

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 11, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of N/A

**Subject:** 2015 Transportation Committee Work Plan Accomplishments and 2016 Work Plan Discussion

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** N/A

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651-602-1754)

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**Division/Department:** Transportation / Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) and Metro Transit

### Proposed Action

No action; for discussion purposes only.

### Background

Each year the Transportation Committee approves an annual work plan to guide its business and agenda. The Committee's adopted 2015 Work Plan with completion status is attached for information and review. Numerous items were deferred due to full committee agendas.

Committee members are also encouraged to provide input into the 2016 work plan. Staff anticipates bringing forward a proposed 2016 Transportation Committee Work Plan at the January 27 committee meeting.

Work plans typically include special projects anticipated to occur as well as policy topics. Core business functions essential to the ongoing business of the Council and information items are included. Outreach to external transportation partners and projects are also included.

### Rationale

The Transportation Committee's annual work plan is intended to be a guide to the committee's work that is flexible and can be adjusted.

### Funding

N/A

### Known Support / Opposition

N/A

| MTG DATE    | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>METRO TRANSIT<br/>2015 WORK PLAN<br/>TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE<br/>INFORMATION ITEMS</b></p> | PRESENTER(S)  | TC Date Completed            |
|-------------|---|---|------------------------------|
| January 12  | TC 2014 Work Plan Review & 2015 Work Plan Input   | Brian Lamb, Arlene McCarthy   | 1/12/15                      |
| January 26  | ** Transit Operations Winter Weather Preparation  | Brian Funk, Mark Benedict, John Paul Zanaska, Mike Maddio, Lisa Johnson | 1/26/15                      |
|             | ** Heywood Campus Vision & Police Department Facility   | Cathy Nordin, Pierce Canser   | 1/26/15                      |
| February 9  | Orange Line 2015 Look-Ahead   | Charles Carlson   | 2/09/15                      |
|             | ** NexTrip for LRV  | Brian Funk  | 2/09/15                      |
| February 23 | <b>MEETING CANCELLED</b>  |   |                              |
| March 9     | 2014 Annual Park-and-Ride System Report   | Berry Farrington, Steve Hannon  | 3/09/15                      |
|             | Bus Stop Improvements (Ladders of Opportunity)  | Berry Farrington, Jill Hengtes, Russ Adams                              | 3/09/15                      |
| March 23    | C Line Update (** Arterial BRT Update)  | Charles Carlson, Katie Roth   | 3/23/15                      |
|             | TOD Quarterly Update  | Lucy Galbraith, Amy Geisler   | 3/23/15 & 05/11/15           |
|             | <del>Service Improvement Plan Approval</del>  | <del>Cyndi Harper, Adam Harrington</del>                                | <b>Changed to BI 2015-62</b> |
|             | Twins/Target Field Service and New Marketing Campaign   | Kelci Stones & Leah Janz  | 3/23/15                      |
|             | Metro Transit Solar Portfolio Update  | Pat Jones, Robert Rimstad   | 3/23/15                      |
| April 13    | Diesel and Hybrid Electric Bus Update   | Rob Milleson & Howie Padilla  | 4/13/15                      |
| April 27    | Northstar Operations Update   | John Paul Zanaska   | 4/27/15                      |
|             | Customer Satisfaction Survey Results  | Bruce Howard  | 4/27/15                      |
| May 11      | TOD and Snelling Site Update  | Lucy Galbraith  | 4/27/15                      |
|             | SWLRT Station Design/Integrated Public Art  | Mark Fuhrmann, Craig Lamothe  | Deferred                     |
|             | West Broadway Study Concepts  | Charles Carlson   | Deferred                     |
|             | Metro Transit Police Update   |   | Deferred                     |
| May 25      | <b>MEETING CANCELLED</b>  |   |                              |
| June 8      | Campus Master Plan Update   | Pierce Canser, Pat Jones  | 6/08/15                      |
|             | Transit Police Building Design Concept  | Cathy Nordin  | 6/08/15                      |
|             | SWLRT Cash Flow Financing Plan  | Mary Bogie, Mark Fuhrmann   | 6/08/15                      |
| June 22     | St. Paul Youth Commission, Metro Transit Go-To Card Pilot Program   | Kristin Thompson  | 6/22/15                      |
|             | **Service Effectiveness & Efficiency  | Adam Harrington   | 6/22/15                      |
|             | Metro Transit Energy/Conservation/Sustainability Update   |   | Deferred                     |

