (MTS)
  - STP- Complete Streets, non-motorized, A-minor arterials
  - CMAQ – TMO, Telework, facilities, vehicle funding
  - Impact of Federal transportation bill on programs
- Federal Transportation Reauthorization (MTS)

### **Legislative/Governance**

- Governor's Transportation Funding Task Force

### **Transportation-Land Use/Economic Development**

- Access to Destinations (joint with Comm. Dev. Cmte)- David Levinson, Mark Filipi (MTS & CD)
- Corridors of Opportunity (joint with Comm. Dev. Cmte) (MTS & CD)
  - Transit Oriented Development
  - Equitable economic development patterns
- Council TOD Funding Program (MTS & CD)
- CoO Program of Transitway Projects (MTS & CTIB)

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## Research/Innovation

- Center for Transportation Studies Update & Partnerships - Laurie McGinnis (Metro Transit)
- Mileage-based User Fees – MnDOT, John Doan (MTS)
- Telework and eWorkPlace – Adeel Lari and TMO Managers (MTS)
- MnDOT PPP Task Force Recommendations and Report (MTS)
- Itasca Return on Investment (ROI) Study (MTS)
- Energy Usage Update for 2011 (Metro Transit)

## Outreach

- Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB)
- Suburban Transit Association (STA)
- Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC)

## B. PERIODIC / QUARTERLY UPDATES

- Green Line (Central LRT) - Metro Transit
- Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT) – Metro Transit
  - Freight reroute
  - Maintenance facility(s) siting
- The Minneapolis Interchange – Metro Transit & Hennepin County
- DBE contracting progress report – Wanda Kirkpatrick, Office of Diversity & Equal Opportunity

## C. ROUTINE / OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS (Staff initiated)

### Transit System Operations (on-going)

- Approve transit operating contracts/expenditures (service contracts, fuel contracts, marketing contracts, advertising contracts, etc.)
- Approve capital contracts/construction updates (land acquisition, construction, design issues, scoping studies, vehicle purchases, etc)
- Monitor ridership – Quarterly regional ridership reports
- Approve major service level changes
- Technology updates and purchases
- Transit Link dial-a-ride, Metro Mobility and Vanpool briefings
- Fare collection annual evaluation (joint with Metro Transit)
- School Programs and Ridership (Metro Transit)

### Transportation Budget

- Operating Budget Approval
  - Strategic Discussion: June/July
  - Preliminary Budget Review: July/August
  - Operating Budget Approval: December
- Quarterly Operating Amendments: March/July/October/December
- Capital Budget

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- CIP Review: August-October
- CIP Approval: December
- Quarterly Capital Amendments: April/July/October/December
- CTIB operating and capital grant applications, consistency finding and execution – Summer/Fall
- RALF Annual Plan – March/April
- MVST performance monitoring

### **Legislative Program**

- Update on Governor's Budget and Bonding recommendations
- On-going Legislative Updates
- Discussion of relevant bills/updates
- Legislative Wrap-Up/Results

### **Transportation Planning / MPO Activity**

- Regional Solicitation process update and action (MTS)
- 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Concurrence\* (MTS)
- TIP Amendments Concurrence\* (MTS)
- Urban Planning Work Program (UPWP) Approval\* (MTS)
- MAC Capital Improvement Program Approval\* (MTS)