

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 26, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	February 2, 2007
Subject:	Approval of Transportation Committee 2007 Work Plan
District(s), Member(s):	All Districts
Policy/Legal Reference:	N/A
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Arlene McCarthy, Director, Metropolitan Transportation Services (651-602-1754) Amy Vennewitz, Dep. Dir. Finance & Planning MTS 651-602-1058) Brian Lamb, General Manager Metro Transit (612-349-7510) Julie Johanson, Assistant General Manager Metro Transit 612-349-7514)
Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services and Metro Transit

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee approves the attached Plan as its Work Plan for 2007.

2007 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM

STAFF-INITIATED ROUTINE/OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS

Transit System Operations (on-going)

- Approve transit operating contracts/expenditures (fuel contracts, marketing contracts, advertising contracts, contracts with transit providers, etc)
- Approve capital contracts/construction updates (land acquisition, construction, design issues, scoping studies, etc)
- Monitor ridership – Monthly regional ridership reports
- Approve major service level changes when needed
- Technology Updates
- VanGO!, Community-Based Programs, Metro Mobility Briefings

Transportation Budget

- Operating Budget Approval
 - Strategic Discussion: June/July
 - Preliminary Budget Review: July/August
 - Operating Budget Approval: December
- Quarterly Operating Amendments: March/July/October/December
- Capital Budget
 - CIP Review: August-October
 - CIP Approval: December
- Quarterly Capital Amendments: April/July/October/December
- Approve Private Providers Contracts: November

Legislative Program

- Update on Governor's Budget – February
- Legislative Updates: January – June
- Discussion of relevant bills/updates: January-June

MPO Activity

- Approve Regional Solicitation Package: May
- Periodic updates on Regional Solicitation process:
 - Evaluate applications – August to October
 - Develop funding alternatives – March
 - Select alternatives – December 2007 – January 2008
 - Info presentations – On-going
- Approve 2008-2011 Transportation (SFY) Improvement Program: September
- TIP Amendments: On-going
- UPWP Approval: September

MAC CIP

- Approve MAC Capital Improvement Program: **approved at 1/22/07 T.C. meeting**

KEY POLICY ISSUES

In 2007, the major focus will be conducting the Principal Arterial Study, updating the Region's Transit Master Plan and initiation of the 2008 update of the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan. These issues break into three areas: planning, funding, and implementation.

Planning Issues

- MnPass Study Phase II - info item
- 2007 Transportation Audit – (under new legislation) – completed by year end
- Public Transit Human Services Plan – Spring
- Functional Classification Study of Roadways
- MSP 2020 Vision – December
- Regional Provider Garage Study
- Planning Process Prospectus - July
- Principal Arterial Study
- Regional Transit Master Plan
- TPP Update Initiation
- Service Investment Strategy for new transit funds

Funding Issues

- MVST Implementation Plan
- 2011-2012 Federal Solicitation
- Highway system funding issues:
 - MnDOT 10-year Highway Improvement Program
 - Transit Funding Issues
 - Highway Funding Issues
- RALF Annual Plan (2/26/07)
- Transportation Demand Management – alternative application process – draft December
- JARC/New Freedoms Solicitation (summer 2007)

Implementation

- Highway Corridor Studies and Projects – once per quarter
 - St. Croix River Crossing
 - Downtown Minneapolis Freeway Vision
 - Access Minneapolis Final Report
- Transitway studies/development: I-35W BRT, Cedar, Southwest, Red Rock, Rush, Robert Street Reports
- Central Corridor Updates

OUTREACH TO KEY CONSTITUENCY GROUPS

- Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) - Donn Wiski - in conjunction with the solicitation approval
- Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC) – May
- Transportation Providers Advisory Committee (TPAC) - August
- TMO's – September – Briefing on changes in programs
- Central Corridor Committee – On-going
- Suburban Transit Authority Providers – in conjunction with the management plans – November
- U of M Transportation Programs Overview – CTS Update
- MnDOT – Overview and Planning

METRO TRANSIT 2007 INFORMATION ITEMS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Month	Title	Presenter
Ongoing Monthly (2 nd Mtg)	Performance Measures	Vince Pellegrin
Ongoing Monthly (2 nd Mtg)	Monthly Ridership Report	Ed Petrie, Bruce Howard
Whenever	Transportation Management Organizations (TMOs)	Bruce Howard
Whenever	3-Car Train Program	Sheri Gingerich
Whenever Progress	Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program	Barb Thomas, TLC
Whenever Progress	HourCar Car-Sharing Program (Neighborhood Revitalization Program –NRP)	Mary Morse, NRP
Whenever Installation	Demonstration of Web-Based Mapping Capability on Trip Planner	Bob Gibbons/ Dee Molean
January (2 nd mtg)	NuRide Demonstration Program	Bruce Howard
February (1 st mtg)	Construction Award 28 th Ave Park-and-Ride, Bloomington (info item before action item)	Tom Thorstenson
February/March	2007 Marketing Overview	Bruce Howard
February/March	2006 On-Board Customer Survey Results	Bruce Howard
February/March	Access Minneapolis	Adam Harrington
Late Feb/ early March	Transit Police New K9s and Handlers	Dave Indrehus
March	2007 Commuter Challenge Preview/Results	Bruce Howard
April	Northstar Quarterly Update	Mark Fuhrmann
April	Community Service Officers (CSO's)	Dave Indrehus
May	2007 Regional Park-&-Ride Plan (info before action item)	Craig Lamothe
May	Sector 8	Adam Harrington
June	Access Minneapolis Downtown Passenger Waiting Facilities Installation Plan	Craig Lamothe
June	Central Corridor Light Rail Update	Mark Fuhrmann
June	Park-and-Ride Projects Update – 28 th Ave, I-394 and CR 73, 63 rd Ave	Tom Thorstenson or Pat Jones
July	Northstar Quarterly Update	Mark Fuhrmann
July or August	Police Information Management System (PIMS) Implementation	Captain Bob Elmers/ Lt AJ Olson
July or August	Metropass Update	Bruce Howard
July (2 nd mtg)	Half-Year Customer Service Statistics	Bob Gibbons/ Linda Bechtold
August	Biodiesel	Jan Homan
August	New Bus Purchases (bus display)	Jan Homan/ Bill Porter
August	MN State Fair	Bruce Howard
September	Central Corridor Light Rail Update	Mark Fuhrmann/Arlene McCarthy
September	Digital Video System	Jan Homan /Bill Porter
September	Reliability (tracking, counting, performance history, improvement plans)	Jan Homan /Bill Porter
October	STEP (Supervisor Training Employee Program)	Jan Homan /Bill Porter
October	Northstar Quarterly Update	Mark Fuhrmann
October	Risk Management Update	Phil Walljasper
November	Update on TransportMAX	Chris Gran
November	Way-Finding Signage Installation Plan	Craig Lamothe
November	Annual Regional Park-and-Ride System Survey	Craig Lamothe
November	Hybrid Buses (present new bus, workforce plans, route deployment)	Jan Homan /Bill Porter
December	Central Corridor Light Rail Update	Mark Fuhrmann
December	Northstar Quarterly Update	Mark Fuhrmann

