

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

Wednesday, August 21, 2013  
Metropolitan Council Chambers, St. Paul, MN

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

**I. Call to Order**

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:35 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2013.

**II. Adoption of the Agenda**

It was moved by Butcher, seconded by Swanson 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**

Chair Hargis noted the email sent to TAB members regarding the summary of the process to replace the TAB Coordinator. Hargis met with Pat Born and Kevin Roggenbuck, and both Born and Hargis had individual exit interviews with Roggenbuck. Hargis, Callison, VanHattum, Swanson and Hamman-Roland will serve on an interview team that will be assisted by Met Council Human Resource personnel to assure compliance with employment laws and practices as well as do background checks, etc. Job posting should start later this week and the entire process is estimated to take 12 weeks.

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

David Thornton stated that members have expressed interest in a report on electric vehicle charging stations, including compatibility with Tesla technology. He will work with Interim TAB Coordinator Carl Ohrn to schedule this at a future meeting. Thornton also encouraged members to visit the MPCA Eco Building during the State Fair.

There were no reports from MnDOT, MAC, or Metropolitan Council at this meeting.

**3. Technical Advisory Committee**

Bursaw reported the TAC met on 8/07/13 and acted favorably on five items; four of the items are on the TAB agenda today; the fifth item was a functional classification request from Brooklyn Park which does not

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need to come before the TAB. The TAC also heard two special agenda items: 1) Strategic Highway Safety Plan (“Toward Zero Deaths”) from MnDOT, and 2) Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study update from Metro Council.

## **V. Consent Items**

Motion by Hamman-Roland, seconded by Duininck and passed, to approve the following consent items.

1. Approval of the Minutes from July 17, 2013 with Gunyou’s change to report him as being in attendance at the meeting.
2. 2013-30: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for the I-394 entrance ramp/bridge from Ridgedale Drive to Westbound I/394 in Minnetonka

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the I-394 entrance ramp/bridge from Ridgedale Drive to Westbound I-394 in Minnetonka in 2014 for a total of \$6,700,000, using \$1,603,965 of state Transportation Economic Development (TED) funds and \$5,096,035 of local funds.

## **VI. Action Items**

1. 2013-28: 2014-2017 TIP Public Comment Report

Bursaw presented this item which was passed at the TAC.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Butcher:

That the Transportation Advisory Board accepts the Public Comments report for the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

Motion passed.

2. 2013-29: 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area
- Bursaw presented this item and stated that the TIP has been updated in response to the comments from the public, where applicable.

Motion by Krause, seconded by Hamman-Roland:

That the Transportation Advisory Board accept the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and forward to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence.

Motion passed.

3. 2013-31: 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Bursaw introduced MTS Manager Systems Planning Connie Kozlak who gave a presentation on the UPWP. Bursaw stated that the TAC approved this item.

Motion by Krause, seconded by Gallagher:

Recommend adoption of the 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

Motion passed.

4. 2013-32: Continuation of the current single monthly TAB meeting format

Hovland presented this item and stated that the by-laws committee is still working on updating the by-laws to reflect a change in meeting format, so a motion is necessary in the meantime to continue to meet as one body.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Hamman-Roland:

That the Transportation Advisory Board approve meeting as one body at one monthly meeting through December 2013.

Motion passed.

## **VII. Information and Discussion**

1. Regional Solicitation Evaluation Monthly Report  
MTS Senior Planner Heidi Schallberg gave an update on the RSE. In response to TAB feedback, staff worked with the consultant to revise the schedule – provided as a handout. Schallberg also provided a handout of funding tables for discussion.  
TAB members had the following comments:  
Discrepancy with BIR category funds – BIR is no longer a category under MAP-21, these funds must be applied for under another program.  
Timeline for TAB action on the RSE – issues will be addressed along the way with formal action February 2014.  
Need a list of what is federal funding eligible (confusion between federal/regionally funding eligible).  
Need for tighter definitions of expansion vs preservation/maintenance. Some of this will come from the surveying of other MPOs, more discussion forthcoming.  
Request for a definition of “complete streets”.  
Suggestion for a “reconstruction & modernization” category needs to be better defined.
2. 2040 Transportation Policy Plan Update  
MTS Manager Systems Planning Connie Kozlak presented an update on the 2040 TPP.  
TAB members had the following comments:  
Questioning of the reality of performance measurements, can we track, report, and continue year after year?  
TPP seems to be focusing on multi modal. This could put strain on resources and funds needed in rural areas to provide multi modal choices. The regionalism concept may sacrifice rural areas for urban. Cities must plan for development without adequate resources to provide for the development. McCarthy stated that this subject has been heard at the Thrive level and Metro Council is looking at addressing the types of investments needed.  
Question when MC decides to expand transit into more rural areas. Response that Transit Market Areas and the Regional Service Improvement Plan are used. A copy of the RSIP report will be provided to TAB members.
3. Transportation Advisory Board Calendar through December 2013  
Interim TAB Coordinator Carl Ohrn reported the following items to come to the TAB:  
Electric Vehicle Charging Project  
Regional Solicitation Evaluation (Dec/Feb)  
TPP (in 3 months)

## **VIII. Special Agenda**

1. TOD Strategic Action Plan  
Metropolitan Council Regional Administrator Pat Born reported on the TOD Strategic Action Plan. A TOD office is being established at Metro Transit, they are working with internal agency staff and will be working with external regional TOD Advisory groups to establish a TOD Policy, and later incorporate policy goals into funding criteria. A TAB member commented that the TOD office would do service to advise communities on TOD early, so the transit decisions do not have to be reactive to development.
2. MnDOT Corridors of Commerce Program  
Scott Peterson - MnDOT, presented on the MnDOT Corridors of Commerce Program, a new program that has been allocated \$300M in 2014 and focuses on mobility and completion projects. Peterson listed types of eligible projects, selection criteria and other program features.  
TAB comments included:  
Is this truly economic focus program, or just another way to try to fund unmet needs?  
Timeline for submission of projects - program doesn't require consistency with TPP, but does require consistency with local plans.

Will TAB/TAC have a process to submit recommendations for Corr. Of Commerce? Timing might present a problem, money will be available 7/01/14, need to be able to award projects ASAP. Perhaps criteria for awarding to projects could be shared with TAC/TAB for comment, without specifying certain projects. MnDOT will work with the TAB Coordinator to schedule a review of the criteria. Legislature did not specify ratio between Metro/Greater Minnesota.

**IX. Other Business and Items of TAB Members**

Callison stated that the guest wireless password provided by the Council has not operated in the Chambers for the last two meetings. Staff will follow up with MC IS Dept.

**X. Adjournment**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.