

**O** Other Business  
Meeting date: May 26, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	May 17, 2010
Subject:	Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC) Appointment
District(s), Member(s):	Richard Aguilar (13), Kirstin Beach (14)
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statutes 473.386 and TAAC Bylaws
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Peter Bell, Council Chair (651.602.1453)
Division/Department:	Chair's Office

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of **Nichole Villavicencio** to the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC) representing TAAC District G (Council districts 13 and 14).

**Background**

The TAAC was created by the Legislature as a committee of users and advocates for the disability community to advise the Metropolitan Council on management policies for special transportation services.

TAAC membership includes a chair and eight citizen representatives appointed by the Metropolitan Council, two members appointed by the Minnesota State Council on Disability, two by the Minnesota Senior Federation, two by the Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, and one by the Minnesota Chapter of AARP. At least half the members must be ADA certified and active users of ground transportation in the metropolitan area.

The chair and eight citizen members serve at the pleasure of the Metropolitan Council.

**Rationale**

The district G (Council districts 13 and 14) seat on TAAC is vacant and needs to be filled. Ms. Villavicencio's application was received in April 2010 and provided to Council Members Aguilar and Beach, Council management and Metro Mobility staff for review. Ms. Villavicencio most recently was an intern with Gillette Lifetime Specialty Healthcare, is well versed in disability issues, and has been active in the disability community for many years. If appointed, she will complete a term ending January 2011.

**Funding - N/A**

**Known Support / Opposition - N/A**