| MTG Date     | Transportation Committee Information Items                      | Presenters   | Date Completed |
|--------------|---|--|----------------|
|              | Orange Line Update/Knox Avenue Layout & Downtown Access Options |  | Deferred       |
|              | Metro Transit Police Update                                     | John Harrington  | 6/22/15        |
|              | METRO Green Line One-Year Update                                | Brian Funk   | 6/22/15        |
|              |   |  |                |
| July 13      | Regional Service Improvement Plan (RSIP) Acceptance             | Adam Harrington  | Deferred       |
|              | Orange Line Update/Knox Avenue Layout & Downtown Access Options | Charles Carlson  | 7/13/15        |
|              | West Broadway Study Concepts                                    | Charles Carlson  | 7/13/15        |
|              | Traction Motor Overhaul Update                                  | Rick Carey   | Deferred       |
|              | 2016 Operating Budget Discussion                                | Brian Lamb, Arlene McCarthy                              | Deferred       |
|              | MOA Transit Center Update                                       | Jeff Freeman   | Deferred       |
|              |   |  |                |
| July 27      | Transit Control Center Tour                                     | Lisa Johnson, Chad Loeffler                              | Deferred       |
|              | Cedar Grove Transit Station Update                              | Claudius Toussaint                                       | Deferred       |
|              | TOD Quarterly Update  | Lucy Galbraith   | Deferred       |
|              | Street Operations Outreach Initiatives                          | Demetairs Bell   | Deferred       |
|              | SWLRT SDEIS & NEPA Schedule Overview                            | Mark Fuhrmann, Chris Beckwith                            | Deferred       |
|              | BLRT Tour   | Mark Fuhrmann, Chris Beckwith                            | Deferred       |
|              | SWLRT Revised Flyover Video                                     | Mark Fuhrmann, Craig Lamothe                             | Deferred       |
|              | Cedar Avenue Transitway Implementation Plan Update              | Kristine Elwood, Dakota Co. Transit Mgr. & Mona Elabbady | 7/27/15        |
|              | Blue Line Extension Overview of DEIS Scope & Cost Estimate      | Dan Soler  | 7/27/15        |
|              |   |  |                |
| August 10    | Metro Transit Energy Conservation/Sustainability Update         | Robert Rimstad   | 8/10/15        |
|              | Initiatives for Filling Technical Positions                     | Tom Humphrey   | Deferred       |
|              | State Fair Service and Marketing                                | Kelci Stones/Greg Tuveson                                | 8/10/15        |
|              |   |  |                |
| August 24    | Overview and Demonstration of Track System Vacuum Truck         | Mark Benedict  | Deferred       |
|              | Route 10 TSP Improvements and Results                           | Lisa Johnson, Gary Nyberg                                | Deferred       |
|              | Metro Transit Voice & Data Communication System                 | Chad LeVasseur   | 8/24/15        |
|              |   |  |                |
| September 14 | Central Avenue Traffic Signal Priority                          | Lisa Johnson, Gary Nyberg                                | 9/14/15        |
|              | BLRT Project Update, Issue Resolution Team Status               | Mark Fuhrmann, Dan Soler                                 | Deferred       |
|              | Downtown East/Vikings Stadium Transit Planning                  | Jim Harwood  | Deferred       |
|              | Bus Stop Facilities Guidelines                                  | Julie Quinn  | Deferred       |
|              | Orange Line Downtown Access                                     | Charles Carlson, Jim Harwood                             | Deferred       |
|              | Application of GoPro Technology                                 | Mark Benedict  | Deferred       |
|              | A Line Extension Evaluation Results                             | Charles Carlson  | Deferred       |

