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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Executive Director

RE: Extension of Terms for Advisory Committee Members through 2009

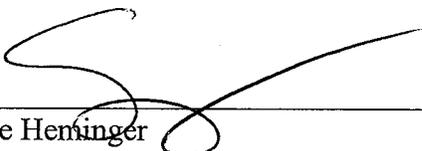
The Metropolitan Transportation Commission's three advisory committees — the Advisory Council, the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee (EDAC), and the Minority Citizens Advisory Committee (MCAC) — have had an ongoing role in the development of the Transportation 2035 plan. Due to the plan's delayed adoption and the need to conduct effective advisor recruitment, MTC staff requests an extension of the current advisors' terms through December 31, 2009. Per Resolution 3516, terms expire on July 31, 2009.

Background

Over the past two years, staff met with MTC's citizen advisors several times, requesting their input at key points during the Transportation 2035 development process. The Commission involved the advisors more during the development of this plan, than for any other. Their ongoing involvement continues to be important as we move from adoption to preliminary discussions on some of the new programs stemming from the plan. Extending the current advisors' terms will help us avoid the capacity-building necessary with new advisors, and it will allow for a more seamless transition.

The advisor recruitment process would normally begin in March or April of this year; however, we recommend that the recruitment process begin in the fall. Until that time, staff will not fill current or future vacancies. In addition, a new set of advisors would be presented for your consideration in December 2009 with new terms beginning in January 2010.

Recommendation: Refer to the Commission approval of the term extensions of the advisory committee members through December 2009.



Steve Heminger