

Transportation Advisory Board of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

TO: Transportation Advisory Board & Policy Committee
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RE: Items for discussion of regional transportation planning and programming processes.

The TAB discussed its role in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) at its meeting on April 20. The discussion focused on TAB's role in the planning and programming processes that produce the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Board discussed several specific changes in the steps that are followed to prepare and adopt the TPP that would give the TAB more meaningful input. Ultimately, the TAB voted to direct the Policy Committee to review the processes that involve the TAB providing advice to the Council and provide the Board with recommendations on modifications of the processes.

The *Prospectus* outlines the transportation planning process in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Although the *Prospectus* is no longer required by federal rules and has been supplanted by the Memorandum of Understanding between MN/DOT and the Met Council, it still provides a useful description of the roles and responsibilities of participating agencies. The *Prospectus* can be a starting point for the Policy Committee discussion on May 12.

Included with this cover memo is a copy of the 1996 *Prospectus*. Descriptions of the work products and processes begin on page 45. In April, the TAB also discussed the memorandum of Understanding. It is included here for discussion purposes as well. Finally, the Executive Committee report given at the April 20 TAB meeting is included to document the charge given to the Policy Committee and to provide the specific changes in the TPP adoption process that was discussed at the meeting.