

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 12, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 28, 2018

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding Between the Metropolitan Council and the Minnesota Department of Transportation

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: FAST-Act

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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Background

Per federal regulations, the Council must select performance targets for required federal performance measures in coordination with MnDOT. These performance measures and associated targets are critical in tracking the performance of the region's transportation network and ensuring that the Council's planning and project programming processes are geared towards meeting specific regional objectives. Both MnDOT and the Council must establish targets either annually or on a 2- or 4-year basis. MnDOT is responsible for establishing state-wide targets, after which the Council has 6 months to either support the state targets or adopt different targets. In either case, the Council must report both the targets and all data associated with the performance measures to MnDOT who, in turn, report the measures to the Federal Highway Administration. The establishment of this MOU will allow for the structured coordination of this process and help ensure both MnDOT and the Council meet federal reporting requirements.

The MOU is intended to formalize the working relationship between the Council and MnDOT on performance measures. A separate procedures document has been drafted by MnDOT to lay out the specifics of the relationship with regard to timing, reporting, and agency responsibilities. The procedures document will be amended as needed, while this MOU will be modified less frequently.

Rationale

This MOU is a requirement of USDOT and FHWA.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action supports the Livability outcome by focusing on how infrastructure creates and enhances the quality of life that makes our region a great place to live.

Funding

There is no funding attached to this action.

Known Support / Opposition

This item passed through the TAB and its TAC subcommittees. There is no known opposition.