

Other Business

Meeting date: December 10, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	December 1, 2008
Subject:	Appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board
District(s), Member(s):	Districts 9-16
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes 473.146
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Peter Bell, Chair
Division/Department:	Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following reappointments to the Transportation Advisory Board: **BART WARD**—Precinct E; **DONN WISKI**—Precinct F and TAB chair; **JILL SMITH**—Precinct G; and **KEN JOHNSON**—Precinct H.

Background

- The TAB was established by the Metropolitan Council pursuant to MN Statutes 473.146. The TAB’s purpose is to advise and assist the Council, the Minnesota Dept. of Transportation (MnDOT), and all political subdivisions in accomplishing the responsibilities designated by state and federal law and regulation with regard to transportation planning and programming for the Twin Cities metropolitan area.
- The TAB is a 33-member body composed of elected officials, representatives of government agencies involved in transportation issues, citizen members, and members who represent public transit, the freight industry and non-motorized transportation. The Metropolitan Council appoints 12 members—8 citizen members, 2 members representing public transit, 1 member representing non-motorized transportation, and one member of the Metropolitan Council. In addition, the Council is responsible for appointing the TAB chair from among the advisory body membership.
- TAB members serve staggered two-year terms.

Rationale

- Terms of the following positions on the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) expire Jan. 2009 and need to be filled: TAB precincts E, F, G, and H (Metropolitan Council districts 9-16). Because the TAB chair is appointed from among the membership and the current chair, Donn Wiski, is one of the individuals up for reappointment, the chair position also needs to be reappointed at this time.
- Based on consultation with Council members and staff, the four incumbents to these positions are being recommended for reappointment.

Funding – N/A

Known Support / Opposition – N/A