

Business Item

Metropolitan Council



For the Metropolitan Council: January 14, 2026

Business Item: 2026-3

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):

TAB Chair – James Hovland

District A – Doug Anderson

District B – John Morast

District C – Husniyah Bradley

District D – Glen Johnson

Non-motorized – Brian Martinson

B Alternate – Aaron Cameron

C Alternate – Andy Lewis

D Alternate – Brandon Wagenfeld

Non-motorized Alternate – Jackson Hampton

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

Fourteen Transportation Advisory Board positions (representatives and alternates) are up for reappointment due to term expirations of the representatives from Council geographic districts A through D as well as the non-motorized and transit positions. Additionally, the Council appoints the TAB Chair from the TAB's members.

TAB Bylaws state the TAB may make a recommendation for the Chair appointment. Chair Hovland has served on the TAB since 2005 and has served as Chair since 2015. No opposition was expressed by TAB members and no other interest stated. Chair Hovland's appointment would

continue through December 2026.

Council Member Deb Barber and Council Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director Charles Carlson served on the nominating committee which hosted interviews on December 18, 2025. Twelve applications were received for the fourteen 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, district A through D and the non-motorized appointees will complete terms ending December 31, 2027.

Due to the timing of applications received for the Council-appointed transit modal representatives, additional application review and interviews for those positions will be conducted in January 2026 with those appointments to follow.

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