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|              | Heywood II Update  | Pat Jones                                  | Deferred                      |
|              | 2040 Park & Ride Plan Kickoff                                      | Julie Quinn                                | Deferred                      |
|              |  |  |                               |
| September 28 | Arterial BRT Update  | Katie Roth                                 | 9/28/15                       |
|              | BLRT NEPA Status   | Mark Fuhrmann, Kathryn O'Brien             | Deferred                      |
|              | SWLRT Update & Fly Over  | Mark Fuhrmann                              | 9/28/15                       |
|              | Low Income Fare Program Pilot                                      | Mary Capistrant                            | 9/28/15                       |
|              | Transit Control Center Tour  | Chad Loeffler                              | 9/28/15                       |
|              |  |  |                               |
| October 12   | Orange Line – Knox Avenue  | Christina Morrison                         | Deferred                      |
|              | West Broadway Study Update   | Shelley Miller, Charles Carlson            | Deferred                      |
|              | 2016-2021 CIP Capital Budget Discussion                            | Brian Lamb, Arlene McCarthy                | 10/12/15                      |
|              | Metro Transit Technician Program                                   | Michael Joyce, Aaron Koski                 | 10/12/15                      |
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| October 26   | <b>MEETING CANCELLED</b>   |  |                               |
|              |  |  |                               |
|              | Rail Right of Way Worker Protection                                | Mark Benedict                              | Deferred                      |
|              | Northstar Operations Update  | John Paul Zanaska                          | Deferred                      |
|              |  |  |                               |
| November 9   | <b>ROAD MEETING - BLAINE</b>                                       |  |                               |
|              | Metro Transit Mobile App   | Bruce Howard                               | Deferred                      |
|              | Bus Stop Improvement Update (Ladders of Opportunity)               | Berry Farrington, Gayle Gartner, Paul Lamb | Deferred                      |
|              | Overhaul Base Remodel (with possible site visit)                   | Rob Milleson                               | Deferred                      |
|              | <del>BLRT Project Scope and Budget Info Item</del>                 | <del>Mark Fuhrmann, Dan Soler</del>        | Now a BI, set for 11/9/15     |
|              |  |  |                               |
| November 23  | Bus Operator Engagement  | Christine Kuennen, Dan Stoffer             | Deferred                      |
|              | <del>SWLRT Integrated Public Art/Kenilworth Landscape Design</del> | <del>Mark Fuhrmann, Craig Lamothe</del>    | <del>Tent 11/23/15</del>      |
|              | I-94 & Manning Park & Ride Update                                  | Pat Jones, Tom McGannon                    | 11/23/15                      |
| December 7   | West Broadway Study Conclusion                                     | Shelley Miller, Charles Carlson            | Deferred                      |
|              | A-Line Update  | <del>Katie Roth, Charles Carlson</del>     | Bus demo only – not Info Item |
|              | TOD Quarterly Update   | Lucy Galbraith                             | 12/7                          |
|              | Metro Transit Ridership Report Analysis Update                     | Nick Eull                                  | 12/7                          |
|              | LRT Overhaul Status Update   | Rick Carey                                 | Deferred                      |
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| December 28  | <b>MEETING CANCELLED</b>   |  |                               |
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\*\* Items added after approval of Work Plan

