



Major Themes from Chapter Reviews

Transit, Freight, and Aviation



Comment Process Summary

- 413 comments from 8 agencies
- Many comments suggest language, grammar, wording edits or correct minor errors. Thank you! These are helpful but not summarized here.



Transit Comment Themes ⁽¹⁾



Chapter structure, additional content, or re-framing

Provide more stats about regional transit providers and links to their work
Examples include studies, strategic plans, ridership figures, etc... Need help from transit providers to include additional information.

Re-frame language to use a systems approach

For example, the current system is not meeting needs of people without cars or adding content discussing transit rider/community needs.

Add more detail on roles, relationships, and responsibilities throughout

Examples include Met Council governing Metro Transit, Ramsey County's role in passenger rail system, or transit relationship with MnDOT-owned roadways. Do not separate county role into sidebar for transitway development process

Provide additional maps or graphics for clarity

Examples include service provider areas and county funding breakout for omnibus transportation bill funds

Tie strategies and investments back to regional goals more throughout document. Consider reframing language around travel time and reliability to predictability

Transit Comment Themes (2)

Clarity and consistency

Provide more text, links, etc... to support text

We will follow up with partners for additional information if needed.

Provide specific years, timeframes, etc... for cited documents or phrases

For plans and studies. Also some undefined phrases like "near" in development along high-frequency transit. We will provide definitions as requested.

Ensure definitions are consistent in transitways

Definition of passenger rail vs. commuter rail is overlapping.



Transit Comment Themes ⁽³⁾



Transit and TPP Goals

Tie transit back to climate change/emissions/VMT reduction throughout

We will work to incorporate suggestions provided.

Discuss percent of transit vehicle miles electrically-powered, not passenger trips

Happy to investigate adding passenger miles traveled on electrically-powered transit vehicles. Focus should be on people and their travel, not vehicle travel.

Add more about why transit is important for equity

We will work to incorporate suggestions provided.

Acknowledge how transit investments can cause inequity, displacement

We will work to incorporate suggestions provided.

Provide more on how transit supports safety and toward zero death goals

We will work to incorporate suggestions provided.

Focus more on personal security/perception of safety

We will work to clarify content on personal security and incorporate suggestions where provided. Balance will need to be struck on TPP role v transit operators.

Transit Comment Themes (4)

Transitways

Consider adding U of MN as a transitway
The TPP has not historically considered the University's services as a transitway. Will look into Route 121 more.

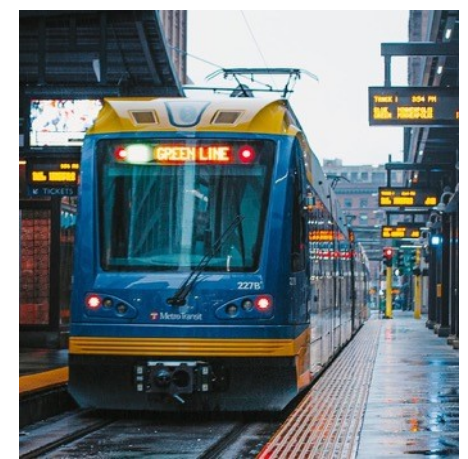
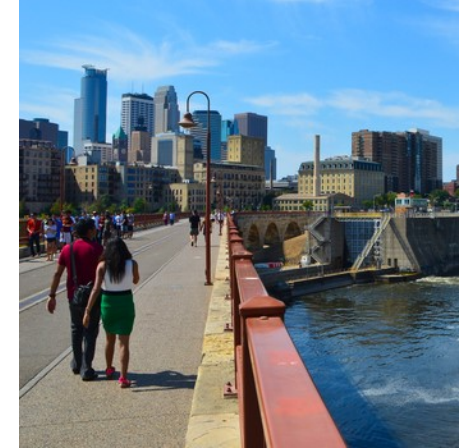
Met Council should support ADA access/connectivity for local connections to transitway stations including all four quadrants of intersections at stations

Questions or suggestions for the transitway development process
New content in chapter, adapted from regional transitway guidelines documents. Will work to incorporate or respond to individual comments.

