

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
 390 North Robert St., St. Paul MN 55101
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Wednesday, June 20, 2012

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the June 20, 2012 TAB meeting to order at 2:00 pm, Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Callison, to adopt the agenda for the June 20, 2012 TAB meeting.
 Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Maluchnik, to approve the minutes from May 16, 2012 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. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technical Advisory Committee

Pat Bursaw reported that the TAC met on June 6, 2012 and discussed the following:

1. Regional Forecasts (Libby Starling, Metro Council Community Development).
2. Travel Behavior Inventory/TBI (Jonathan Ehrlich, Metropolitan Transportation Services).
3. 2012 Urbanized Area for the Twin Cities Metro Area (Connie Kozlak, Metropolitan Transportation Services).
4. "A" Minor Arterial Study Update (Mary Karlsson, Metropolitan Transportation Services).

The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing the Regional Solicitation funding options.

Policy Committee

Russ Stark reported that the Policy Committee met and discussed the following:

- a. Transportation Planning and Programming Guide for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

The committee reviewed and approved the final draft with the requested updates to the language that defines the TAB's role in the MPO.

b. MnDOT Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan

Kirby Becker and Mark Nelson, MnDOT, presented on the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan. The draft plan should be out for public review next week, with comments on the plan due to MnDOT by the end of July. There are no TAB meetings in July to discuss group comments to the plan. It was decided that TAB members will respond individually to MnDOT, and share comments with the group via Kevin Roggenbuck, who will coordinate sharing of the information.

c. Regional Freight System and the Economy

The report states that 19% of the freight is delivered by rail, 75% by truck, and 6% by water. However, trends are moving more toward rail. 20% of jobs are related to manufacturing and freight. The Freight Report will not detail the needs.

d. "A" Minor Arterial Study

The "A" Minor Arterial Study is a core piece to possibly redefine the solicitation process moving forward. Arterial definitions were originally established in 1990. The study is looking at whether the program has met the stated goal (support principal arterial system, relieve congestion, etc...).

Programming Committee

Robert Lilligren reported that the Programming Committee met and discussed the following.

a. Regional Solicitation Evaluation

The committee heard a report from Kevin Roggenbuck. There is an interest in evaluating how the regional solicitation evaluation is performed. A consultant will be hired to perform study. As TAB Liaison to the Metro Council Transportation Committee, Robert Lilligren stated that the Transportation Committee is also interested in this subject.

b. Reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU

There is still much uncertainty pertaining to reauthorization. A short extension of SAFETEA-LU may be granted to get through the elections in the fall.

c. 2011 Regional Solicitation

As instructed by the TAB, the TAC prepared a report regarding funding targets, contingency plans and funding options. Page 5 of the report dated June 14, 2012 presents Contingency Plan #1 – reduce funding; and Contingency Plan #2 – defer funding, reducing the amount of funding able to program in 2015-2016. Contingency Plan #2 is favored by the TAC. Page 7 and 8 of the report described two funding options. Option 1 funds projects in the Surface Transportation Program at about the same percentage as they were submitted; Option 2 funds more minor arterial projects in the urban area because the criteria were changed to attract more reconstruction projects. The TAC did not recommend one option over the other. Discussion by the TAB followed. Some members desired more time to digest the material and perhaps come up with a third funding option. Members also discussed timing (no meetings in July); how to share discussion and get answers and clarification on projects; trust in the professionals who performed the scoring of projects; tradition and policy vs. "cherry-picking" projects.

Motion made by Ulrich, seconded by Westerberg to approve and move ahead with funding Option #1.

More discussion followed, including changing the scoring process in the next round of the regional solicitation; adjustments to the funding options as presented by TAC. There was discussion regarding the scoring difference between the fifth and sixth projects on the CMAQ Transit Expansion list, and what could be accomplished in another category using the funds from the sixth CMAQ Transit project. It was clarified that a portion the sixth CMAQ Transit project (CMT-11-07) ridership is already served by other P&Rs including the Marschall Road project (CMT-11-01).

Motion by Maluchnik, seconded by Ulrich, to call the question. The motion passed.

Motion by Ulrich seconded by Westerberg to approve Contingency Option #1 failed.

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Westerberg to approve and move ahead with funding Option #2. Discussion followed. With the approval of Bennett/Westerberg, Van Hattum made a friendly amendment to the motion to approve an "Option #3": Cut the sixth ranked CMAQ Transit Expansion project (CMT-11-07); cut the lowest scored projects from Option 2 in these categories – Expansion, Connector, Reliever, Enhancement – to add three Augmenters and two Bike/Walk projects. Van Hattum's amendment to the motion was seconded by Sanger. Motion to amend Bennett's motion passed.

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Westerberg as amended by Van Hattum, and accepted by Bennett/Westerberg, failed.

Motion by Fawley, seconded by Hovland to amend the Bennett/Westerberg motion and approve funding Option #2 with the following change: take out the SWT P&R project from the CMAQ Transit Expansion list (CMT-11-07) and include two bike/walk projects that were left out of Option #2 (BW-11-05 and BW-11-03). Motion to amend Bennett's motion passed.

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Westerberg to adopt funding Option #2 as amended by Fawley. Motion passed.

VI. SPECIAL AGENDA

Roadmap 2040

This item was not heard at this meeting, due to shortage of time.

VII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

None

IX. AGENCY REPORTS

None.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hargis adjourned the regular meeting of TAB at 3:10 pm on Wednesday, June 20, 2012.

Respectfully submitted: LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary