Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 25, 2008

Council meeting: September 10, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	August 21, 2008
Subject:	Authorization for Public Hearing on 2030 Draft Transportation Policy Plan
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Regional Transportation Policy Plan
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, Director MTS (651-602-1754)
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing on the Draft 2030 Transportation Policy Plan to be held on October 22, 2008, at 5 pm.

Background

The Council as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization is required by both State and Federal law to prepare and update a long-range transportation plan for the region every four years. Law and Council adopted policy require a public participation process and a public hearing to be held on the draft document to receive public comment. The official public comment period will extend from September 15, when notice of the public hearing is published in the State Register until November 10, 2008.

In addition to the public hearing on October 22nd, it is proposed that six open houses also be held on the Draft 2030 TPP. The dates of the open houses have not yet been set, but it is intended to hold one in each of the downtown areas at the noon hour and four evening open houses in various suburban locations.

After closing of the public comment period, staff will compile and review the comments, make appropriate changes to the Draft 2030 TPP and propose that the document be adopted by the Council on December 10, 2008.

Rationale

The proposed authorization of the public hearing on the Draft 2030 Transportation Policy Plan will allow the plan to move forward for public review and comment as required by law.

Funding

None required.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition. Support has been indicated by the TAB and TAC.