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H. F. No. 1708

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to metropolitan government; changing the composition and role of the  
1.3 Metropolitan Council Transportation Advisory Board; amending Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes 2014, section 473.146, subdivisions 3, 4.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 473.146, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Development guide: transportation.** The transportation chapter must  
1.8 include policies relating to all transportation forms and be designed to promote the  
1.9 legislative determinations, policies, and goals set forth in section 473.371. In addition to  
1.10 the requirements of subdivision 1 regarding the contents of the policy plan, the nontransit  
1.11 element of the transportation chapter must include the following:

1.12 (1) a statement of the needs and problems of the metropolitan area with respect to  
1.13 the functions covered, including the present and prospective demand for and constraints  
1.14 on access to regional business concentrations and other major activity centers and the  
1.15 constraints on and acceptable levels of development and vehicular trip generation at  
1.16 such centers;

1.17 (2) the objectives of and the policies to be forwarded by the policy plan;

1.18 (3) a general description of the physical facilities and services to be developed;

1.19 (4) a statement as to the general location of physical facilities and service areas;

1.20 (5) a general statement of timing and priorities in the development of those physical  
1.21 facilities and service areas;

1.22 (6) a detailed statement, updated every two years, of timing and priorities for  
1.23 improvements and expenditures needed on the metropolitan highway system;

2.1 (7) a general statement on the level of public expenditure appropriate to the  
2.2 facilities; and

2.3 (8) a long-range assessment of air transportation trends and factors that may affect  
2.4 airport development in the metropolitan area and policies and strategies that will ensure  
2.5 a comprehensive, coordinated, and timely investigation and evaluation of alternatives  
2.6 for airport development.

2.7 The council shall develop the nontransit element in consultation with the  
2.8 ~~transportation advisory board~~ and the Metropolitan Airports Commission and cities  
2.9 having an airport located within or adjacent to its corporate boundaries, subject to  
2.10 review and approval by the Transportation Advisory Board. The council shall also take  
2.11 into consideration the airport development and operations plans and activities of the  
2.12 commission. The Transportation Advisory Board shall amend the nontransit element as  
2.13 necessary and approve the final language. Following board approval, the council shall  
2.14 amend the nontransit element to reflect the approved language and transmit the results  
2.15 to the state Department of Transportation.

2.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 473.146, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.17 Subd. 4. **Transportation planning.** (a) ~~The Metropolitan Council~~ Transportation  
2.18 Advisory Board is the designated planning agency for any long-range comprehensive  
2.19 transportation planning required by section 134 of the Federal Highway Act of 1962,  
2.20 Section 4 of Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 and Section 112 of Federal Aid  
2.21 Highway Act of 1973 and other federal transportation laws. ~~The council~~ board shall  
2.22 assure administration and coordination of transportation planning with appropriate state,  
2.23 regional<sub>2</sub> and other agencies, counties, and municipalities.

2.24 (b) ~~The council shall establish an advisory body consisting of citizens and~~  
2.25 ~~representatives of municipalities, counties, and state agencies in fulfillment of the planning~~  
2.26 ~~responsibilities of the council.~~ The membership of the advisory body board must consist of:

2.27 (1) the commissioner of transportation or the commissioner's designee;

2.28 (2) the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency or the commissioner's  
2.29 designee;

2.30 (3) ~~one member~~ the chair of the Metropolitan Airports Commission ~~appointed by~~  
2.31 ~~the commission;~~

2.32 (4) the chair of the Metropolitan Council;

2.33 (4) ~~one person appointed by the council to represent nonmotorized transportation;~~

2.34 (5) ~~one person appointed by the commissioner of transportation to represent the~~  
2.35 ~~freight transportation industry;~~

3.1 ~~(6) two persons appointed by the council to represent public transit;~~

3.2 ~~(7) ten~~ (5) nine elected officials of cities within the metropolitan area, including  
3.3 one representative from each first-class city, and one representative from each of the  
3.4 seven counties in the metropolitan area appointed by the Association of Metropolitan  
3.5 Municipalities; and

3.6 ~~(8) one member~~ (6) two members of the county board of each county in the  
3.7 seven-county metropolitan area, appointed by the respective county boards;

3.8 ~~(9) eight citizens appointed by the council, one from each council precinct; and~~

3.9 ~~(10) one member of the council, appointed by the council.~~

3.10 The ~~council~~ board shall appoint a chair from among the its members of the advisory  
3.11 body.

3.12 (c) The board shall establish a weighted voting formula that shall be used for all  
3.13 board decisions.

3.14 (d) The Metropolitan Council shall be responsible for initial drafting of the  
3.15 transportation policy plan and the transportation improvement program. The board shall  
3.16 amend the transportation policy plan and the transportation improvement program as  
3.17 necessary, and approve the final language. Following board approval, the Metropolitan  
3.18 Council shall amend the transportation policy plan and the transportation improvement  
3.19 program to reflect the approved language.

3.20 (e) The Metropolitan Council shall provide the board with sufficient funding to  
3.21 employ all necessary support staff.