Funding and Policy

Provide more information on changed funding responsibilities and requirements
We will work to incorporate suggestions provided.

Questions about funding assumptions on how the details were determined and how future decisions will include non-transit providers.
Clarifications provided on how to discuss county funding sources.



Freight Comment Themes ⁽¹⁾

General Comments

In addition to numerous text-related comments and checks for language consistency within the Freight Chapter and in relation to other chapters, key substantive comments included:

- Request for more info on connected vehicle technology testing relating to semi-trucks
- Need to highlight relationship of freight to passenger transportation modes in general, and for curbside space management and Complete Streets in particular
- Need to better acknowledge the importance of local roads for moving freight
- Suggestion to add discussion on the lack of reliable truck parking opportunities
- Suggestion to add more references to the greenhouse gas emissions reduction target goal
- Expressions of support for investments in public charging infrastructure

Freight Comment Themes (2)

E-Commerce Related Comments

Specific comments relating to the E-Commerce Freight Study findings and Planning Guidance sections included:

- Caution about how findings from the E-Commerce Freight Study are expressed, particularly relating to VMT reduction potential
- Expressions of support for e-commerce-related data collection and the concept of creating e-commerce parcel distribution microhubs to promote clean energy delivery modes and technologies
- Suggestions to incentivize clean energy distribution modes by including items from the Planning Guidance section as new priorities under Investment Direction
- Suggestion that Met Council develop guidelines for cities for planning and implementing e-commerce distribution microhubs

Aviation Comment Themes ⁽¹⁾



Introduction and Aviation Policies and Actions

Comments on clarity and suggestions for policies/actions

The Council has retained consultant to aid in updating technical assessment for the aviation chapter. This technical assessment will include detailed inventory, forecasts, peer system comparison, emerging trends and revised policies and actions. This process will set up a policy development team to review and establish updated policies and actions for the regional aviation system. Substantive comments received here will be carried forward to this process.

Aviation Comment Themes (2)

Existing conditions

Expand considerations and discussion on non-motorized access to regional airports

Will review and refine discussion on this topic.

Data clarifications

Multiple areas where clarification or review of provided data is requested. Will clarify or rework provided data as necessary.

Emerging Trends

Information clarifications

Multiple areas where clarification or review discussion of emerging trends. Will clarify or rework discussion as possible. Emerging trends will be further explored in-depth with technical assessment.



Aviation Comment Themes ⁽³⁾



Aviation Planning Process, Funding and Forecasts

Clarifications on MnDOT state standards, funding sources and State Aviation Plan

Will update per MnDOT Aeronautics comments for items specific to MnDOT.

Clarifications on aviation forecasts

Due to the Pandemic, forecast data may look odd, clarification on data will be provided. Currently, regional aviation forecasts only take basic FAA data available unless noted. Forecasts will be further evaluated and established with technical assessment and be amended into aviation chapter at a later date.

