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Metropolitan Council Meeting date: October 24, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	October 12, 2007
Subject:	Appointments to the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC)
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes 473.386 and TAAC bylaws
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Peter Bell, Chair (651-602-1453)
Division/Department:	Chair's Office

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee: **Ronald Biss** (Chair), **Sue Warner** (Precinct A), **Dave Bruflodt** (Precinct C), **Rozanne Severance** (Precinct D), **James Williams** (Precinct E), **Bruce Lattu** (Precinct F), **Darrell Paulsen** (Precinct H).

Issue(s)

- Terms of all positions on the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC) expired January 2007 and need to be filled.

Overview and Funding

- The TAAC was created by the Legislature as a committee of users and advocates for the disability community to advise the Metropolitan Council on management policies for special transportation services.
- TAAC is composed of a chair and eight citizen representatives appointed by the Metropolitan Council, two members appointed by the Minnesota State Council on Disability, two by the Minnesota Senior Federation, two by the Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, and one by the Minnesota Chapter of AARP. At least half the TAAC members must be ADA certified and active users of ground transportation in the metropolitan area.
- The chair and eight citizen members serve at the pleasure of the Metropolitan Council.
- Five of the nine incumbents (chair and precincts C, D, E and H) are seeking reappointment with the following change: Ronald Biss, the current Precinct C representative, is seeking appointment as TAAC chair; and Dave Bruflodt, the current TAAC chair, is seeking appointment as the Precinct C representative. Of the remaining four positions, applications were received for Precincts A and F but none for Precincts B and G.
- At this time the Council is being asked to approve the appointments of the chair and six citizen representatives (Precincts A, C, D, E, F and H). Recruitment will continue for the precinct B and G positions, with recommendations brought to the Council for approval at a future meeting.