

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
 390 North Robert St., St. Paul MN 55101
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Wednesday, December 21, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hargis, William, Chair	Hegberg, Dennis	Rossbach, Will
Petryk, Becky	McKnight, Kenya	Meyers, James	Gepner, David
Have, Ron	Callison, Jan	Tjornhom, Bethany	Maluchnik, Randy
Peilen, Lisa	McBride, Scott	Heffelfinger, Thomas	Thornton, David
Reinhardt, Andrew	Sanger, Sue	Whalen, Julia	Siddiqui, AJ
Donahoe, Margaret	Drotning, Karl	Van Hattum, David	Swanson, Dick
Westerberg, Andy	Hovland, James		
ABSENT:	Ulrich, Jon	Duininck, Adam	Stark, Russ
Mussell, Dick	Krause, Paul	Gallagher, Steven	Lilligren, Robert
	Bennett, Tony		
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator		

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the December 21, 2011 TAB meeting to order at 1:35 pm, Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

David Thornton asked that the agenda be amended to delete action item 2011-60: MPCA request for CMAQ Funds for Electric Vehicle Recharging Infrastructure. This item will be addressed at a later date. Motion by Thornton, seconded by Callison, to adopt the amended agenda for the December 21, 2011 TAB meeting. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Whalen, to approve the minutes from November 16, 2011 TAB meeting. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. Public comment on the agenda items has occurred at the respective TAB subcommittee meetings. There were no members of the public present to address the TAB at today's meeting.

V. TAB CHAIR REPORT

A. Information: Metropolitan Council and MnDOT Appointments to the TAB and Recognition of Members

Chair Hargis announced there will be new TAB members appointed for 2012. Outgoing TAB members and the TAC Chair as follows, were thanked for their service: Andrew Reinhardt, James Meyers, Richard Mussell, David Gepner, Tim Mayasich. Each was given a chance to address the group.

B. Information: New Approach to Corridor Planning and Collaboration/Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan Update

Kevin Roggenbuck and Scott McBride reported on a workshop/conference held on December 12. Roggenbuck provided a summary of the main points of the workshop in the committee mailing.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Technical Advisory Committee

Tim Mayasich reported on the 12/07/11 TAC meeting. The committee received a report on the MnDOT quality of life market research project. Action items were approved at the TAC and are part of today's agenda. Pat Bursaw will be the Chair of the TAC in 2012.

B. Policy Committee

Randy Maluchnik reported that the Policy Committee meeting consisted of the following:

a. 2011-70 Metropolitan Airports Commission 2012-2018 Capital Improvement Program

The Policy Committee approved this item. Russ Owen, MTS Aviation Planner and Gary Warren from MAC described the CIP and the requirements and thresholds requiring approval of specific projects. Mr. Warren added that the MAC decided to postpone the baggage claim and make-up area project listed in 2012 to a later year. Callison asked for more explanation of the TAB and Metro Council role in approving the MAC CIP and specifically what is included in this action item. Thornton asked about the sources of funding for the projects in the CIP. Mr. Owen and Mr. answered the questions.

Motion by Maluchnik, seconded by McBride:

That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the findings in TAB Action Transmittal 2011-70 concerning the MAC 2012-2018 Capital Improvement Program, and forward them to the Metropolitan Council for its consideration.

Motion passed.

b. Information and discussion: Prospectus Update – 3C Transportation Planning Guidebook

The Policy Committee heard a report from Ann Braden, MTS Sr. Planner regarding the Prospectus Update – 3C Transportation Planning Guidebook. The committee had concerns about how public input will be received, the need for more bike and pedestrian planning, the guidebook should be more user friendly (perhaps a summary), and cash flows on projects should be explained. Members are urged to make comments to Kevin Roggenbuck and he will forward to the appropriate staff at Metro Council.

c. Information and discussion: "A" Minor Arterial Study

MTS staff Mary Karlsson, Sr. Planner, and Carl Ohrn, Planning Analyst, presented this to the Policy Committee. The committee suggested a side-by-side comparison of old and new funding and asked how the data will be measured/used. The committee also asked for crash numbers on arterials. Thornton suggested more explanation be given of the projects and the source of funding for the projects.