Chapter Review Schedule

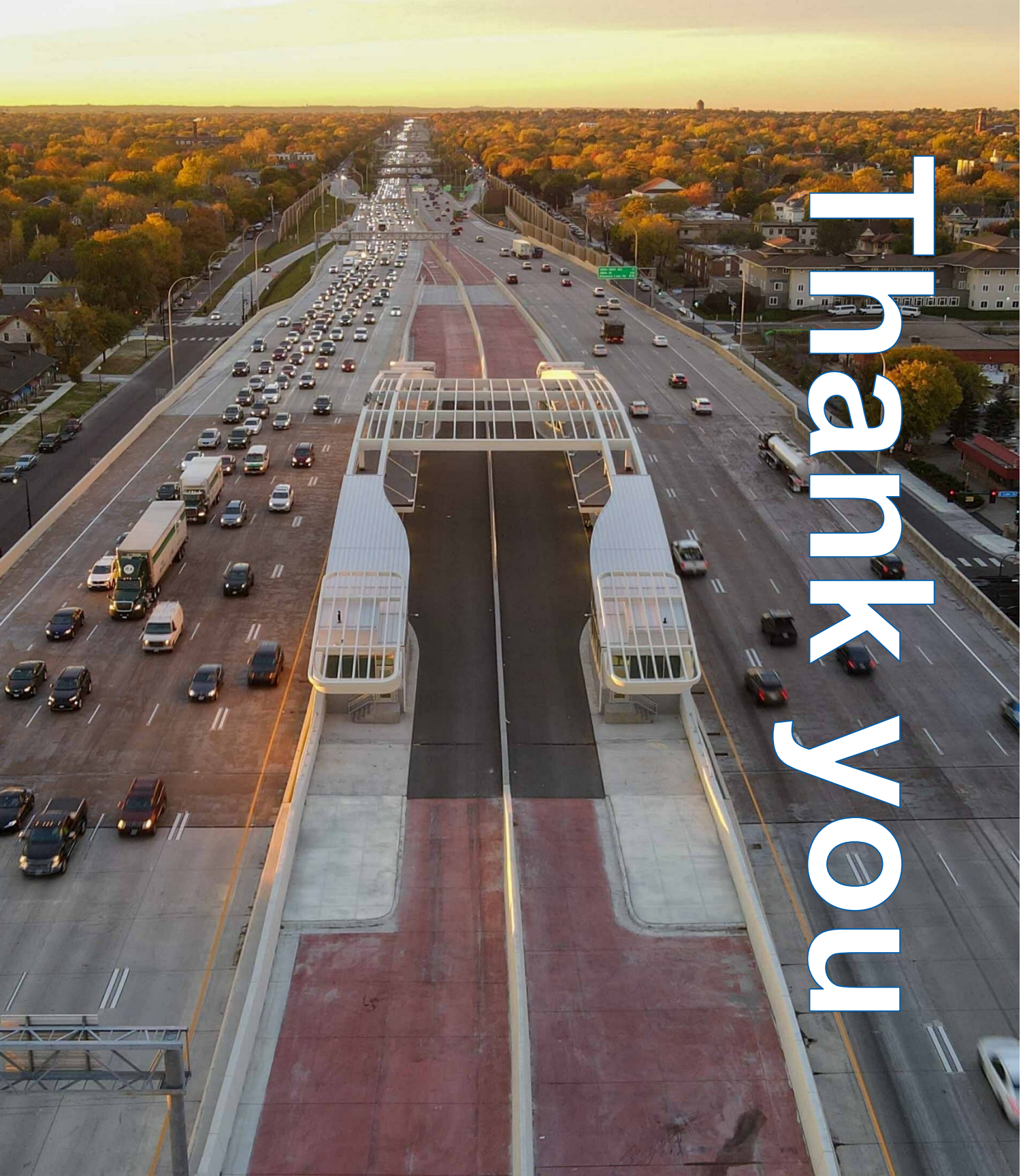
Chapter	November	December	January	February	March	April
Bicycle	Review	Changes				
Pedestrian	Review	Changes				
Travel Demand Management	Review	Changes				
Highways		Review	Changes			
Finance		Review	Changes			
Transit			Review	Changes		
Freight			Review	Changes		
Aviation			Review	Changes		
Equitable & Inclusive Goal				Review	Changes	
Healthy & Safe Goal				Review	Changes	
Dynamic & Resilient Goal				Review	Changes	
Climate Change Goal				Review	Changes	
Natural Systems Goal				Review	Changes	
Policies & Actions				Review	Changes	
Work Program					Review	Changes

Chapters to be scheduled: Overview/Imagine 2050 Transportation Chapter, Evaluation & Performance Chapter, Misc. Appendices

Discussion on Process



- Any concerns or feedback about the organization review process moving forward?
- Chapters will remain available on SharePoint for one month past deadline for trailing review.



Thank you

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