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The evaluation team assembled for this study is knowledgeable and experienced in the evaluation of traffic management strategies, such as ramp metering. The evaluation team has been carefully selected and structured to provide an independent, credible and objective study.

Two committees have been formed to represent the public in the implementation of the study. The Advisory Committee is comprised of legislators, legislative staff, local government representatives, researchers, industry representatives, and stakeholder representatives. The Advisory Committee provides policy oversight, input and guidance to the study. The Advisory Committee is chaired by David Jennings, President of the Greater Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce. Other organizations represented on the Advisory Committee include:

- Association of Minnesota Counties;
- Department of Public Safety - Minnesota State Patrol;
- Hennepin County Community Health Department;
- Southwest Metro Transit Commission;
- State Legislators (4);
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA);
- Murphy Warehouse Company;
- American Automobile Association (AAA);
- Metropolitan Council;
- Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT);
- Citizens League;
- Metro Transit; and
- City of Eagan.

The Advisory Committee is assisted in the day-to-day technical oversight and project quality control by a qualified Technical Committee. The Technical Committee is chaired by James Grube, Director of the Hennepin County Transportation Department. Other organizations represented on the Technical Committee include:

- Pollution Control Agency;
- Dakota County Highway Department;
- City of Ramsey;

- City of St. Paul;
- Mn/DOT – Metro Division;
- Mn/DOT – Office of Investment Management;
- Metropolitan Council;
- City of Minneapolis;
- Metro Transit;
- Ramsey County Department of Public Works; and
- Federal Highway Administration.

The relation of the Advisory and Technical Committee to the overall evaluation team is shown in Figure 2.1.

Michael Sobolewski is the Mn/DOT Project Manager selected to provide day-to-day management of the project and provide coordination between the Advisory and Technical Committees and the consultant team.

The consultant team conducting the study is led by Cambridge Systematics, which is responsible for overall project management, as well as the conduct of several specific work tasks (including the development of the evaluation plan, the design and implementation of focus groups and survey market research, the conduct of the benefit/cost analysis, and research of secondary data sources). SRF Consulting is assisting Cambridge Systematics in the traffic data collection design and implementation tasks. N.K. Friedrichs Consulting is assisting with the market research tasks.

Marc Cutler of Cambridge Systematics is serving as the Principal in Charge for the consultant team providing technical direction and quality control of the study. Vassili Alexiadis of Cambridge Systematics functions as the project manager for the consultant team providing day-to-day management of all aspects of the study progress. He is assisted by a Deputy Project Manager and individual Task Managers. These Task Managers provide focused expertise on individual aspects of the work scope. This management approach was developed to adequately support the diverse tasks required of the study while meeting the rigid time schedule presented by the legislative mandate.

The consultant team is also assisted by an expert panel consisting of individuals selected by the consultant team and by the Advisory and Technical Committees. These nationally-recognized experts provide technical input to the study approach, provide critical review of deliverables, and help to ensure a credible and objective evaluation.

**Figure 2.1 Evaluation Team**

