

# T Transportation Committee

**Meeting date: October 27, 2008**

**Council meeting November 12, 2008**

## **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	October 14, 2008
<b>Subject:</b>	Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for Transportation Planning Responsibilities for the Twin Cities (Minnesota) Metropolitan Area (TAB Action 2008-11)
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	23 CFR 450.314 Metropolitan Planning Agreement (Federal regulation)
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### **Action**

That the Metropolitan Council concur with the Transportation Advisory Board’s (TAB) action to approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding Metropolitan Transportation Planning; recommend it to the Council Chair for signature and forward it to the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation for signature.

### **Background**

Federal regulations regarding metropolitan transportation planning and programming require the Metropolitan Planning Organization (the Metropolitan Council), the State and public transportation operators to cooperatively determine their mutual responsibilities for carrying out the 3C (cooperative, comprehensive and continuing) planning process and clearly identify them in a written agreement

The MOU describes the structure and transportation related planning and programming responsibilities of, and relationships among, the Metropolitan Council, MnDOT and the Transportation Advisory Board. It updates and replaces the “Prospectus” adopted in 1996. This MOU will be reviewed for necessary updates every four years and may be modified by mutual agreement at any time.

### **Rationale**

By approving this MOU, the region will meet the regulations of 23 CFR 450.314 Metropolitan Planning Agreement.

### **Funding**

This MOU allows the Council to meet the federal requirements of an MPO and thus continue to receive approximately \$4 million annually in federal transportation planning funds.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

The draft MOU has been reviewed by staff from MnDOT and the Federal Highway Administration as well as the Council’s legal staff.