



## **TAB Recommends Adoption of Transportation Policy Plan**

This week, the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) recommended adoption of the regional 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP), following a public comment period. The TPP plays a central role in the regional transportation planning process and is updated every four years.

The Metropolitan Council received approximately 300 comments from 150 individuals and organizations. According to Council staff, comments included a suggestion to convert the current transit fleet to electric powered vehicles, support for implementation of a free fare system, concerns about law enforcement interactions on transit, and general support for more funding for highway and transit systems. Minor changes to the plan were made based on comments. Based on feedback related to law enforcement interactions on transit systems, changes were also made to the safety and security goal that would ensure that public safety and law enforcement agencies that operate on the public transit system do not perpetuate racial inequities. The Metropolitan Council will consider the plan for adoption in October. To see the draft and comments report, click [here](#).

Questions? Please contact Steve Huser at [steven@metrocitiesmn.org](mailto:steven@metrocitiesmn.org) or 651-215-4003.

## **Regional Solicitation Update**

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) heard an update on the current Regional Solicitation for federal funds. So far, \$419 million in projects have been applied for, and approximately \$200 million will be available to the region. For more information on the Regional Solicitation update, click [here](#).

The TAB made a project eligibility determination. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) had asked the TAB to determine the eligibility and a funding category for a project related to a shared mobility fleet of vehicles. The TAB elected to score this project in the Unique Project category, after scoring of other projects is complete. Council staff were also directed to bring a formal process plan for projects that do not fit within funding categories. For more information on the project eligibility, click [here](#).

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## **Census Outreach Continues with Training Sessions**

Minnesota's 2020 Census efforts continue with a new series of technical assistance for communities.

The Minnesota Demographic Center invites city officials to participate in a series of monthly conference calls dedicated to answering questions about forming and managing a Complete Count Committee (CCC). This is a chance for participants to ask questions, learn from each other, and let state census staff know what cities need to succeed.

Every third Thursday of the month, Andrew Virden, director of census operations and engagement for the Minnesota State Demographic Center, will be on hand from noon to 1:00 pm to provide

guidance, share what other local CCCs are doing, and update participants with the latest 2020 Census news from the Census Bureau and the State of Minnesota.

**Date:** Third Thursdays of every month

**Time:** Noon to 1:00 pm

**Dial-in number:** (888) 742-5095

**Conference Code:** 5972753363

Census staff is also hosting a half-day workshop this coming Monday:

**Date:** Monday, September 24

**Time:** 9 am to noon

**Location:** Sunrise Bank Headquarters, 2525 Wabash Avenue, St. Paul, MN, 55114

Reservations are requested. Contact Andrew Virden at [andrew.virden@state.mn.us](mailto:andrew.virden@state.mn.us) or at 651-201-2507.

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