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Metropolitan Council Meeting Date: September 26, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	September 10, 2007
Subject:	Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Appointments
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes 473.146, Subd. 4
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Peter Bell, Council Chair (651-602-1453)
Division/Department:	Chair's Office

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB):

1. Precinct A—**STEVEN SCHULTE**; Precinct E—**BART WARD**; Precinct F—**DONN WISKI**; Precinct G—**JILL SMITH**; Precinct H—**KEN JOHNSON**; Transit—**RICHARD MUSSELL**; and
2. TAB Chair—**DONN WISKI**.

Issue(s)

- Terms of the following positions on the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) expired Jan. 2007 and need to be filled: TAB precincts E, F, G and H (Metropolitan Council districts 9-16). In addition, the Precinct A (Council districts 1-2) position and one transit representative position need to be filled as a result of resignations.

Overview and Funding

- The TAB was established by the Metropolitan Council pursuant to MN Statutes 473.146, Subd. 4. The TAB's purpose is to advise and assist the Council, the Minnesota Dept. of Transportation (MnDOT), and all political subdivisions in accomplishing the responsibilities designated by state and federal law and regulation with regard to transportation planning and programming for the Twin Cities metropolitan area.
- The TAB is a 33-member body composed of elected officials, representatives of government agencies involved in transportation issues, citizen members, and members who represent public transit, the freight industry and non-motorized transportation. The Metropolitan Council appoints 12 members—8 citizen members, 2 members representing public transit, 1 member representing non-motorized transportation, and one member of the Metropolitan Council. In addition, the Council is responsible for appointing the TAB chair from among the advisory body membership.
- News releases seeking applications for appointment were published in November 2006 and August 2007. Eighteen applications were received for the six positions.
- TAB members serve staggered two-year terms. Terms for the precinct E-H positions will expire January 2009. The individuals selected for the Precinct A and Transit positions will complete terms that expire January 2008.
- Appointment recommendations for all six positions are being forwarded for Council approval at this time. In addition, TAB bylaws require the Council to appoint the TAB chair from among the membership. Donn Wiski (TAB District F) is the currently appointed TAB chair. With the recommended reappointment of Mr. Wiski to the District F position, the recommendation is also being made to reappoint DONN WISKI to the chair position.