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SAINT PAUL AREA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

Realtors recognize that assessing transportation needs for today and future generations requires a multifaceted approach that provides various regional transportation options, and incorporates local planning and local involvement. An integrated transportation system in the twin cities is important for the housing market, as well as for continued growth and economic development of the region. Investment in infrastructure today will prepare the region for tomorrow. An efficient transportation system needs to include a combination of autos, buses, light and commuter rail transit, as well as coordinated land use planning. Transportation solutions also include improved ground, rail, water, and air transit options for producers to deliver their goods to consumers.

Overall, transportation options should be approached with the following five goals in mind.

- Maintain and expand road systems for today and tomorrow
- Provide options for public transit (including buses, light and commuter rail and other options)
- Provide options for transportation (from ground and air cargo transportation to pedestrian options)
- Encourage creative workplace solutions to drive time congestion
- Coordinate land use and planning policies with transportation and housing needs

Realtors® support:

- Dedicating any increased transportation-related revenues solely to transportation and transit needs,
- Revision of the highway user tax distribution fund formula which distributes transportation funds for highway purposes,
- Long-term planning to meet the transportation needs of this region, and
- Accountability for transportation decisions by local planning commissions, the metropolitan council, state agencies and the legislature.

As active members of the communities in which they live, realtors® are committed to community involvement – from housing options and affordability, to growth and transportation.

The Realtor® association transportation policy statement has been a cooperative effort between the Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors®, the North Metro Realtors® Association, the Saint Paul Area Association of Realtors®, and the Southern Twin Cities Association of Realtors®. Combined they represent over 16,000 members involved in all aspects of the real estate industry.

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