

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 22, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	January 17, 2007
Subject:	Adoption of the Public Participation Plan
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	SAFETEA-LU and Code of Federal Regulation 450.316
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the draft Metropolitan Council Public Participation Plan for transportation.

Issue(s)

The Metropolitan Council held a public hearing on the Public Participation Plan for transportation planning on November 27, 2006. The public comment period lasted from October 23, 2006 to December 7, 2006. The Council received no comments on the Public Participation Plan at the hearing or during the public comment period, therefore the Plan has not changed since the draft was adopted by the Council in October. The TAB reviewed the earlier draft and is scheduled to recommend adoption of this final plan at its meeting on January 17.

The draft Public Participation Plan for transportation planning is the result of new SAFETEA-LU requirements and a revised Code of Federal Regulations regarding public involvement in transportation planning and programming. The Council must have a SAFETEA-LU compliant public involvement plan prior to engaging in any new transportation planning activities.

Overview

This new Public Participation Plan replaces Appendix D of the Transportation Policy Plan and will guide procedures for public involvement in transportation planning activities of the Metropolitan Council. The impetus for replacing Appendix D with this Plan is to comply with new requirements in SAFETEA-LU. These requirements and how the new Plan addresses them are provided on the attached chart.

Attachments: [Draft Public Participation Plan](#)
[SAFETEA-LU Compliance Chart](#)