

Transportation Committee

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Subject: 2021 Transportation Committee Work Plan

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: N/A

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

Proposed Action

That the Transportation Committee adopt the attached as its 2021 Work Plan.

Background

Each year the Transportation Committee approves an annual work plan to guide its business and agenda. Staff has prepared the draft Transportation Committee 2021 Work Plan with input from committee members.

The proposed work plan includes special projects anticipated to occur in 2021 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.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This work plan for Metro Transit and Metropolitan Transportation Services is built to advance all Thrive outcomes by planning for, investing in, and operating a comprehensive transportation system that serves the region. Accountability is achieved by performing the tasks and projects identified in the annual work plan.

Funding

N/A

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

Metro Transit 2021 Metro Transit Work Plan

Quarter	Metro Transit Information Item	Department
1	Orange Line Connecting Bus Concept Plan	Service Development
1	Orange Line 2020 progress update, 2021 look-ahead	BRT and E&F
1	B Line Overview and Status Update	BRT
1	Gold Line Project Update	BRT
1	Transit Information Technology Update (including TIC hours update)	Marketing & Transit Information
1	Metro Transit's Role in Emergency Response	COO
1	Guideway Capital Maintenance Overview	TBD
1 or 2	Xcel R&R Update	E&F
1 or 2	BCTC Project Completion Update	E&F
1 or 2	Transit Service Update	Service Development
2	MN Twins Service (if fans are back)	Bus, Rail, Marketing & Transit Information
2	Rush Line Update	BRT
2	Arterial BRT Program Update	BRT
2	Post-COVID Marketing Campaign	Marketing & Transit Information
2	New Metro Transit Mobile App Launch	Marketing & Transit Information
2	Hitachi Live Streaming Camera Project Update	Rail
2	Mobility Hub Planning Guide	Strategic Initiatives
2 or 3	Sustainability Update	E&F
2 or 3	Electric Bus Pilot Project Update	E&F
3	State Fair Service and Marketing Preview	Bus and Marketing & Transit Information
3	TDM, TMOs, and Employer Outreach	Marketing & Transit Information
3	Gold Line Project Update	BRT
3	E Line Overview and Status Update	BRT
3	2022 Operating Budget Overview	Finance (MT and MTS)
3	2022-2027 Capital Budget Overview	Finance (MT and MTS)
3	MTPD Update	MTPD
3	Customer Relations and Outreach & Engagement Update	Administration
3	Minneapolis Bus Garage Project Update	E&F
3	LRV Maintenance Department Update	Rail
3	Development Trends/Affordable Housing Along Transit Update	TOD
4	Orange Line Construction Completion	BRT, E&F, and Bus Operations
4	Orange Line Pre-Launch Marketing/Operations Update Before Service Launch	Marketing & Transit Information and Bus Operations
4	Rush Line Project Update	BRT
4	Gold Line 2022 Look Ahead	BRT
4	Equity & Inclusion Update	E&I Unit

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4	Better Bus Stops Update	E&F
4	Park and Ride System Update	E&F
4	Northstar Update	E&F
4	Rail Systems Maintenance Update	Rail
As needed	Operator Hiring Update	Bus
Unassigned	Job Accessibility on Transit	Strategic Initiatives
Unassigned	Ridership Trends and Forecasts (Pandemic Update)	Strategic Initiatives
Unassigned	Transit User Survey Summary: Opinions and Experiences During COVID	Strategic Initiatives
Unassigned	Public Art Update	E&F

Metropolitan Transportation Services 2021 Transportation Committee Work Plan

Transportation Planning Section

Planning and Programming

Preparation/approval of the Four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	Q3
Approve Annual Unified Planning Development Program Work Plan (UPWP)	Q3
Public Input Process for TIP, UPWP	On-going

Regional Solicitation (Funding)

Evaluate 2020 Regional Solicitation Outcomes	Q2
Approve 2024-25 Regional Solicitation Application	Q4

Highway Planning

Twin Cities Mobility Needs Analysis	Q2
Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study Phase 2	Q2

Transit Planning

Bus Service Allocation Study Update	Q1
Regional Vanpool Study Update	Q4

Freight Planning

Regional Truck Corridors Update	Q4
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Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning

Regional Bicycle Facility and Corridor Spacing Guidelines	Q3
Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Update	Q4

Travel Model Development and Forecasting

Travel Behavior Inventory Data Update	Q2
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Transportation System Performance

Congestion Management Process Plan Update	Q4
Adopt Federally Required Performance Targets	Q3

System Monitoring and Data Collection

Quarterly Transit Ridership Reports	Quarterly
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Aviation Planning

Review MAC Capital Improvement Program	Q1
Long Term Capital Plan for Reliever Airports	Q4

Contracted Transit Service Section

Policy/Projects

Approve contract with Lyft for On-Demand Metro Mobility Service	Q1-Q2
Implement Service Hour Changes on Metro Mobility	Q3
Metro Mobility DHS Data Sharing Project Update	Q2
Finalize Recommendations on MetMo/Fixed Route Fare Policy	Q2
Evaluate Pilot Van Subsidy Program with Lifeworks and Recommend Long-term Direction	Q2
Update on COVID Special Services (Health Care Worker Trips, Food Shelf Deliveries)	Q2

Requests for Proposals (RFP)

On Board Camera System RFP/Contract	Q1
Bus Purchases (Transit Link, Metro Mobility, and Suburban Providers)	Q1
Bloomington, Edina, and Roseville (BEAR) Fixed Route RFP	Q3
Metro Vanpool RFP Release or Extend	Q4

Technology/Reporting

Public Launch of Metro Mobility Online booking	Q2
Pilot of Account-based Fares on Metro Mobility	Q2

Finance / Administration Section

Budget

Annual Capital/Operating Budgets	Q2/Q4
Quarterly Budget Amendments	Q4
Quarterly Management Reports	Q1

Transportation Partner Information Items

MnDOT Major Projects and Corridor Study Updates	Q3
Transitway Project Updates (Rush Line, Riverview)	Q4
University of MN - Center for Transportation Studies	Q3
Suburban Transit Providers	Q3