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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Regional Governance Policy
- 03/09/2017 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy
- 03/13/2017 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; establishing a Metro Mobility Enhancement Task Force;
1.3 requiring a legislative report.

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

1.5 Section 1. **METRO MOBILITY ENHANCEMENT TASK FORCE.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Task force established.** A Metro Mobility Enhancement Task Force is
1.7 established to examine options to enhance Metro Mobility program service under Minnesota
1.8 Statutes, section 473.386. The goal of the task force is to partner with transportation network
1.9 companies to increase program service levels and efficiency.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Membership.** (a) The task force consists of the following members:

1.11 (1) one representative from Metro Mobility, appointed by the Metropolitan Council;

1.12 (2) one elected official from each metropolitan county, as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
1.13 section 473.121, subdivision 4, each of whom must be from a district or unit of government
1.14 that is located within the Metro Mobility service area, appointed by the respective county
1.15 board in consultation with cities in that county;

1.16 (3) at least one and no more than three individuals representing transportation network
1.17 companies, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 65B.472, subdivision 1, appointed as
1.18 provided under paragraph (b);

1.19 (4) one representative appointed by the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee
1.20 established under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.375, subdivision 9a;

1.21 (5) one representative appointed by the Council on Disability;

2.1 (6) one individual appointed by the Association of Residential Resources of Minnesota;

2.2 (7) one individual, who must reside in a metropolitan county, appointed by the Best
2.3 Choice Alliance; and

2.4 (8) one individual appointed by the Center for Transportation Studies at the University
2.5 of Minnesota.

2.6 (b) An interested transportation network company may appoint no more than one person
2.7 as a task force member. Appointment under this paragraph is on a first-come, first-appointed
2.8 basis by written notification to the Metropolitan Council.

2.9 Subd. 3. **Task force duties.** (a) The task force must evaluate the Metro Mobility program,
2.10 which must include but is not limited to analysis of customer service, program costs and
2.11 expenditures, service coverage area and hours, reservation and scheduling, and buses and
2.12 equipment.

2.13 (b) The task force must analyze approaches to improve Metro Mobility program service
2.14 by using partnerships with transportation network companies. At a minimum, the analysis
2.15 must consider:

2.16 (1) geographic service areas of transportation network companies;

2.17 (2) demand responsiveness and service levels of transportation network companies;

2.18 (3) share of trips in which specially equipped vehicles that comply with the Americans
2.19 with Disabilities Act are necessary;

2.20 (4) technology accessibility for Metro Mobility customers;

2.21 (5) liability considerations; and

2.22 (6) integration of billing systems of transportation network companies with current Metro
2.23 Mobility fare collection.

2.24 (c) The task force must review proposals and models for transportation network company
2.25 incorporation into transit systems in other service areas.

2.26 Subd. 4. **Administration.** (a) Each appointing entity under subdivision 2 must make
2.27 appointments and notify the Metropolitan Council by August 1, 2017.

2.28 (b) The Metropolitan Council representative appointed to the task force must convene
2.29 the initial meeting of the task force no later than September 1, 2017. At the initial meeting,
2.30 the members of the task force must elect a chair or cochaIRS from among the task force
2.31 members.

3.1 (c) Upon request of the task force, the council must use existing resources to provide
3.2 data, information, meeting space, and administrative services.

3.3 (d) Members of the task force serve without compensation or payment of expenses.

3.4 (e) The task force may accept gifts and grants, which are accepted on behalf of the state
3.5 and constitute donations to the Metropolitan Council. Funds received under this paragraph
3.6 are appropriated to the Metropolitan Council for purposes of the task force.

3.7 (f) Meetings of the task force are subject to chapter 13D.

3.8 Subd. 5. **Legislative report.** (a) By February 15, 2018, the task force must submit a
3.9 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
3.10 jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance.

3.11 (b) At a minimum the report must:

3.12 (1) summarize the work of the task force and its findings;

3.13 (2) describe the current Metro Mobility program;

3.14 (3) identify at least three potential service level approaches that involve partnering with
3.15 and incorporating transportation network companies; and

3.16 (4) provide any recommendations for program and legislative changes.

3.17 Subd. 6. **Expiration.** If before June 1, 2017, the Legislative Audit Commission selects
3.18 Metro Mobility for a program evaluation by the legislative auditor, this section expires June
3.19 1, 2017. Otherwise, the task force under this section expires June 30, 2018.

3.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following
3.21 final enactment and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,
3.22 Scott, and Washington.