

Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee Work Program

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Topics

- Reconstitution of RBS as the Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee (RPTS)
- Outline of “State of Public Transportation” Report
- MAP-21 Rulemaking
- Agenda Items



Reconstitution of the Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee (RPTS)

Reconstitution of the Regional Bus Subcommittee as the RPTS:

- Discussed at RBS meeting in November.
- Approved by TPB Technical Committee on December 5.

Memorandum summarizing reconstitution:

- *Mission Statement*: coordinate long-range public transportation planning for the region.
- *Activities*: information sharing, technical inputs, consultation on federal requirements, strategies and projects, coordinate with other committees.
 - In the future, provide input on the measures and targets for the MAP-21 performance provisions for transit state of good repair and safety.
- *Participation and Membership*: jurisdiction staff, providers of public transportation.
- *Governance*: rotating annual chair.

Outline of proposed “*State of Public Transportation*” Annual Report

- 1) Intro / Overview
- 2) Past/Upcoming Accomplishments / Major Events
 - Projects started/completed, major studies, etc.
- 3) Operator Profile Page
 - Financial Data – Funding and OpEx/CapEx
 - Ridership and Service Data
 - MAP-21 Data (Asset Management and Safety) (*once finalized*)
- 4) Issues Discussed at RPTS
 - E.g., customer info, commuter bus staging, technology integration, etc.
- 5) Findings / Recommendations
 - For consideration by the TPB

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Existing Public Transportation Reports

State DOTs –

- Mandated report on transit (Indiana, Minnesota, Washington)
- Part of consolidated transportation plan (Maryland)

2012 highlights

- Purchased two next-generation hybrid-electric buses
- 33 new hybrid-electric buses began service in St. Paul and communities in the east metro
- Achieved highest maintenance reliability in service history: 7,456 miles between road calls
- Opened 180-space park & ride lot in Little Canada with express service to Minneapolis and St. Paul

System snapshot

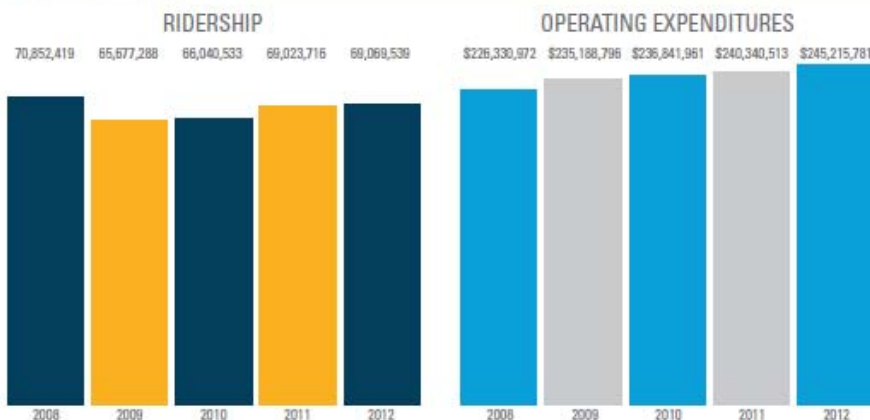
Legal Name	Metro Transit
Governance	Regional
Area Served	Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington counties Metro
Legislative District	Metro
Congressional District	2, 3, 4, 5, 6

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet 740 buses, 166 articulated buses, 26 motor coaches
Service type Fixed route

Hours of Operation
 Monday - Friday 12:00 am - 11:59 pm
 Saturday 12:00 am - 11:59 pm
 Sunday 12:00 am - 11:59 pm
Base fare \$1.75 - \$3.00

System performance



Typically focus on ridership and financial statistics.

Next Steps for *State of Public Transportation* Report

- January : Discuss Data for inclusion
 - Handout on MinnDOT and MDOT reports
- February : Discuss Information Topics for inclusion
- March: Discuss Draft Questionnaire
- April: Distribute Data & Information Questionnaire, with responses due end of May
- June: Present initial data profiles and outline of information topics.
- July: Present draft report for comment
- September: Approve final report.

MAP-21 Rulemaking Schedule - Upcoming

- Highway Conditions
 - Pavement and Bridges Performance Measurement Rule (**Published**)
 - Asset Management Plan Rule (*1/28/15*)
- Congestion and System Performance
 - System Performance Measures Rule (*4/20/15*)
 - includes Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Performance
- Transit Performance
 - Asset Management (*June 2015*)
 - Safety (National Program, Agency Plan, and Management Systems)

FHWA/FTA have indicated their intention for all of the final performance rulemakings to have a common date of effectiveness.

- The apparent goal is for October 1, 2015, with initial reports on performance measures and targets required as early as October 1, 2016.
- Some rules (e.g., transit state of good repair and asset management) appear likely to be delayed beyond mid-2015 and their implementation would be correspondingly delayed.

Potential MAP-21 Workshop with FTA staff – April 2015 (TBC)

Agenda Topics for 2015

- RPTS relies on participant contributions:
 - What would you like to present and discuss in upcoming meetings?





Questions?