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## Transportation Committee Staff Report for Plans and Policies

Committee date: October 5, 2020

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**Plan Name/Policy Name:** Metro Transit's Network Next

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**Plan/Policy Webpage:** [www.metrotransit.org/network-next](http://www.metrotransit.org/network-next)

**Description:** Metro Transit's 20-year plan for its bus network; current focus is on the Arterial Bus Rapid Transit network

**General Timeline:** Public engagement through Oct 9; evaluate corridors Fall 2020; share evaluation results (incl. top 3 or 4 near-term corridors) in Dec/Jan; prioritize top corridors in Feb/Mar; approve F Line in Mar/Apr

**Public Hearing Date & Location:** n/a

**Transportation Committee Role:**

Inform scope & approach       Review draft       Make recommendation

**Explanation** The Committee may provide a letter conveying Network Next input to Metro Transit by October 9. A draft letter outline (with blanks) has been prepared for the Committee's consideration.

Staff recommendation	<i>(None yet)</i>
Action item requested of the Committee	<i>Vote on issues to emphasize in a letter from the committee to Metro Transit</i>
Committee vote	<i>To be filled in at the meeting</i>

[DRAFT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE LETTER]

DATE

Network Next staff

Metro Transit

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on priorities for the future Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (ABRT) network. I am writing on behalf of the Saint Paul Transportation Committee, who discussed Network Next at two of our recent meetings. As a citizen committee dedicated to providing input on transportation issues in Saint Paul, we hope to provide helpful input from an “informed resident” perspective, separate from the formal City of Saint Paul governmental body.

We believe that the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ corridors should be the region’s highest priorities for ABRT. [Add any special reasoning here]

We believe that \_\_\_\_\_ is the most important scoring criterion because \_\_\_\_\_.

Additionally, we have the following concerns and ideas: \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

Bill Lindeke

Chair, Saint Paul Transportation Committee