

# Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee Reconstitution Memo

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# Topics

- Reconstitution of RBS as the Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee (RPTS)
- Potential “State of Public Transportation” Report
- Next Steps in RPTS and Public Transportation representation

# TPB Resolution passed on September 17, 2014

- TPB complies with MAP-21 requirement as WMATA is a voting member together with the local public transit and commuter bus and rail providers as represented by the respective jurisdiction that provides the funding.
- Changes the name of the TPB Regional Bus Subcommittee to the **Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee** and broadens its scope to include all eligible public transportation service providers.
- Commits to continuing a cooperative discussion with the providers of public transportation to determine respective responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process, and to consider procedures for representation of all eligible providers of public transportation, including the role and responsibilities of the public transportation representation, and to making any mutually agreed changes to the TPB's Board membership and/or its committee process.

<http://www.mwcog.org/uploads/committee-documents/fl1YWFZY20140922153142.pdf>

# Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee - Reconstitution Memorandum

Memorandum on reconstitution:

- Discussed at TPB Technical Committee (11/7).
- Revised memorandum distributed in RTPS meeting notice (11/14).

Memorandum contents:

- 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.
- Participation and membership: jurisdictions, operators.
- Governance: rotating chair

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The basis for the RPTS is its contribution to the objectives of the TPB.

TPB studies and the unified planning work program (UPWP) are one of two primary sources for RPTS agenda items. Sample work program topics include:

- Inputs to long-range transportation plan (CLRP)
  - Transit Development Plans, planning studies, etc.
- Regional coordination and inter-operability, especially in technology
- Accessibility issues, including station & stop improvements
- Ridership surveys, congestion reports, and other data products
- TPB studies: commuter bus staging, bus on shoulders, bus hot spots, etc.
- In the future, the MAP-21 performance provisions for transit state of good repair and safety.

# RPTS Membership and Participation

RPTS members are jurisdictions and public transportation service providers....

- Current jurisdictions and providers
- Other modes by current members: DC Streetcar, Metrorail, MARC
- Other mass transit modes: Virginia Railway Express
- Other providers: paratransit, private providers
  - ❖ Private Providers are typically engaged through the Private Providers Task Force, the Chair of which sits on the TPB. (*add section on this to reconstitution memo*)

RPTS participation is on an as-willing basis, with members attending as responsibilities permit.

- Member-initiated topics are the other primary source for RPTS agenda items.

# Annual Report: “*State of Public Transportation*”

Contents could include:

- 1) Intro / Overview
- 2) Past Year Accomplishments / Major Events
  - Projects completed / started, major studies, etc.
- 3) Operator Profile Page
  - Financial Data – Funding and OpEx/CapEx
  - Ridership and Service Data
  - MAP-21 Data (Asset Management and Safety) (*add section on this to reconstitution memo*)
- 4) Issues Discussed at RPTS
  - E.g., customer info, commuter bus staging, technology integration, etc.
- 5) Findings / Recommendations
  - Priority Project Listing?
- 6) Upcoming Year’s Projects / Events

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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

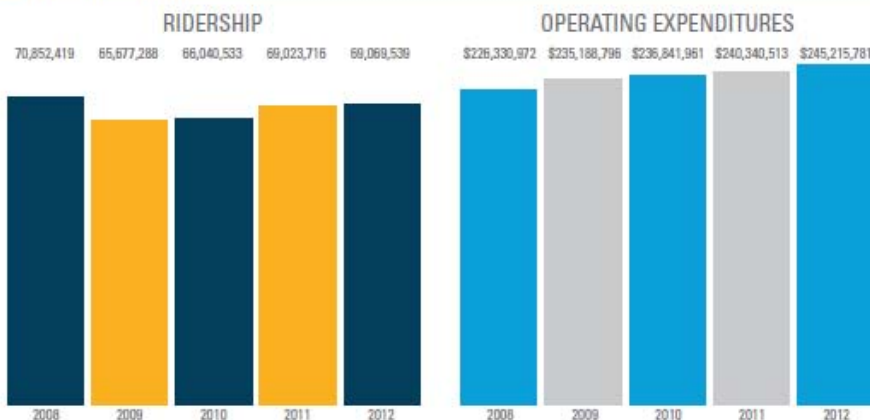
<b>Legal Name</b>	Metro Transit
<b>Governance</b>	Regional
<b>Area Served</b>	Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington counties
<b>Legislative District</b>	Metro
<b>Congressional District</b>	2, 3, 4, 5, 6

### 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

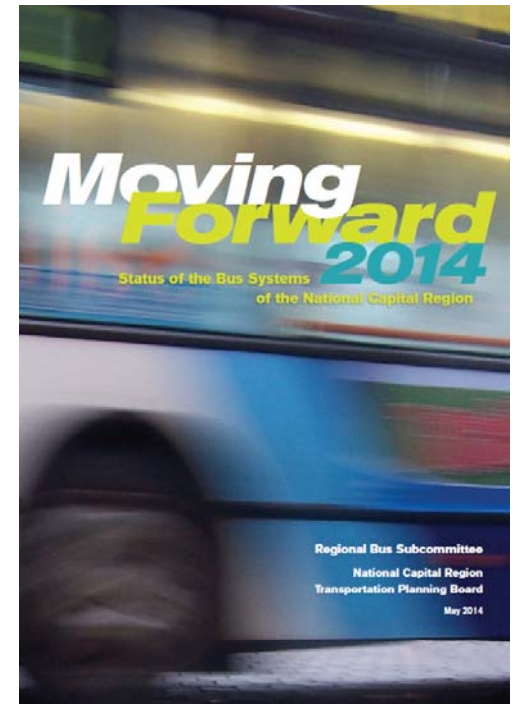


Typically focus on ridership and financial statistics.



# Next Steps

1. Present reconstitution memo to Technical Committee (12/5) and the TPB (12/17), for approval.
2. MAP-21 requirement for Public Transportation representation on the TPB
  - A stakeholder meeting of executive leaders will be scheduled in 2015.
3. *Moving Forward* Brochure Update
  - Put on hold pending development of State of Public Transportation report.





Questions?