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Overview

This bill eliminates the requirement that the Metropolitan Council adopt a separate airport or aviation policy plan and changes references to airport or aviation plans to "transportation plans." The bill also repeals certain obsolete language relating to airport planning.

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- 1 Comprehensive plan for airports.** Eliminates the requirement that the Metropolitan Council adopt a long-range comprehensive policy plan for airports.
- 2 Development guide.** Adds long-range assessment of air transportation to the non-transit portion of the Metropolitan Development Guide.
- 3 Transportation plan.** Changes term defined from "aviation policy plan" to "transportation policy plan" to reflect elimination of airport policy plans as separate Met Council long-range policy plans.
- 4 Reference amended.** Changes reference from "aviation policy plan" to "transportation policy plan."
- 5 Reference amended.** Changes reference from airport chapter of development guide to transportation chapter of development guide.
- 6 Reference eliminated.** Eliminates reference to airport portion of the Metropolitan Development Guide.
- 7 Repealer.** Repeals requirement that the Metropolitan Council prepare an annual long-range assessment of air transportation trends and factors that may affect airport development in the metropolitan area (Incorporates the requirement in the non-transit portion of the

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Metropolitan Development Guide; see section 2). Repeals a provision which prevented the Metropolitan Council from requiring that a local government unit continue a current use, adopt a comprehensive plan designation or change zoning to ensure or preserve the availability of land for a new major airport. Repeals obsolete language which required plans, reports and agreements on various dates between 1989 and 1993.

8 **Application clause.** Applies in the seven-county metropolitan area.