

Business Item

Metropolitan Council



For the Metropolitan Council: March 11, 2026

Business Item: 2026-65

Appointments to the Transportation Advisory Board

District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statute 473.146
Staff Prepared/Presented: Robin Hutcheson, Chair
Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

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

Transit – Tim Marino
Transit – Abdi Isse
Transit Alternate – Andrew Eikum
Transit Alternate – Simon Bracey Lane

Background

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) was established by the Metropolitan Council pursuant to MN Statutes 473.146. The TAB's purpose is to advise and assist the Council, the Minnesota Dept. of Transportation, 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 34-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 – eight citizen members, two members representing public transit, one member representing non-motorized transportation, and one member of the Metropolitan Council (as well as their alternates). TAB members serve staggered two-year terms.

Rationale

Four Transportation Advisory Board positions (representatives and alternates) are up for reappointment due to term expirations of the representatives from Council transit positions.

Council Member Deb Barber and Council Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director Charles Carlson served on the nominating committee which hosted interviews on February 24 and 25, 2026. Seven applications were received for the four open appointments including alternate positions. Following the interviews, the committee reviewed the application materials and interview notes and made appointment recommendations for Chair Hutcheson's consideration. The Chair's final recommendations are as noted above. If appointed, appointees will complete terms ending December 31, 2027.

Thrive Lens Analysis

On Feb 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. TAB work advances all five Thrive Outcomes through shaping regional and state transportation plans. Appointing members to TAB is necessary to keep the committee functioning.

Funding

N/A

Small Business Inclusion

N/A

