

**Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)**

Wednesday, February 20, 2013
Metropolitan Council Chambers, St. Paul, MN

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hargis, William, Chair	Stark, Russ	Butcher, Gerry
Peilen, Lisa	Callison, Jan	Swanson, Dick	Isaacs, Aaron
Gallagher, Steven	McKnight, Kenya	Duininck, Adam	Gunyou, John
Sanger, Sue	Have, Ron	Krause, Paul	Thornton, David
Petryk, Becky	Maluchnik, Randy	Fawley, Ethan	Donahoe, Margaret
Ulrich, Jon	Van Hattum, David	Janovy, Jennifer	Hovland, James
Lilligren, Robert	d'Almeida, Anani	McBride, Scott	Look, Matt
Rossbach, Will	Miron, Fran	Swanson, Dick	
ABSENT:	Hamann-Roland, Mary	Drotning, Karl	Tjornhom, Bethany
	Huffman, Blake		
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator		

I. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Hargis called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:35 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Hovland, seconded by Callison to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

III. Governor Dayton's Transit Funding Proposal

Susan Haigh, Chair Metropolitan Council presented on this topic. She emphasized the importance of transit investments for the future, and also stated that transit investments lead to development. She stated that polling was done by several chambers and 2/3 of the persons polled statewide approved of the ¼ cent sales tax. She compared peer regions' dedicated sales tax amounts to the Metro region. TAB members asked what is Metro Council's commitment to prioritizing projects, expanding, and retaining service; Haigh replied that if the sales tax is passed then MC will do much outreach and work with TAB, CTIB, etc. to prioritize projects. Maluchnik indicated an interest in CTIB or CTIB-like governance structure for the sales tax. Haigh stated that the Metro Council would like to see an agreement on the governance reached as soon as possible so that project prioritizing can proceed. Isaacs encouraged lifting the ban at the legislature to study Dan Patch Corridor. Haigh replied that the Metro Council would support lifting the legislative ban on studying the Dan Patch Corridor, as legislative bans are not a good way to plan transit. In answer to Fawley's question about fares, Haigh stated that the assumptions used are based on the existing fare recovery numbers. In answer to Rossbach regarding the mode designations on the maps provided, Haigh stated that the map is demonstrative pending alternatives analysis on each corridor.

Transportation Finance Advisory Committee Funding Recommendations

Charles Zelle, Commissioner Minnesota Department of Transportation reported on the Transportation Finance Advisory Committee, a committee appointed by the Governor to look at new ways of thinking about how to fund and finance transportation in Minnesota. TFAC looked at all modes and jurisdictions, existing conditions and looked at preservation of the transportation versus becoming competitive (world class). Different scenarios were presented to the Governor: 1) status quo, 2) maintaining the transportation system, 3) building a transportation system that is economically competitive. TFAC also presented various revenue options: 1)

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license tax & tab fees, 2) transit-dedicated sales tax options, 3) local options – wheelage tax, local sales tax, forming transportation improvement districts, expand local capital levy, 4) project-level (local) revenue options – MnPASS, value capture concepts, tolling, bonding. The report was given to Governor Dayton in December 2012 and MnDOT will now engage in dialog around the state to tell consumers the factual transportation story. Donahoe commented on the need to stress how far behind the state is in funding on the highway side. Maluchnik pointed out low bonding rates making it a good environment for bonding, in order to be able to build now. Van Hattum stated that Transit for Livable Communities conducted a poll and 65% of those polled think that the funding package should also include bike and pedestrian needs.

IV. Welcome New TAB Member

Chair Hargis welcomed Fran Miron – Washington County as a new TAB member; Miron said a few words about his background.

V. 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.

VI. Reports

a. TAB Chair's Report

Bill Hargis, Chair reported that on 2/14, the TAB Executive Committee discussed the TAB meeting structure (trial 6-mos. committees & TAB @ one meeting). The Executive Committee also discussed the 2014-2017 TIP. The Executive Committee members are part of a steering committee for the Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study. The steering committee will meet each month prior to the TAB meeting; the meetings are open for TAB members to attend. Reports regarding the Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study will be given at the TAB meetings. A timeline for the study will be provided once it is available.

b. Agency Reports (MnDOT, MPCA, MAC and Metropolitan Council)

There were no reports from agencies at this meeting.

c. Technical Advisory Committee

Pat Bursaw, Chair, reported on the February 6, 2013 TAC meeting. The TAC heard an update on MAP-21 from Koryn Zewers – MnDOT. The TAC also took favorable action on 10 items on the TAB agenda today. The TAC has been asked to provide input to staff on the Draft Public Participation for the TPP Update. There are three new members on the TAC: Patrick Boylan- Metro Council, Steve Albrecht – Burnsville, Beth Elliot – City of Minneapolis.

VII. Consent Items

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Look to approve the Consent Items as listed below. Motion passed.

