

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

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

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

I. Call to Order

A quorum was not present when J. Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:40 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2013.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Once a quorum was reached, it was moved by Look, seconded by Ulrich to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

III. Public Forum

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. There were no members of the public present to address the TAB at today's meeting.

IV. Reports

1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland gave an update on the TAB Coordinator position. The position was posted on 11/15 at one grade higher (equivalent to a Planning Analyst); the application deadline is 12/03 and interviews are anticipated for the week of 12/16.

Hovland also reminded TAB members of a ½ day TPP workshop to be held 12/13/13 @ the Highway Federal Credit Union in St. Paul. TAB members will be noticed again prior to the workshop.

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

MnDOT - McBride reported that the governor has announced Corridors of Commerce projects. Three projects of interest to the Metro area are: 1) Hwy 610 in Maple Grove – proposed letting August 2014 with most construction in 2015 2) dynamic shoulder lane on I-694 Shoreview between Lexington & Rice St. – no letting date yet, and 3) I-94 from Rogers to St. Michael (not in Metro District) - proposed letting in late Spring 2014. Staff is discussing the potential for amendments to the long-range transportation plan and TIP for these projects.

MAC - Peilen reported that the FAA proposed a new operating system (RNEV). A year ago, MAC approved a partial implementation of RNEV on all but 2 runways. The FAA took this under advisement and is performing their own safety study. After a year, still waiting for FAA response.

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Two carriers have come to MAC with the need for additional gate space. MAC wants to support the carriers. Options: 1) Delta has offered three gates @ Terminal 1 to move one carrier to Terminal 1, and expand gates @ Terminal 2 for the other carrier; and 2) build 3 new gates @ Terminal 2. The item has been presented to MAC as an information item. Action is anticipated early spring 2014.

3. Technical Advisory Committee

Pat Bursaw reported that the TAC acted on 5 action items and heard one special agenda item (continuation of the Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study). The TAC bylaws are being looked at, with the possibility to include a non-motorized representative. TAC orientation was held on 11/06 for new members.

V. Consent Items

Motion by Drotning, seconded by Butcher and passed, to approve the following consent items.

1. Approval of the Minutes from October 16, 2013.
2. 2013-43: Scope Change Request for the North Urban Regional Trail
Motion: Recommend approval of the request to modify the scope for SP#019-090-015 to increase the length by 0.3 miles, add landscaping, change one underpass to an at-grade midblock crossing, narrow roadway for trail accommodations, and change the trail alignment. The change would also increase the budget to a total of \$1,600,000 with \$794,080 in TAP funds and an increased local amount of \$805,920.
3. 2013-44: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for North Urban Regional Trail
Motion: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the budget for SP#019-090-015 to a total of \$1,600,000 with \$794,080 in Transportation Alternatives (TAP) funds and an increased local amount of \$805,920.
4. 2013-45: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Projects for 2014-2016
Motion: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the attached 24 projects for the HSIP allocation for years 2014, 2015, and 2016 with a total of \$15.5 million in HSIP, and modify the budgets for setasides for the years 2014-2016.
5. 2014-46: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for I-35W North Managed Lane
Motion: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add SP#6284-172, the I-35W North Managed Lane Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design project, in the year 2014 with a total of \$904,540 using \$814,086 in federal Interstate Maintenance Discretionary funds and state funding of \$90,454.

VI. Action Items

1. 2013-47: TAP Solicitation for 2017 Federal Funds

Bursaw presented this item. There were no questions from TAB members.

Motion by Fawley, seconded by Stark:

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the attached application and criteria for the TAP solicitation for 2017 funds and the release of the solicitation.

Motion passed.

2. 2013-52: TAB Bylaws

Hovland presented this item. Changes requested from TAB members at the October meeting have been made to the bylaws.

Motion by VanHattum, seconded by Lilligren:

That the TAB adopt the proposed revisions to the Board Bylaws.

Motion passed.

3. 2013-53: Regional Solicitation Modal Categories Funding Ranges and Application

Marie Cote-SRF presented this item and answered a question from Isaacs that traffic signal optimization will be considered under roadways.

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Stark:

1. That in summer 2014 prior to the release of the Regional Solicitation, the TAB adopt approximate funding ranges for each modal category, and
2. That the design of the next Regional Solicitation application be based upon modal sub-categories for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities and for Transit and TDM projects as shown in this Action Transmittal.

Motion passed.

VII. Information and Discussion

1. Regional Solicitation Evaluation Monthly Report

Marie Cote-SRF presented Options 1 (1A) and 2 (2A) for discussion by the TAB. Cote noted Note 1 on each sheet "TAB provides early guidance of area emphasis". The RSE Steering Committee gave direction to move forward with option 2A, modifying the graphic, to use as a tool to evaluate and rank the projects, allowing TAC F&P to develop options as far as projects awarded, and option 2 – identify the expansion and reconstruction projects and rank projects by the total points. These changes have been made into a type of hybrid option, and will go back to the Steering Committee. Members expressed importance of comparing projects across categories, not just within categories. Because there are "boxes", does not mean that lower-scoring projects must be chosen. Members also noted the importance of setting up criteria with a regional emphasis. There could be varying scoring criteria depending on the functional class and category. There should be a strong emphasis on connectivity in the scoring of projects. Maluchnik expressed concern with diminishing the role of technical staff if policy staff becomes too involved in the scoring, and also said that counties that don't have as much reconstruction/modernization could be at a disadvantage. VanHattum asked that the reference to "or VMT" be taken off of Option 2 and leave "Geographic Distribution by Population", as we will be including multi-modal projects. Fawley questioned where bridges fall in the categories and asked about projects that do not fall neatly into a mode (multi-modal projects) – need to continue discussions.

2. Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

David Thornton introduced Fran Cotty-MPCA, who presented an update on the installation of electric vehicle charging stations. Thornton will provide copies of the presentation to TAB members. Members discussed batteries used in electric vehicles and the resources used in the production of the batteries. Thornton will look into this further, and Fawley offered to share the research that he has read on the subject. Members also questioned whether the usage of charging stations reported is actually the usage of the station, or usage of the parking space.

3. Overview of Regional TMO and TDM Activities

Bruce Howard and Theresa Cain - Metro Transit presented this item. Isaacs stated that, although he is in favor of TDM programs, he is concerned with setbacks for TMO operations. The Regional Solicitation funding is meant for innovative and new projects and should be done on a competitive basis. Members discussed the pluses and minuses of the value of TMOs.

4. TPP Update

Connie Kozlak-MTS presented the update on the TPP. Members questioned the timing of the TPP in relation to the Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study and noted the importance of the latest policy being reflected in the Regional Solicitation Evaluation.

VIII. Other Business and Items of TAB Members

There were no other items of TAB members at this meeting.

IX. Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.