

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 28, 2008

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date:** January 17, 2008  
**Subject:** Approval of Transportation Committee 2008 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)  
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**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 2008.

# 2008 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 – Quarterly 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/June/August/October
- Capital Budget
  - CIP Review: August-October
  - CIP Approval: December
- Quarterly Capital Amendments: March/June/August/October
- Approve Annual 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

- Update the Transportation Policy Plan:
- Approve 2009-2012 Transportation (SFY) Improvement Program: September
- Concurrence with TAB selection of projects from 2011-2012 Regional Solicitation
- TIP Amendments: On-going
- UPWP Approval: September

### MAC CIP

- Approve MAC Capital Improvement Program: **approve at 1/28/08 T.C. meeting**

## **KEY POLICY ISSUES**

In 2008, the major policy focus will be the update of the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan. The key policy issues break into three areas: planning, funding, and implementation.

### **Planning Issues**

- 2007 Transportation Audit – completed January 2008
- Regional Garage Needs Study – March
- Principal Arterial Study – February 6 COW
- Regional Transit Master Plan – February 6 COW
- Planning Process Prospectus – Spring
- TPP Update – quarterly – approve draft in September for hearing in October
- MSP 2020 Vision – December
- Congestion Management System

### **Funding Issues**

- Service Investment Strategy for new transit funds
- Highway system funding issues:
  - MnDOT 10-year Highway Improvement Program
  - Transit Funding Issues
  - Highway Funding Issues
- RALF Annual Plan – March/April
- JARC/New Freedoms Solicitation (summer 2008)

### **Implementation**

- Highway Corridor Studies and Projects – quarterly
  - 35W/Crosstown Progress
  - 35W Bridge
- Transitway studies/development: I-35W BRT, Cedar, Southwest, Red Rock, Rush, Robert Street Reports
- Central Corridor Updates
- UPA Updates
- Transportation Demand Management

## **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
- TMOs – September – Briefing on changes in programs
- Suburban Transit Authority Providers – in conjunction with the management plans – November
- U of M Transit Operations (UPASS, Central Corridor)
- CTS Update
- MnDOT – Overview and Planning

**METRO TRANSIT 2008 INFORMATION ITEMS**  
**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
Monthly (2 <sup>nd</sup> Mtg)	Performance Measures (combine with Security Update)	Vince Pellegrin
Monthly (2 <sup>nd</sup> Mtg)	Monthly Metro Transit Police Security Update	David Indrehus
Monthly (2 <sup>nd</sup> Mtg)	Monthly Ridership Report	Ed Petrie, Bruce Howard
January	Go-To Card Update	Tom Randall
January	Survey Twin Cities Population	Bruce Howard
January	Demonstration of Web-Based Mapping Capability on Trip Planner	Bob Gibbons/John Howley
January	Community Service Officers (CSOs) Introduction	Dave Indrehus
January	Risk Management 2007 Results	Phil Walljasper
February	Tour of Smith Transit Center, via Artic Bus	Tom Thorstenson
February	I-35W Project Update	John Levin, Ed Petrie
February	Three-Car Train Program	Sheri Gingerich, Ed Toomey
February	Contract Negotiations Update (Feb/Aug)	Gloria Heinz
February	Hi-Frequency Routes w/Year-End Ridership Report	John Levin
February	Tour 28 <sup>th</sup> Ave Park-and-Ride, Bloomington	Tom Thorstenson
February	2008 Marketing Overview	Bruce Howard
March	Way-Finding Signage Installation Plan	Craig Lamothe
March	Downtown Zone Study for Minneapolis/St. Paul	John Levin, Jason Podany
March	Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) Update (March/July/Nov)	Craig Lamothe
March	Ridepro Upgrades	Bruce Howard
March	Access Minneapolis Agency Agreement	Adam Harrington
March	2008 Commuter Challenge Preview/Results	Bruce Howard
March	Police Information Management System (PIMS) Update	Bob Elmers/AJ Olson
April	Northstar Corridor Rail Staffing Plan	Brian Lamb
April	Northstar Corridor Quarterly Rail Update (Apr/July/Sept/Jan)	Mark Fuhrmann
April	Central Corridor Light Rail Quarterly Update (Apr/July/Sept/Jan)	Mark Fuhrmann
April	Transit Police Events Quarterly Update (Apr/July/Sept/Jan)	Dave Indrehus
April	Biodiesel Update (20% in March)	Jan Homan
May	Republican National Committee Update (May /Sept)	Bill Porter
May	Customer Service Statistics	Bob Gibbons/Linda Bechtold
May	Go-To Card Updates	Tom Randall
June	Sector 8 Phase II and Update of Phase I	Adam Harrington
June	Real Time Information	Bob Gibbons
June	Minneapolis Street Program (UPA) Access Minneapolis Downtown Passenger Waiting Facilities Installation Plan	Craig Lamothe
June	Minnetonka Op-Out (Agreement Expires)	Ed Petrie
July	Transit Police Events Quarterly Update (Apr/July/Sept/Jan)	Dave Indrehus
July	Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) Update	Craig Lamothe
July	Northstar Corridor Quarterly Rail Update (Apr/July/Sept/Jan)	Mark Fuhrmann
July	Central Corridor Light Rail Quarterly Update (Apr/July/Sept/Jan)	Mark Fuhrmann

August	Contract Negotiations Update (Feb/Aug)	Gloria Heinz
August	Go-Greener Update: Internal Branding, Carbon Footprint	Bruce Howard
August	Metro Pass Update w/Ridership Report	Bruce Howard
August	Minnesota State Fair	Bruce Howard
September	New Facilities Tour on Artic Bus	Tom Thorstenson
September	Grand Openings for Park-and-Rides and Updates: 28 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Park-and-Ride, Guardian Angels	Tom Thorstenson
September	New Bus Purchases (with Bus Display)	Jan Homan/Don Colberg
September	Transit Police Events Quarterly Update (Apr/July/Sept/Jan)	Dave Indrehus
September	Republican National Committee Update (May/Sept)	Bill Porter
September	Northstar Corridor Quarterly Rail Update (Apr/July/Sept/Jan)	Mark Fuhrmann
September	Central Corridor Light Rail Quarterly Update (Apr/July/Sept/Jan)	Mark Fuhrmann
October	Energy Conservation Project	Pat Jones
October	2008 Regional Park-and-Ride Plan (Info item before Action item)	Craig Lamothe
October	STEP (Supervisor Training Employee Program)	Jan Homan /Bill Porter
November	Annual Regional Park-and-Ride System Survey	Craig Lamothe
November	Northstar Corridor Tour – Big Lake Operations & Maintenance Facility and Stations	Mark Fuhrmann
November	Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) Update	Craig Lamothe
December		
January '09	Transit Police Events Quarterly Update (Apr/July/Sept/Jan)	Dave Indrehus
January '09	Northstar Corridor Quarterly Rail Update (Apr/July/Sept/Jan)	Mark Fuhrmann
January '09	Central Corridor Light Rail Quarterly Update (Apr/July/Sept/Jan)	Mark Fuhrmann
Whenever	Non-Motorized Planning Study (Bike and Pedestrian) Update w/Transit for Livable Communities	Craig Lamothe