A general comment was made by McKnight about how the TAB processes items coming from the committees, and whether the process can be improved. Hargis said this is also true of other business i.e. regional solicitation.

C. Programming Committee

Hovland reported that the Programming Committee met on December 8, 2011 and the agenda consisted of the following items. The Programming Committee did not have a quorum; they discussed action items C & D below and there was no objection to the items at the committee level. The committee forwards the items to the TAB with no formal action.

a. Information and Discussion: Update on the 2011 regional solicitation; revised schedule through project scoring.

Roggenbuck presented an update on the 2011 regional solicitation schedule, and answered questions from McKnight about what makes up the scoring criteria and how the ranking is determined. He also reviewed the preliminary schedule: scoring of applications is the next step; the first round (preliminary) scores should be out February/March and posted on the website. Scores can then be re-evaluated through appeals by the applicant,

with the final scores available April 2012. Roggenbuck will send a link to Regional Solicitation scoring on the website to the TAB members.

b. 2011-60 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Proposal for CMAQ Funding for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

This item has been postponed to a later date at Thornton's request.

c. 2011-68 2012-2015 TIP Amendment request to reflect new total cost for SP# 027-619-019: Hennepin County CSAH 19/North Shore Drive over W Arm Channel bridge replacement
Committee members and Tom Johnson from Hennepin County addressed Sanger's questions about the increase in scope and costs for the project.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Callison:

That the TAB adopt a 2012-2015 TIP Amendment for SP# 027-619-019: Hennepin County CSAH 19/North Shore Drive over W Arm Channel bridge replacement to a total cost of \$2,250,000.

Motion passed.

d. 2011-69 2012-2015 TIP Amendment Request to add SP-1925-55 MnDOT: Preliminary Engineering for a Managed Lane on TH 77 from 138th St. in Apple Valley to I-494 in Bloomington.

McBride responded to Thornton's question about the length of managed lane: answer – approximately 5-6 miles.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Petryk:

That the TAB adopt a 2012-2015 TIP Amendment for SP#1925-55 MnDOT: Preliminary Engineering for a Managed Lane on TH 77 from 138th St. in Apple Valley to I-494 in Bloomington.

Motion passed.

e. Information and discussion: Conditions for making exceptions to federal funds re-allocation policy.

Roggenbuck presented this item and called attention to the memo dated December 2, 2011 and included in the meeting materials.

VII. SPECIAL AGENDA

Regional Service Improvement Plan

John Levin, Metro Transit Director of Service Development, reported that the RSIP is the first plan of this type and was required by the TPP. The plan results will fit into the eventual solicitation and application of regionally allocated MVST funds. Levin reported on the next steps, purpose, process, committee make up and scoring. Heffelfinger suggested that Levin return with a report after the project scoring is complete.

Reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU

Serge Phillips, MnDOT Federal Relations Manager, reported on the status of the reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU and the language in the differing bills in the Senate and House.

VIII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

Reinhardt commented on the length of the TAB meetings and the interest and questions about the items on the agenda. Hargis suggested members allow 2 hours for a TAB meeting with the hope of completing business in 1 ½ hours. Reinhardt pointed out that the MPCA action item for CMAQ funds for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations has received a lot of discussion by the current TAB and that newly appointed TAB members should be allowed time to be educated on the discussions that have taken place before voting on the item. Hargis stated the Executive Committee will decide at what point this item should come before the TAB for action. McKnight encouraged new TAB members to speak with long-term TAB members to take advantage of their expertise.

IX. AGENCY REPORTS

None.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hargis adjourned the regular meeting of TAB at 3:35 pm on Wednesday, December 21, 2011.

Respectfully submitted: LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary