

Other Business

Meeting date: December 12, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	November 27, 2012
Subject:	Appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statute 473.146
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Susan Haigh, Chair
Division/Department:	Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board: JOHN GUNYOU—District B; WILLIAM HARGIS—District F and TAB Chair; MARGARET DONAHOE—District G; and KARL DROTNING—District H.

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 – eight citizen members, two members representing public transit, one 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 District B (Council districts 3 and 4) TAB position is open due to Thomas Heffelfinger's relocation out of the district and resulting mid-term resignation. Following outreach by Council Members Munt and Van Eyll, John Gunyou submitted his application for appointment consideration. If appointed, Mr. Gunyou would finish out a two-year term that expires January 1, 2014.

The terms of TAB district E, F, G and H positions are scheduled to expire January 1, 2013. The participation records of the incumbents were reviewed and following consultation with the Council members representing these districts, the decision was made to pursue reappointment of all four members. This decision was made in part due to the fact that in 2011 TAB appointments were delayed in order to give the incoming Metropolitan Council members the opportunity to be involved in the selection process. As a result, these TAB members served only slightly more than one year of a two-year term.

When contacting the incumbents to determine their interest in continuing to serve, the District E incumbent indicated that he would be moving out of the area and, therefore, not be eligible for reappointment to this position. A notification of vacancy was published for the TAB District E position and this appointment will be brought to the Council for

consideration at a future meeting. The District G and H incumbents welcomed the opportunity to continue their service on TAB.

As noted above, the TAB Chair is appointed from among the membership. The current Chair is William Hargis, who represents District F—one of the positions with an expiring term. Mr. Hargis has served on the TAB for several years. While mayor of Woodbury, he served as one of ten MetroCities representatives. In 2011, Mr. Hargis was appointed by the Council to represent District F and begin serving as Chair. As Mr. Hargis has demonstrated a strong commitment and leadership to TAB, the Council is being asked to approve his continued appointment as the TAB District F representative and Chair.

Funding - N/A

Known Support / Opposition – N/A