

# HARVEST ROOM A: Breakout Sessions

**2:45 PM – 3:45 PM**

**A PLANNERS PERSPECTIVE ON TRANSIT**

**MODERATOR – COLE HINIKER**

**Steve Mahowald**, Metro Transit

Steve Mahowald has worked at Metro Transit for 43 years; the first five years as an operator and the last thirty-eight in Service Development Division. His current projects include the Marquette/2nd Avenue redesign of service in downtown Minneapolis, the concept bus network for the METRO Green Line Extension and the restructuring of transit service in the southwest suburbs of Minneapolis. He has taught a Transit Planning class at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School and served on the City of Bloomington's Planning Commission, Traffic and Transportation Commission and the City's Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

**Alicia Vap**, METRO Blue Line Extension Project Office

Alicia Vap has twenty years in the transit and transportation planning field. She has worked at the county, regional, and state levels, and got the exciting opportunity to work on design and construction of the Green Line Light Rail Transit. She is now working on the design of the Blue Line Extension from Target Field station through the communities of Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal, and Brooklyn Park. Alicia has her Masters in Urban Planning from the University of Kansas.

