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Chair Routh and Commissioners,

Following the briefing we provided the Commission last September on the role and status of the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP) elements of the Comprehensive Plan, I wanted to provide you an update because our planned next steps on the TSP have since changed.

We are now planning to delay the next TSP update from the upcoming fiscal year (FY 2022-2023, starting this July) until FY2025-2026, following anticipated RTP and RTFP updates to be completed by Metro in 2023 and 2024, respectively, in line with federal and state requirements. The RTP and RTFP updates will help inform what is required of the City in terms of ensuring its next TSP update is compliant with updates to the state's Transportation Planning Rule being adopted under the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities rulemaking being completed this year (as noted during the briefing last fall).

Due to budget constraints and with the staff resources available, we are instead pivoting our focused efforts in next fiscal year to deeper engagement with the 2023 RTP update being led by Metro, which the same staff (my team) are the designated leads on in the Bureau. This focus is also something we have heard from community leaders and organizations is where their current focus lies. We recognize their capacity to engage there is already strained, so we do not want to ask for more of their time to engage on the TSP, even if we had a budget and staff capacity.

In addition, there are numerous opportunities for us to advance adopted City goals and desired outcomes through this RTP update, which includes significant policy updates that will impact the region's and the city's future. To leverage these opportunities, this pivot will also ensure sufficient staff capacity to engage both on the technical work and with our community and jurisdictional partners in terms of identifying regional priorities for investment and desired outcomes for policy. Following the RTP and RTFP updates, we plan to then recommence the next TSP update in FY 2025-2026, presuming the tools, guidance and financial resources from Metro and the state are available at that time.

Please let me know if you have any questions or other follow-up about this.

Sincerely,

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