

## HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT TASK FORCE UPDATE

### Summary

The High Capacity Transit (HCT) Task Force was created by the Transportation Policy Council in the spring of 2017 and is charged with identifying the extent to which high capacity transit is needed to support economic growth, mobility and quality of life in the region. The findings and recommendations of the Task Force are expected summarized in a report to the TPC and considered in the development of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. The work of this Task Force began in May 2017 and should be completed by the end of August 2018.

### Current Situation

The Task Force has had several meetings since its inception, including a day-long workshop at METRO Headquarters on September 29, 2017. Its most recent meeting was held on Thursday, March 8, 2018.

In addition to the full HCT Task Force, there have been several meetings of its three constituent Workgroups: Service Concepts, Innovative Finance and Economic Analysis. The findings of these Workgroups have been reported back to the full Task Force at regular intervals.

The Task Force has completed its Phase I work, which included an overview of transit technologies and service types employed in different regions around the country and the world, the funding and financing tools that have been used to pay for selected HCT projects, and the economic impacts and benefits that have occurred as a result. Draft deliverable reports for these findings were distributed to the full Task Force at its most recent meeting.

Phase II work is currently underway. The Service Concepts Workgroup has produced a “Vision Network” of potential HCT corridors, with high-level travel demand modeling results for each corridor, as well as a set of general principles and supporting concepts that ideally should be in place to support regionwide HCT. The Innovative Finance Workgroup, meanwhile, has discussed a complete list of funding and financing tools that may be able to support HCT in the region, and has also conducted an overview of governance models used in various regions

Outstanding Phase II tasks include economic analysis of the “Vision Network” to determine costs and benefits as they relate to mobility, economic competitiveness, and regional growth.

The HCT Task Force is still on track to deliver its recommendations to the TPC in August 2018.

### Action Requested

For information only.