

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 14, 2011

Council Meeting: N/A

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date:** January 19, 2011  
**Subject:** Approval of Transportation Committee 2011 Work Plan  
**District(s), Member(s):** All Districts  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** N/A  
**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Brian Lamb, General Manager, Metro Transit (612-349-7510)  
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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit and Metropolitan Transportation Services

## Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee approve the attached Plan as its Work Plan for 2011.

# **2011 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM**

## **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (MTS)**

### **STAFF-INITIATED ROUTINE/OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS**

#### **Transit System Operations (on-going)**

- Approve transit operating contracts/expenditures (service contracts, fuel contracts, marketing contracts, advertising contracts, etc.)
- Approve capital contracts/construction updates (land acquisition, construction, design issues, scoping studies, vehicle purchases, etc)
- Monitor ridership – Quarterly regional ridership reports
- Approve major service level changes when needed
- Technology updates and purchases
- VanGO!, Transit Link, Metro Mobility Briefings

#### **Transportation Budget**

- Operating Budget Approval
  - Strategic Discussion: June/July
  - Preliminary Budget Review: July/August
  - Operating Budget Approval: December
- Quarterly Operating Amendments: March/July/October/December
- Capital Budget
  - CIP Review: August-October
  - CIP Approval: December
- Quarterly Capital Amendments: April/July/October/December
- Approve private provider contracts as required for Metro Mobility, Transit Link and fixed route transit service.
- CTIB operating and capital grant applications, consistency finding and execution – Summer/Fall
- RALF Annual Plan – March/April

#### **Legislative Program**

- Update on Governor's Budget and Bonding recommendations - February
- On-going Legislative Updates: February – June
- Discussion of relevant bills/updates: February – May
- Legislative Wrap-Up/Result - June

#### **MPO Activity**

- Regional Solicitation process update and action – March/April
- Approve 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program: September
- TIP Amendments: On-going
- UPWP Approval: September

#### **Aviation Planning**

- Approve MAC Capital Improvement Program: January

## **KEY POLICY ISSUES**

In 2011, the major focus will be on implementing the new 2030 TPP adopted November 2010 and the continuing implementation of the Travel Behavior Inventory (TBI). Spring meetings will include informational updates for new Council members.

The key staff work breaks out into three areas: funding, planning, and implementation.

### **Funding Issues**

- Regional Service Improvement Plan
- MVST Performance Monitoring
- Progress reports on Federal Transportation Reauthorization
- Long-distance fare policy evaluation and recommendation
- Program of Transitway Projects as part of HUD grant

### **Planning Issues**

- Arterial Transitway Corridors Study - Fall
- Metro Freight Study - Fall
- Congestion Safety and Management Plan - periodic reports (Mn/DOT lead)
- "A" Minor Arterial Evaluation Study (with TAB/TAC)
- Travel Behavior Inventory – periodic reports
- 2010 Transit System Performance Evaluation – statistics update
- Regional Transitway Guidelines – finalize and adopt
- RALF Program Implementation Criteria Update
- Interchange Approval Process (with MnDOT)
- Regional Model Transit Network Update
- Public Transit Human Services Coordination Plan Update

### **Implementation**

- Highway Corridor Studies and Projects: I-35W N, I-35E, others as needed
- Transitway Studies and Project Updates: including I-35W BRT, Cedar, Gateway, Robert St., Mpls. Streetcar, Bottineau, Rush Line, Mpls. Interchange, Union Depot, others as needed
- Southwest Transitway - Modeling Oversight and Land-Use
- Dial-a-ride electronic fare payment system development initiation
- Transitway Locally Preferred Alternatives (LPA) approvals as needed

## **OUTREACH TO KEY CONSTITUENCY GROUPS**

- Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) –March (in conjunction with the solicitation approval)
- Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC) – May
- Transportation Management Organizations (TMOs) – September
- Central Corridor Committee – On-going
- Suburban Transit Providers Association
- CTS Transportation Research Update
- MnDOT
- Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB)