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|   | Anticipated Sched.          | Division(s) | Date Complete   |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------|---|
| <b>A. Special Initiatives/Projects/Policy Topics</b>                        |                             |             |   |
| <b>Contracted Transit Operations</b>  |                             |             |   |
| Fare Policy Changes   | TBD by Council Chair        | MTS/MT      | deferred  |
| 2014 Transit Regional Route Performance Analysis                            | Q3                          | MTS         | deferred  |
| Transit Link Service Contracts Approval                                     | Q2-Q3                       | MTS         | 6/08/15   |
| East/West Crosstown Contract Approval                                       | Q2-Q3                       | MTS         | 6/08/15   |
| Metro Mobility Contracts  | Q1-Q2                       | MTS         | 4/13/2015   |
| Purchase approximately 250 buses  | Ongoing                     | MTS         | various   |
| ** Metro Mobility Safety Net Program Change                                 |                             | MTS         | 4/13/2015   |
| <b>Transportation Planning/MPO</b>  |                             |             |   |
| <b>Multi Modal</b>  |                             |             |   |
| Multi-Year Planning Work Update<br>(guided by 2040 TPP Work Plan)           | Q1 (now Q3)                 | MTS         | 7/13/15   |
| Expanded Urbanized Area MOU (WI)  | Q3                          | MTS         | deferred  |
| Regional Travel Model Update  | Q3                          | MTS         | deferred  |
| MAP-21 USDOT Performance Measures   | Q4                          | MTS         | deferred  |
| Climate Strategies and Economic Opportunities                               | Q2                          | MTS/CD      | deferred  |
| Equity Measures for Transportation Investment<br>Refinement Update          | Q3                          | MTS         | Equity<br>Workshops                                       |
| Planning and Programming Guide Review and Update                            | Q4                          | MTS         | deferred  |
| Public Participation Plan Update  | Q3                          | MTS         | deferred  |
| Travel Behavior Inventory (TBI) Evaluation                                  | Q4                          | MTS         | 1/26/15,<br>03/09/15,<br>4/13/15,<br>4/27/15,<br>11/23/15 |
| ** Transit On-Board Survey  |                             | MTS         | 4/27/2015   |
| System Statements Discussion  | Q2-Q3                       | MTS/CD      | Council<br>9/09/2015                                      |
| <b>Highways</b>   |                             |             |   |
| MAP-21 Reauthorization  | Q3-Q4                       | MTS         | Director's<br>Reports                                     |
| RALF Program Status and Review  | Q1 (now Q3)                 | MTS         | 11/23/2015  |
| Highway Corridor Studies General Updates:                                   |                             |             |   |
| - I-94/TH 280 MnPASS Study  | Q2                          | MTS         | 08/10/15  |
| - I-35E MnPASS Extension Study  | Q3-Q4                       | MTS         | 8/24/2015   |
| - I-494/94 Managed Lane Study   | Q3-Q4                       | MTS         | deferred  |
| - I-494/TH 62 Managed Lane Study  | Q3-Q4                       | MTS         | deferred  |
| PA and A Minor Maintenance Spending Analysis                                | Q2                          | MTS         | deferred  |
| Non-Freeway PA Intersection Conversion Update                               | Q2                          | MTS         | 4/27/15   |
| <b>Transitways/Transit</b>  |                             |             |   |
| TH 55 Highway Transitway Corridor Study Analysis                            | Q1                          | MTS         | 1/26/2015   |
| Transitway Corridors Alternatives Analysis and/or<br>Environmental Analysis | Q3 General Update on<br>all | MTS         |   |

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|--|---|--------------------|-----------------------|
| - Gold Line  | TBD by project schedule                       | MTS/MT             |                       |
| - Red Rock   | TBD by project schedule                       | MTS                |                       |
| - Robert Street  | TBD by project schedule                       | MTS                |                       |
| - Rush Line  | TBD by project schedule                       | MTS                |                       |
| - I-35W South BRT Orange Line  | TBD by project schedule                       | MT                 | 2/9/2015              |
| - Riverview  | TBD by project schedule                       | MTS                |                       |
| - Zip Rail-Rochester to Twin Cities High-Speed Rail  | TBD by project schedule                       | MTS                |                       |
| Regional Streetcar Policy development  | Q1-Q3   | MTS                | 2/11/2015             |
| Transitway Prioritization Process  | Q2-Q4   | MTS                | deferred              |
| TH 169 Transit Study Initiation  | Q1  | MTS                | 4/13/2015             |
| Transit System Performance Report Acceptance   | Q4  | MTS                | deferred              |
| *** Cedar Avenue Transitway Implementation Plan Update   |   | MTS                | 7/27/2015             |
| <b>Aviation</b>  |   |                    |                       |
| Regional Airports Comprehensive Plan Updates (Crystal, Airlake, Lake Elmo (Q3) & South-St. Paul) | Q1--South-St. Paul- (completed Q4 '14), Q3-Q4 | MTS                | Lake Elmo tent1/11/16 |
| <b>Bike and Pedestrian</b>   |   |                    |                       |
| Cycloplan/Refine Regional Bike Transportation Network (RBTN) Update                              | Q4  | MTS                | deferred              |
| <b>Freight</b>   |   |                    |                       |
| General Freight Rail Update  | Q2  | MTS& MnDOT         | 8/10/2015             |
| Truck/Highway Freight Needs Update   | Q3  | MTS                | deferred              |
| <b>Funding/Budget</b>  |   |                    |                       |
| 2018-2019 Regional Solicitation Project Selection  | Q2  | MTS                | 6/8/2015              |
| **Federal Funding Reallocation Policy and Scope Change Policy Update                             |   | MTS                | 3/23/2015             |
| Post-Regional Solicitation Review with TAB   | Q3-Q4   | MTS                | 12/16/2015            |
| ** Metropolitan Area 5310 Grant Awards   |   | MTS                | 1/12/2015             |
| Approve 5310 Grant Awards  | Q4  | MTS                | 10/12/2015            |
| Metro Mobility 2014 Review and Growth Projections  | Q1  | MTS                | 1/26/2015             |
| Fleet Replacement Mileage Factor Evaluation  | Q3  | MTS                | deferred              |
| MAP-21 Federal Transportation Bill Guidance Updates  | Ongoing                                       | MTS/MT             | deferred              |
| Regional Transit Capital Revenue Allocation Review   | Q3-Q4   | Finance/MTS        | deferred              |
| Regional Transit Operating Revenue Allocation Information  | Q1  | Finance/MTS        | 10/12/2015            |
| Federal/State/Local Transportation Funding presentation  | Q1  | MTS                | 06/22/15 &, 7/13/15   |

