

# Minutes

## TAC Planning Committee



**Meeting date:** November 9, 2023

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Location:** Virtual

### Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co – Jack Forslund                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co – KC Atkins          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Paul – Bill Dermody                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brooklyn Park – Dan Ruiz                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit – Patrick Haney    | <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Co – Craig Jenson                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co – Jack Johansen                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAC – Bridget Rief               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc – Grace Almeida |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen – Charlie Howley                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis – Kathleen Mayell    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator – Elaine Koutsoukos    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Community Development – Michael Larson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT – Lindsey Bruer            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Co – Sara Allen             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council MTS – Dave Burns                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MPCA – Innocent Eyoh             | E West Saint Paul – Ross Beckwith  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co – Gina Mitteco                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co – Scott Mareck (Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FHWA – Josh Pearson (ex-officio)                          |  |  |

### Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Scott Mareck, Ramsey County, called the regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee to order at 1:01 p.m.

### Agenda approved

Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

### Approval of minutes

It was moved by Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator, seconded by Charlie Howley, City of Chanhassen, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2023, regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee. **Motion carried** with Dan Ruiz, Brooklyn Park, and Bridget Rief, Metropolitan Airports Commission, abstaining.

Chair Mareck announced that he is leaving Ramsey County and will be working for the Federal Highway Administration's Minnesota Division. Mareck said anyone interested in the chair role should notify Metropolitan Council staff.

### Public comment on committee business

There were no public comments.

### Business

1. **2023-53:** Review of Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) 2024-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Joe Widing, MTS Planning, presented the item. Widing described the Met Council's role in regional aviation planning, described the criteria and process for review of capital projects, and summarized projects.

Kathleen Mayell, City of Minneapolis, stated that the environmental review for the MSP Terminal 2 gate expansion was old, having concluded in 2013. Mayell asked if there has been further review since. Bridget Rief answered that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) this year evaluated the previous environmental review along with updated data on passenger and operations levels, which remain well below what studied in the environmental review. Based on that information, it has been determined the existing review is still good and the gate expansion may proceed. Mayell asked if there was a public process for this recent review. Rief answered the public process was the Assessment of Environmental Effects (AOEE) documentation, but there was not a specific call-out of this project.

Innocent Eyoh, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, asked if an air quality analysis was completed as part of the MSP Terminal 2 gate expansion or runway work. Rief said there were no updated calculations of air quality because the airport was far within what was studied and found not significant as of 2013. Rief said the project meets LEED Gold certification, that MAC is member of Airports Council International's airport carbon accreditation process, and that MAC does an annual greenhouse gas reduction report. Eyoh requested a copy of the greenhouse gas reduction report; Rief said she will send it.

Mayell asked how the TAC Planning committee can assess sufficiency of the public process when public comments are not due until next week, noting the committee will not be hearing the results of that public process. Widing answered that these documents are approved by the Met Council, and presentation of these items to the Technical Advisory Committee and Transportation Advisory Board is not required by state statute. Widing offered that staff can revisit this item after the comment period and the CIP is finalized in December. Rief said the MAC adopts the preliminary CIP in September, which kicks off two processes:

- Assessment of Environmental Effects, which carries a 30-day public comment period lasting until the end of business next week on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and
- a 60-day adjacent community review.

MAC has not received any comments as of today through either of those processes. Rief described the progression of MAC's committee and commission actions on this item. The CIP item in December will report on comments received through those processes and a public hearing held this past Monday. Rief said there were no people in attendance at the hearing who wanted to speak on the AOEE. Rief requested that this committee and the Technical Advisory Committee ensure that contacts are correct for distributing reviews.

Chair Mareck remarked on MSP Airport's status as the #2 airport in the country and recognized MAC's work.

It was moved by Bill Dermody, City of Saint Paul, seconded by Dan Ruiz, City of Brooklyn Park, that the TAC Planning Committee recommend that the Metropolitan Council:

- find that the Metropolitan Airport Commission's CIP process included adequate public participation;
- approve the proposed 2024 CIP runway rehabilitation and extension project at the Lake Elmo Airport which meets the dollar threshold and significant effects criteria for Council approval; and
- find the remaining CIP projects to be consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan and forward any additional project comments to the Metropolitan Council for its consideration.

**Motion carried** with Rief abstaining.

## Information

There were no information items.

## Other business

There was no other business.

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

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