

## Minnesota Council on Transportation Access (MCOTA) Meeting

### Agenda **DRAFT**

September 24, 2025 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM

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#### **MCOTA Members:**

- **Jon Benson** – Deputy Director for Program Services, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development
- **Peter Brickwedde** – Assistant Commissioner of Government and External Affairs, Minnesota Department of Commerce
- **David Fenley** – ADA Director, Minnesota Council on Disability
- **Kelly Garvey** – Transportation Specialist, Minnesota Department of Education
- **Sarah Ghandour** – Director, Office of Transit and Active Transportation, Minnesota Department of Transportation (interim MnDOT designee)
- **Brandon Kasprick** – Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan
- **Nick Lardinois** – Executive Budget Officer, Minnesota Management and Budget
- **Brandon Nurmi** – Director, Minnesota Public Transit Association
- **Ellen Pillsbury** – Active Transportation Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Health
- Vice-Chair: **Diogo Reis** – Director, Health Improvement and Benefit Design Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- **Maureen Melgaard Schneider** – Chair, Minnesota Board on Aging
- **Gerri Sutton** – Director, Metropolitan Council
- **Currently Vacant** – Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

- 1:00 **Call to Order & Member Roll Call** – Chair  
*Action: Roll call (members to unmute and state "here" following their name being called)*
- 1:05 **Introduction of Elliott McFadden as Executive Director** – Executive Director
- 1:10 **Approve September Meeting Agenda** – Chair  
*Action: Approval (members only vote via chat)*
- 1:13 **Approve March Meeting Minutes** – Chair  
*Action: Approval (members only vote via chat)*
- 1:15 **Review MCOTA Bylaw and Meeting Schedule Updates** – Executive Director & Chair  
*Action: Approval with or without changes (members only vote via chat)*
- 2:00 **Review 2025 Annual Report Draft** – Executive Director & Chair  
*Action: Recommend approval with or without changes (members only vote via chat)*
- 2:30 **Public Comment** – Chair  
*Members of the public are allowed to comment via chat or unmuting.*
- 2:50 **Future MCOTA Meetings** – Chair  
*There are no future meetings scheduled at this time.*
- 3:00 **Adjourn** – Chair