

# Other Business

**Meeting date: December 8, 2010**

<b>ADVISORY INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	November 19, 2010
<b>Subject:</b>	Appointment to the Transportation Advisory Board
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minnesota Statutes 473.146
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Peter Bell, Chair
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Chair's Office

## **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointment to the Transportation Advisory Board:  
**WILLIAM HARGIS**—Precinct F and TAB chair.

## **Background**

- The Transportation Advisory Board (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, 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**

- The TAB chair position became vacant earlier this year following the passing of Donn Wiski. As one of TAB's vice chairs, William Hargis assumed the role of acting chair and has proven to be a valuable contributor to the TAB process. His continued service would be an asset to the TAB and the Council.
- Mr. Hargis currently serves on TAB filling one of ten elected official seats appointed by Metro Cities. Because he chose not to run for mayoral re-election this year, effective January 2011 he will no longer be able to serve on TAB representing Metro Cities.
- While most advisory committee appointments are being postponed awaiting the arrival of the new administration, the designation of a chair is important to TAB and its mission.
- According to the TAB bylaws, the TAB chair is to be appointed by the Council from among the board's membership. Therefore, in order to appoint Mr. Hargis as TAB chair, he must also be appointed to the currently vacant District F seat.
- If appointed, Mr. Hargis' term will expire January 2013.

**Funding – N/A**

**Known Support / Opposition – N/A**