

TAB Approves Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Draft for Public Comment

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) recently approved the Draft 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to be released for public comment. The TIP addresses transportation projects in the region that are prioritized by year and that use federal funds or have effects on air quality. Projects include highways, transit, bikeway and pedestrian improvements. All metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) must draft a TIP. To view the draft TIP, click [here](#).

Public comments will be received until 5:00 pm, Friday, August 9. Comments can be received in the following ways:

- Mail: Metropolitan Council, 390 Robert St. N., St. Paul, MN 55101
- E-mail: public.info@metc.state.mn.us
- Public Comment Line: 651-602-1500

Public comment can also be made in person at two pop-up meetings to be held at the Mill Ruins Park at the entrance to the Stone Arch Bridge in Minneapolis. The meetings will be held on the following dates:

- [Saturday, July 20 from 1 to 3 pm](#)
- [Tuesday, July 23 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm](#)

The final document will be considered at the August 21 TAB meeting, which begins at 12:30 pm. The Met Council plans to consider final adoption of the program on September 25.

For more information, contact Joe Barbeau, Metropolitan Council, at 651-602-1705 or joseph.barbeau@metc.state.mn.us.

2019 Metro Cities Policy Committees

If you haven't signed up, we hope you will consider joining a Metro Cities policy committee this summer! Metro Cities' policy development process begins mid-July (three short weeks away). The Transportation and General Government, Municipal Revenues, Metropolitan Agencies, Housing and Economic Development committees recommend legislative policies to the Board, and once adopted by the Board and membership, policies serve as a foundation for Metro Cities' state and regional advocacy work. Being part of this process is a great opportunity for your city to have a voice in the policies and legislative process.

Policy committees are open to city staff and elected officials and the form to sign-up can be found on our website on the [Policy Committees page](#). Whether you are new or have participated in the past, we welcome your participation on one or more committees in 2019. Committees typically host a variety of speakers on topics related to policies to provide relevant information for committees.

Remember:

- Committees meet either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 9:00-11:30 am or from 1:00-3:30. The committees and dates are listed on our website [here](#), and updates and additional information will be posted on these pages as it becomes available.

- Please actively sign up [HERE](#) for the committee(s) you wish to attend, even if you have been on the committee in the past. This will help us keep our rosters current and correct!
- All meetings take place at the Metro Cities/LMC building at 145 University Avenue W., St. Paul.

We look forward to seeing you!

Questions? Contact Kimberly at 651-215-4000 or kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org.

EVENT: Twin Cities Shared Mobility Data Seminar

The Twin Cities Shared Mobility Collaborative and U of M Center for Transportation Studies (CTS) are sponsoring a shared mobility data seminar.

Thursday, July 11, 2019
8:30am to 12:00pm
Coffman Memorial Union, University of Minnesota

Whether it is shared cars, bikes, scooters, or their relationship with transit, shared mobility transportation services are creating huge amounts of data, both about the trips that individuals are taking and the services themselves. These data sets are critical for planning and operating transportation services and understanding how these services are affecting our communities. They can show how people get around, who and where these services benefit, and where services may improve access or add to congestion and impede movement.

While the opportunities are clear, accessing and using these data sets is not as easy as it seems. The volume of data is immense, not everyone has the tools and expertise needed to turn it into useful information, and there are valid concerns that the data becoming available could reveal too much information about individual travelers, and about the transportation providers.

How can we balance the desire to create and use immense amounts of data and the need to protect individual privacy and intellectual property? This seminar will help us tackle that important question.

[Click here](#) for more information on the event.

Registration

There is no cost to attend the event, but registration is requested. [Please RSVP](#) by Monday, July 8, if you plan to attend.

For more information, please contact Chelsea Arbury at arbur001@umn.edu or 612-626-2862.

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