

**221.295 NOTICE TO METROPOLITAN COUNCIL.**

Notwithstanding any provision of any statute to the contrary, the Metropolitan Council must be notified by the commissioner of any matter affecting public transit or an existing or proposed transit system within the seven-county metropolitan area, which matter is formally or informally before the commissioner for action or which is under study, including the initiation of any request for action or study and prior to any hearings on other proceedings, whether ex parte or otherwise. Notification must in all cases be given in a manner, at such time, and with such information and data available to the commissioner as to enable the Metropolitan Council to meaningfully evaluate, participate in, and comment upon the matter. The commissioner shall not approve, deny, or otherwise attempt to resolve or act upon the matter until receipt of the comments and advice of the Metropolitan Council with respect thereto, but if none are received they may act within 30 days after demand of the Metropolitan Council, or otherwise by mutual agreement. If the commissioner takes action in any way contrary to or different from the comments and advice of the Metropolitan Council, they shall specifically state the reasons and factual data for the action.

**History:** 1969 c 625 s 9; 1976 c 166 s 95; 1980 c 534 s 79; 1984 c 654 art 3 s 78; 1994 c 628 art 3 s 22; 2001 c 213 s 30