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| ***Federal Funding Reallocation Policy & Scope Change Policy  |   | MTS                   | 3/23/2015  |
| ** TDM Solicitation   |   | MTS                   | 6/8/2015   |
| <b>Outreach</b>   |   |                       |  |
| Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC)  | Q3                                      | MTS                   | 6/8/2015   |
| Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)   | Liaison reports @ TC;<br>additional TBD | MTS                   | ongoing  |
| Center for Transportation Studies (CTS)   | Q4                                      | MTS/MT                | deferred   |
| CTIB Joint Meeting (Joint CTIB/Council Policymaker meetings)  | TBD by Council Chair                    | MTS                   | deferred   |
| <b>B. Periodic/Quarterly Updates</b>  |   |                       |  |
| Regional Ridership Reports  | Quarterly                               | MTS                   | 2/9/2015,<br>5/11/15,<br>11/23/15                |
| Metro Mobility and Transit Link Technology Project  | Q2                                      | MTS                   | 1/26/2015  |
| ** Metro Mobility Technology & Ridership Update   |   | MTS                   | 1/26/2015  |
| <b>C. Routine/Oversight Functions</b>   |   |                       |  |
| <b>Transportation Operating and Capital Budget</b>  |   |                       |  |
| - Strategic Discussion  | Q1-Q2                                   | MTS/MT                | 7/27/2015  |
| - Draft Budget Presentation   | Q2-Q3                                   | MTS/MT                | 7/27/15  |
| Operating Budget Amendments   | Quarterly                               | MTS/MT                | quarterly  |
| Capital Budget Amendments   | Quarterly                               | MTS/MT                | quarterly  |
| RA-MVST Agreements  | Q1                                      | MTS                   | 1/12/2015  |
| CTIB-related Actions (Operating & Capital Grant Applications; Consistency Finding; Agreements Execution)<br>CTIB presentation 8/10/15 | Per CTIB schedule                       | MTS/MT                | 8/10/15,<br>10/12/15,<br>10/26/15, &<br>11/23/15 |
| MVST Performance Monitoring   | Monthly                                 | MTS                   | Director's Reports                               |
| <b>Legislative Program</b>  |   |                       |  |
| Updates on Governor's Budget and Bonding recommendations, Legislative discussions   | Q1-Q2                                   | MTS/MT/Govt Relations | Council 5/27/15                                  |
| Legislative Wrap-Up/Results   | Q2                                      | MTS/MT/Govt Relations | Council 5/27/15                                  |
| <b>Transportation Planning/MPO Activity</b>   |   |                       |  |
| 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) concurrence*   | Q2                                      | MTS                   | 9/14/2015  |
| TIP Amendments Concurrence*   | Multiple actions                        | MTS                   | ongoing  |
| Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Approval*  | Q2                                      | MTS                   | 9/28/2015  |
| MAC 2016 Capital Improvement Program Approval*  | Per MAC's schedule                      | MTS                   | Jan. 2016  |

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| * Legislative or other legal requirement |  |  |  |
| ** Items added in 2015                   |  |  |  |
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