Appendix C. Major Transportation Planning Documents

In addition to the *Transportation Policy Plan*, the transportation planning process generates several major documents and processes. Following is a list of these documents and a short description of each. More detailed information on each of these documents is found in the Prospectus (see below).

Aviation Policy Plan

The Aviation Policy Plan charts the long-range direction for regional aviation planning and development, establishing goals, policies, review criteria, guidelines, a coordination and implementation process and an airports system plan.

Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

The TIP is a three-year multimodal program of highway, transit, bike, walking and transportation-enhancement projects and programs proposed for federal funding in the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Metropolitan Council and Transportation Advisory Board prepare a four-year document with a major amendment to be made in alternate years.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Prepared annually, the UPWP is a description and documentation of proposed transportation and transportation-related planning activities in the metropolitan area.

Prospectus

The Prospectus outlines the continuing, comprehensive and cooperative (3-C) transportation planning process for the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Congestion Management Plan

The Congestion Management Plan involves a systematic process for evaluating and developing transportation strategies and plans for addressing existing and future traffic congestion.

Air Quality Conformity Determination

The air quality conformity analysis is required for transportation plans, programs and projects in carbon monoxide or ozone nonattainment and maintenance areas. Before the *Transportation Policy Plan* and Transportation Improvement Plan are adopted, they must undergo an air quality analysis to ensure their conformance to the State Implementation Plan for air quality.