

TAB 101



**An introduction to the
Transportation Advisory Board**

April 22, 2009



About the TAB

- Created by legislature in 1974
(Minnesota Statutes, section 473.146)
- Designated MPO must include local elected officials in the decision making process
- FHWA and FTA jointly review and evaluate transportation planning process at least every 4 years



TAB members

- 10 elected municipal officials: Minneapolis, St. Paul and 8 appointed by metro cities
- 7 county commissioners appointed by each county
- 8 citizen representatives appointed by the Council
- 4 state and regional agencies: MAC, MnDOT, MPCA and the Council
- 4 modal representatives:
 - 2 transit and a non-motorized by the Council, freight by MnDOT
- TAB Chair appointed by the Council from among the 33 members

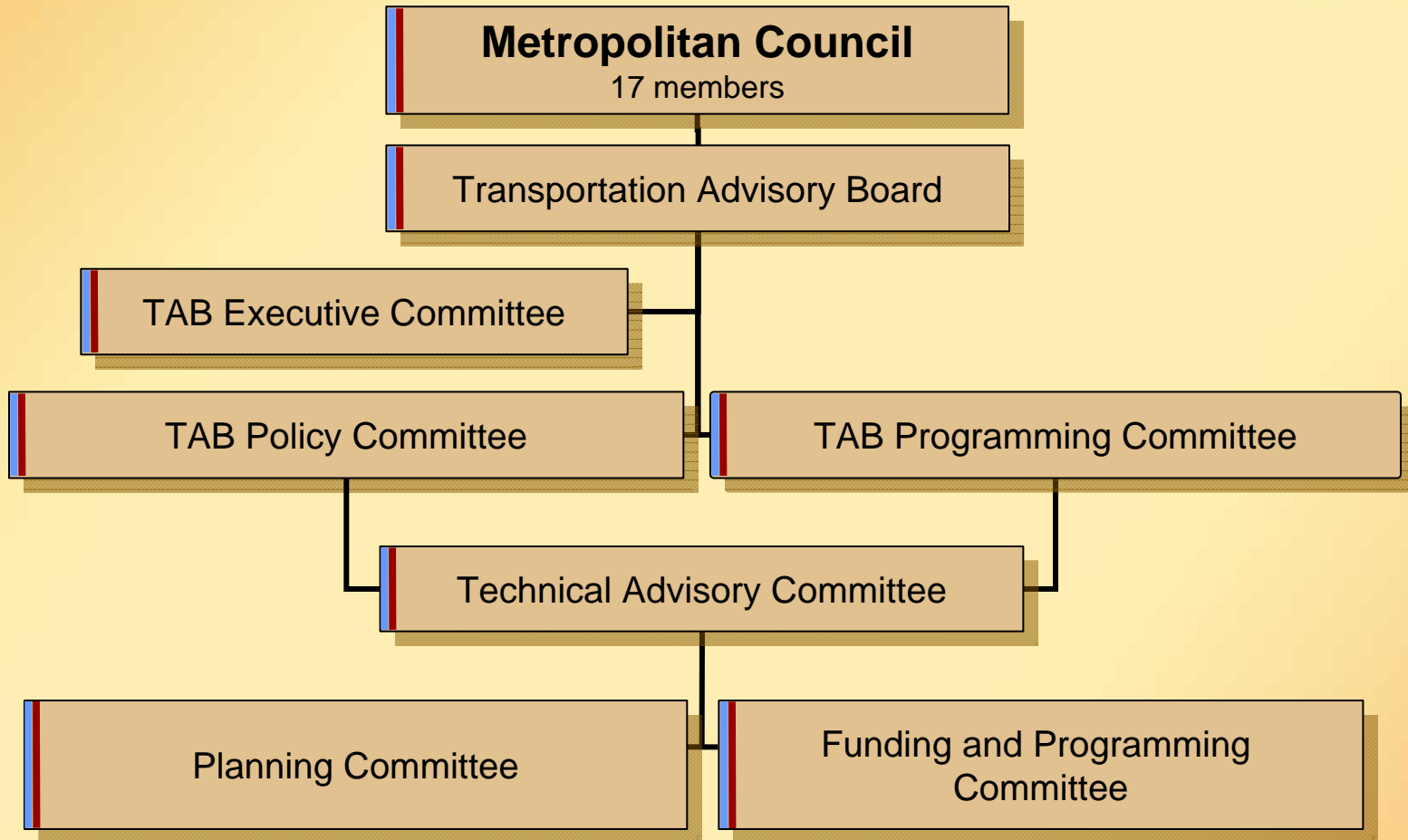
Technical Advisory Committee



- Membership is in TAC bylaws
- Staff committee providing technical expertise and recommendations to TAB
- 8 municipal staff
- 7 county engineers
- 2 Minneapolis and 2 St. Paul city engineers and planning staff
- 3 Council staff
- 1 each MAC, MnDEED, MnDOT, MPCA, TPAC, USDOT and TAB Coordinator



TAB organization chart





Roles and responsibilities

- Federal 3C process: continuing, cooperative and comprehensive
- MPO, state and public transportation provider cooperate to determine roles
- Council and MnDOT memorandum of understanding (December 2008)
- Prospectus (December 1996)



Roles and responsibilities

- Per state statute, Council is designated MPO with advisory committee (TAB)
- Council is lead in transportation planning process with TAB input and recommendations
- TAB is lead in federal MPO funding programming with Council concurrence



Metro transportation planning

- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)
- Public Involvement Plan (PIP)
- Air Quality Conformity
- Congestion Management Process (CMP)

Metro transportation programming



- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- TIP Amendments
- Regional Solicitation distributing federal funds



TAB responsibilities

- Regional process to select and monitor transportation projects funded in part with federal funds
- Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amendments including public involvement
- Advise on Transportation Policy Plan and planning process



TAB responsibilities

- Advise on Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) preparation
- Review and comment on regionally significant plans and projects
- Conduct special regional transportation studies
- Facilitate discussion of regional transportation issues



Adopts and forwards to Council:



- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Biennial competitive regional solicitation for distributing regional federal transportation funding
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amendments for all projects using federal funds consistent with policy
- Annual Implementation Report



Regional solicitation

Distributed ~\$160 million with each of last two biennial cycles:

- Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Transportation Enhancements (TE)



Project criteria

- Consistency with regional policy
- Safety
- Cost effectiveness
- Readiness
- Usage
- Air quality improvement
- System connectivity

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