

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 9, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: January 17, 2008
Subject: Approval of Transportation Committee 2009 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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Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee approve the attached Plan as its Work Plan for 2009.

2009 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM

Adopted 02/09/09

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!, Dial-a-Ride and 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 Provider 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 2009 – January 2010
- Approve 2010-2013 Transportation (SFY) Improvement Program: September
- TIP Amendments: On-going
- UPWP Approval: September

MAC CIP

- Approve MAC Capital Improvement Program: **1/26/09**

KEY POLICY ISSUES

In 2009, the major focus will be on the regional transit operating budget deficit and potential solutions both one time and on-going structural budget balancing solutions. In the policy area, the studies recommended in the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan work plan will require a large amount of planning staff effort, along with the on-going planning process work shown on the previous page. The key staff work breaks into three areas: funding, planning, and implementation.

Funding Issues

- Economic Recovery Funding - Policies and Project Selection
- Transit Operating Deficits Analysis and Solutions
- MVST Performance Monitoring
- Counties Transit Improvement Board Investment Policies and Process
- Highway system funding issues:
 - MnDOT 10-year Highway Improvement Program
 - Major expansion project reassessment
- RALF Annual Plan – March/April
- JARC/New Freedoms Solicitation
- 2010 Travel Behavior Inventory (TBI) Funding Agreements with participants - July

Planning Issues

- Adopt the Updated 2030 Transportation Policy Plan- January (1/14/09)
- Metropolitan Highway System Investment Study–periodic reports (joint with Mn/DOT lead)
- Aviation System Plan Update studies- info items spring, summer, adopt in December
- Congestion Safety and Management Plan - periodic reports (Mn/DOT lead)
- Travel Demand Management Study (Sept. – Oct)
- 2010 TBI Approval to release RFP- November/December
- 2009 Transit System Report – Nov-Dec

Implementation

- Distribution of Economic Recovery money- first/second quarter
- Regional Fleet Policy Adoption
- Service Delivery – Metro Mobility and Dial-a-Ride
- I-94 Managed Lane Study- July (joint with MnDOT lead)
- Highway Corridor Studies and Projects – once per quarter
 - 35W/Crosstown Progress
 - Bridge projects
- Transitway Reports: Central LRT, Southwest, I-35W BRT, Cedar Ave. BRT, I-94E, Bottineau, Rush Line, St. Paul Union Depot and Minneapolis Multi-Modal Station

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
- Central Corridor Management Committee – On-going
- Suburban Transit Authority Providers – in conjunction with the management plans – November
- U of M Transit Operations (UPASS, Central Corridor)
- CTS Transportation Research Update
- MnDOT – Overview and Planning
- Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB)/Counties

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2009 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WORK PLAN
INFORMATION ITEMS

Month	Title	Presenter
Monthly (2 nd Mtg)	Performance Measures Report (combine with Security Update)	Vince Pellegrin
Monthly (2 nd Mtg)	Monthly Metro Transit Police Security Update	David Indrehus
Monthly (2 nd Mtg)	Monthly Ridership Report	Ed Petrie, Bruce Howard
January 12	Urban Partnership Agreement Technology Projects	Tom Thorstenson
February 9	Hiawatha Light Rail Transit Projects (Platforms Ext, Am Blvd, Grade Cr)	MarySue Abel
February 9	Northstar Commuter Rail Operations & Maintenance Quarterly Update	Ed Byers
February 23	Customer Survey	Bruce Howard
February 23	Non-Motorized Planning Study (Bike and Pedestrian) Update w/Transit for Livable Communities	Craig Lamothe, James Andrew
March 9	Urban Partnership Agreement Quarterly Update	Craig Lamothe
March 9	Northstar Commuter Rail /Central Corridor Light Rail Construction and Vehicle Delivery Quarterly Update	Chris Weyer, Rich Rovang, Mark Fuhrmann
March 23	Ridematching System Upgrades	Bruce Howard
March 23	Bio Diesel and Market Conditions Update	Jan Homan
April 13	Leadership Academy, Employee Development	Julie Johanson, Marcy Syman, Mike Murphy
April 13	Transit Police Technology Upgrade (Camera Towers)	Dave Indrehus
April 13	Commuter Challenge	Bruce Howard
April 27	Northwest Metro Transit Restructuring Study (Sector 8)	John Levin
May 11	Minneapolis Bike Share	Bruce Howard
May 11	Northstar Commuter Rail Operations & Maintenance Quarterly Update	Ed Byers
May 11	I-35W Bus Rapid Transit	John Levin
May 11	Urban Partnership Agreement Update: Budget, Video Simulation, Service Concept	John Levin, Craig Lamothe
June 8	Urban Partnership Agreement Quarterly Update	Craig Lamothe
June 8	Subscription Service	Bruce Howard
June 8	Demonstration of the www.mymetrotransit.org Web Enhancement	Bob Gibbons
June 8	Northstar Commuter Rail /Central Corridor Light Rail Construction and Vehicle Delivery Quarterly Update	Chris Weyer, Rich Rovang, Mark Fuhrmann
June 22	Collective Family of Vehicles: Commuter/Light Rail/Buses: Branding Concepts, Color Scheme, Vision of Future System	Brian Lamb
July 13	Transit Police Technology Upgrade (Squad Car Camera/Computer)	Dave Indrehus
July 13	Ride to Rewards	Bruce Howard
July 20	NexTrip Mapping feature	Bruce Howard
July 20	Customer Relations Report (January – June 2009)	Bob Gibbons
August 10	Northstar Commuter Rail Operations & Maintenance Quarterly Update	Ed Byers
August 10	State Fair	Bruce Howard
August 24	Hiawatha Light Rail Transit Projects Update (Platform Extensions, American Blvd, Grade Crossings, HLRT O&M facility)	Sheri Gingerich

September 14	Urban Partnership Agreement Quarterly Update	Craig Lamothe
September 14	Delivery of Coach Buses	Jan Homan
September 14	Facilities Tour – Roseville Parking Structure, 95 th Ave, Big Lake O&M	Tom Thorstenson
September 14	Hiawatha Rail Overhaul Update	Ed Toomey
September 28	Northstar Commuter Rail Grand Opening	Bruce Howard
September 28	Northstar Commuter Rail /Central Corridor Light Rail Construction and Vehicle Delivery Quarterly Update	Chris Weyer, Rich Rovang, Mark Fuhrmann
September 28	Emission Technology (Go-Greener Initiative)	Jan Homan
October 12	Maintenance Training (Technology, Outreach High Schools/Trade Schools)	Jan Homan
October 12	Energy Conservation Initiatives	Tom Thorstenson
October 26	Tour FTHeywood Garage Facility to Observe Internal Garage Bus Locator Project, and Ride Bus to Demonstrate Bus Enunciator (Routes 10, 17, 18)	Sam Jacobs
November 9	Northstar Commuter Rail Operations & Maintenance Quarterly Update	Ed Byers
November 9	Completion of Urban Partnership Agreement Items	John Levin, Craig Lamothe
December 14	Urban Partnership Agreement Quarterly Update	Craig Lamothe