- a. Approval of the Minutes from January 16, 2013.
- b. 2013-07: Sunset Date Extension: Dakota County
Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the sunset date extension request for the Mississippi River Regional Trail segment through Spring Lake Park Reserve (SP# 019-090-013) to March 31, 2014.
- c. 2013-08: Sunset Date Extension: Dakota County
Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the sunset date extension request for the North Urban Regional Trail project (SP# 019-090=015) to March 31, 2014.
- d. 2013-09: Sunset Date Extension: City of Minneapolis

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the sunset date extension request for the St. Anthony Bridge (no. 90664) over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Northtown Yard in Minneapolis (SP# 141-454-001) to March 31, 2014.

e. 2013-10: Sunset Date Extension: City of St. Paul

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the sunset date extension request for the Kellogg Blvd. Bridge No. 92798 at market Street in St. Paul (SP# 164-158-020) to March 31, 2014.

f. 2013-11: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment: Dakota County

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add SP#019-060-010, the Wayside Rest at the Rock Island River Pier on the Great River Road with \$450,000 of National Scenic Byways funding and \$430,000 in county funding for a total cost of \$880,000 in 2013.

g. 2013-12: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment: MN Department of Transportation

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to move the CSAH 10 & Ramsey Co. Rd. H intersection improvements project (SP# 062-610-004) to 2015 to tie the project to the MnDOT Bridge replacement and ramp reconstruction project at Ramsey Co. Rd. H and the T.C. Arsenal entrance (#6284-162).

h. 2013-14: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment: MN Department of Transportation

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the I-35E MnPASS Managed Lane Extension Study in 2013 using \$605,000 of federal Value Pricing Pilot Program funding and \$151,250 of local funding (\$30,000 from the University of Minnesota and \$121,250 from MnDOT trunk highway funds).

VIII. Action Items

a. 2013-06: Program Year Policy – Approve Funding Priorities Policy

Pat Bursaw presented this item which was approved unanimously by the TAC with little or no discussion. MAP-21 provides less flexibility to shift projects and funds to different program years. Over time, the new policy will provide a list of projects ready to use funds if they become available. Members expressed concern that the TAB will not have the same amount of funds to award in a Regional Solicitation if funds shift to MnDOT projects in a program year. TAB members want to see TAB regionally-selected projects move into the TIP to replace other TAB regionally-selected projects. This has been done in the past, and it is not clear whether this has been a “policy” or “practice”. Bursaw will research if this is a policy and report back to the TAB. McKnight said that this policy (covered in TAB Action Item 2013-06) should be part of the Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study. Swanson stated that tightening up the Regional Solicitation selection will help to keep the shifting of projects from being necessary.

Motion by Butcher, seconded by Rossbach:

Recommend approval of the Funding Priorities Policy to assist with the management of transportation projects awarded federal funds through the TAB’s Regional Solicitation

Discussion followed about existing policies for shifting projects; Roggenbuck stated that this could be an information report for the March TAB meeting. Also discussion about the possibility of the region losing regionally-distributed money permanently to MnDOT projects, in the event that federal funding should not be provided.

Stark stated that the committee could act three different ways on this item: 1) vote on the motion, 2) amend the motion that has been made, or 3) table the motion to the March TAB meeting. He suggested voting on the motion that has been made and make any amendments to the motion in March. Agreed by TAB members to vote on the motion made today and a vote was taken.

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Original motion by Butcher/Rossbach above passed.

- b. 2013-13: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment: MN Department of Transportation
Pat Bursaw presented this item which was approved unanimously by the TAC. There was no further discussion or comments by TAB members.

Motion by McBride, seconded by Look:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the MnDOT TH 5 bridge re-deck project from TH 55 to Davern Street in St. Paul in 2013 using advance construction for \$12,000,000 of National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) federal funds and \$3,000,000 of state funds.

Motion passed.

- c. 2013-15: Highway Safety Improvement Program Solicitation: MN Department of Transportation
Pat Bursaw presented this item which was approved by the TAC. Bursaw distributed a revised timeline to replace the timeline provided in the attachment to the action item. She also explained that the HSIP program is not handled in the same way as the Regional Solicitation; it is handled by MnDOT on behalf of the region.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Callison:

That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the 2014-2016 HSIP Solicitation program criteria for the Metro District and release of the solicitation.

Motion passed.

IX. Information and Discussion Items

- a. 2011 regional solicitation TIP amendment
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator, presented this item. A memo was included in the meeting mailing explaining the events leading to delays and also the schedule for public participation for the TIP amendment to include the projects selected in the 2011 regional solicitation.

Motion by Rossbach, seconded by Isaacs to adopt the schedule provided to amend projects into the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program. Motion passed

X. Special Agenda

No special agenda items scheduled for this meeting.

XI. Other Business/Items of TAB Members

No other business.

XII. Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.