**METRO TRANSIT**  
**2011 WORK PLAN - TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**INFORMATION ITEMS**

3/07/2011

<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Presenter</u></b>
January 10	Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: Parcel 5B (Hellervik Parking Lot) Acquisition Update	Mark Fuhrmann
January 10	Central Corridor Light Rail Transit: Cash Flow	Mark Fuhrmann
January 10	Transportation Retrospective 2003-2010	Brian Lamb
January 24	Discount Transit Passes Program: Eligible Charitable Organizations Serving the Homeless	Tom Randall
January 26 MC	I-35W Bus Rapid Transit Update	John Levin
January 31	Transitways Identity and Branding Framework Implementation Recommendations	Bruce Howard, Cole Hiniker
January 31	Transportation 2011 Work Plan	Brian Lamb, Arlene McCarthy
February 14	Transit Facility Energy Conservation	Tom Thorstenson
March 14	2010 Ridership Summary	Ed Petrie, Bruce Howard
March 14	Role of Metropolitan Council in Transportation	Brian Lamb, Arlene McCarthy
March 28	2010 Customer Survey Results	Bruce Howard
March 28	Park-and-Ride Survey Update	Maurice Roers, Andrea Long
March 28	Central Corridor Light Rail Project Overview	Mark Fuhrmann, Rich Rovang
March 28	Southwest Light Rail Project Overview	Mark Fuhrmann, Chris Weyer
April 11	Go Greener Update for Earth Day (April 22 <sup>nd</sup> )	Bruce Howard
April 11	Hybrid Bus Grant (Super Bus Program)	Jan Homan
April 25	Hiawatha Light Rail Vehicle Overhaul Program Update	Ed Toomey, Gene Sheldon
May 9	East-West Spine, Downtown Minneapolis	Adam Harrington, Maurice Roers
May 23	Metro Transit Website Update w/2011 Projects	Bruce Howard
May 23	Arterial Transitway Corridor Study Update	Charles Carlson
June 13	Energy Conservation w/ Emission Technologies and Fuel	Pat Jones, Robert Rimstad, Jan Homan
June 13	Central Corridor Light Rail Project Update	Mark Fuhrmann, Rich Rovang
June 13	Regional Service Improvement Plan Status	John Levin
June 27	Interchange Project Update	Ed Hunter
June 27	Rider to Rewards Update	Bruce Howard
July 11	Rail Systems Support Construction	Pat Jones, Claudius Toussaint
July 11	2012 Transportation Operating Budget	Brian Lamb, Arlene McCarthy
July 25	Commuter Challenge Results	Bruce Howard
July 25	School Programs Results	Bruce Howard
August 8	Expansion of Hiawatha Operations & Maintenance Facility	MarySue Abel, Lindsay Sheppard
August 8	2012-2017 Capital Budget and CIP	Ed Petrie
August 22	State Fair (opens August 25 <sup>th</sup> )	Bruce Howard
August 22	Bus Annunciator Tour	Christy Bailly

September 12	Construction Update – Hiawatha Light Rail Support Center and Operations & Maintenance Expansion	Pat Jones
September 12	Central Corridor Light Rail Project Update	Mark Fuhrmann, Rich Rovang
September 26	Greenride Ridematching System	Bruce Howard
September 26	Employee Development	Jan Homan
October 10	Downtown Minneapolis Layover Initiatives	Maurice Roers, Jim Harwood
October 24	Biking Programs and Bike Counts	Bruce Howard
November 14	Heywood II – Planning for Growth	MarySue Abel
November 14	I-35W Bus Rapid Transit Update	Charles Carlson
November 28	Reliability/Bus Inspection Process	Jan Homan
December 12	I-35W Bus Rapid Transit – Adding Stations at 98 <sup>th</sup> and 82 <sup>nd</sup> Streets	Tom Thorstenson
December 12	Central Corridor Light Rail Project Update	Mark Fuhrmann, Rich Rovang
December 12	Marg2/UPA/I-35W and 46 <sup>th</sup> Street Station Anniversaries	Bruce Howard
December 12	Arterial Transitway Corridor Study Update	Charles Carlson
<del>December 26</del>		