

Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC)

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Agenda and Outcomes

- What is the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC)
- Thrive MSP 2040 and Equity
- TAAC Accomplishments
- How you can engage with TAAC

Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC)

- Created by the Minnesota Legislature as a citizen advisory committee
- Advises the Metropolitan Council from the perspective of people with disabilities
 - Metro Transit
 - Paratransit (Metro Mobility)
 - Plans and Policies
- Advisory committee, not an advocacy committee

Thrive MSP 2040

- Five Outcomes
 - Sustainability
 - Livability
 - Prosperity
 - Stewardship
 - Equity
- All carry the same weight
- Equity definition has four components:
 - Race
 - Ethnicity
 - Income
 - Ability
- And not Or

How are we ensuring equity for persons with disabilities in every project?

TAAC Accomplishments

- Provided in-depth feedback during 5 design workshops
- Innovated Metro Mobility public forum format
- Lobbied for companion seating next to accessible seating in Light Rail Vehicles
 - Articulated in Regional Transitway Guidelines
- Heavily influenced existing LRT station design
- Urged aftermarket installation of Kelderman suspension system in Metro Mobility vehicles
- Training at TTMS

What's next for TAAC

- Working with Metro Transit and others to increase the accessibility of videos, documents and presentations that come before TAAC
- Updating our Bylaws

Engage with TAAC

- We are a (free, advice-giving) resource for you – you don't have to be the expert!
- Consult with us
 - Workshops, presentations, meetings, etc.
- Attend a meeting, present at a meeting
 - First Wednesday of the month, 12:30 in Council Chambers
- TAAC Liaisons
 - Pam Steffen, Metro Transit
 - Dana Rude, Metro Mobility
 - Heidi Schallberg, Planning

Thanks

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