

T **Transportation Committee**
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 27, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: June 12, 2012

Subject: Transportation Planning and Programming Guide

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council approve the *Transportation Planning and Programming Guide for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area*.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Ann Braden presented this item. TAB Liaison Robert Lilligren stated that it was a priority of the TAB to make relationships between the Metro Council and others transparent. There was discussion at the TAB regarding the definition of the MPO and the language used in the guide. This item was approved unanimously at the May meeting of the TAB. Arlene McCarthy added that the guide is a "living" document, and also stated that the Metro Council Communications Department will be adding photos to the guide to make it more appealing to the public after it is approved by the Council and when it is provided on line, but will not change the content of the guide.

Motion by Munt, seconded by Smith and passed unanimously.

Hearing no objection, Chair Elkins stated that this item could proceed to the full Council as a consent item.

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: June 11, 2012,
For the Council Meeting of June 27, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	June 5, 2012
Subject:	Transportation Planning and Programming Guide
District(s), Member(s):	All Districts
Policy/Legal Reference:	None
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, Director, MTS 651-602-1754 Amy Vennewitz, Deputy director, Finance and Planning, MTS, 651-602-1508 Connie Kozlak, Manager, Transportation planning and Programming 651-602-1720 Ann Braden, Senior Transportation Planner, MTS, 651-602- 1705
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

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That the Metropolitan Council approve the *Transportation Planning and Programming Guide for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area*.

Background

The *Planning and Programming Guide* has been written to explain the transportation planning and programming process for the Twin Cities metropolitan area. It describes the participants that create and maintain the Twin Cities transportation system, how those participants work together, the primary products and processes that define their work, the sources and allocation of funds to transportation projects, how plans become programmed projects and the activities that support planning and programming.

Rationale

The *Planning and Programming Guide* replaces *The Prospectus*, which was last published in 1996. The *Planning and Programming Guide* explains in more detail than the federally required Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and MnDOT how transportation planning and programming in the Twin Cities metropolitan area works. In order to keep the document current and provide more detail of various programs and processes, The *Planning and Programming Guide* will have links to a number of web pages.

Funding

Not applicable

Known Support / Opposition

The *Planning and Programming Guide* has been reviewed multiple times by the TAB, TAC and their subcommittees. Comments by these committees have been incorporated into the document. The TAB approved the draft *Transportation Planning and Programming Guide for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area* on May 16, 2012 and forwarded it to the Council for approval.