

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

Wednesday, January 15, 2014
Metropolitan Council Chambers, St. Paul, MN

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hargis, William, Chair	Stark, Russ	Butcher, Gerry
	Maluchnik, Randy	Janovy, Jennifer	Van Hattum, David
	Petryk, Becky	Krause, Paul	Look, Matt
	Gallagher, Steven	Sanger, Sue	Callison, Jan
	Drotning, Karl	Hovland, James	Donahoe, Margaret
		McCarthy, Mary Jo	Duininck, Adam
			Hamann-Roland, Mary
ABSENT:	Peilen, Lisa	McBride, Scott	Tjornhom, Bethany
	McKnight, Kenya	Gunyou, John	Have, Ron
	Thornton, David	Swanson, Dick	Reich, Kevin
	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 1:35 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

Hargis welcomed new member representing Ramsey County – Mary Jo McGuire.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Gallagher, seconded by Butcher 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

Hargis reported that the TAB Coordinator committee interviewed 6 people, and then four for the 2nd interview on 1/02/14. The committee will recommend a candidate to the TAB Executive Committee, which will then come to the full TAB for ratification.

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

Metro Council member Duininck reported that on 1/22 the CCLRT Green Line opening date will be announced. He also stated that the State of the Region is scheduled for 1/27 @ 10:00 am at Macalester College; TAB members are encouraged to attend.

3. Technical Advisory Committee

Pat Bursaw reported that the TAC met on 1/08/14 and heard updates and presentations on: 1) Regional Solicitation Evaluation – Marie Cote, 2) Bike Master Study – Steven Elmer, 3) Highway Transitway Corridor Study – Cole Hiniker. The TAC also took positive action on items that are on the TAB agenda today. TAC is in the process of reviewing its bylaws and will be making some changes including: electronic voting, possible options for remote participation, membership and selection process of TAB and subcommittees including clarification of Suburban Transit Provider membership, non-motorized member on TAC,

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representation from Wright and Sherburne Counties, attendance expectation, aviation work be part of TAC or separate committee.

V. Consent Items

Callison asked that the minutes from the 12/18/13 TAB meeting be moved from the consent list to the action item list.

Motion by Look, seconded by Hovland and passed, to approve the following consent item.

1. 2014-02: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for Western Avenue Streetscaping in Saint Paul
Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the project budget by increasing the local amount by \$825,000 to a new local total of \$1,210,000 and a project total of \$2,250,000. The project number will also be corrected to SP# 164-214-016.

VI. Action Items

1. Approval of the Minutes from December 18, 2013.

Callison made a motion that the minutes from December 18, 2013 be revised to add a bullet point under action item 2013-48: "Concerns were expressed about the cost of a streetcar system and statements made about the preliminary nature of this action." Motion seconded by Duininck and passed.

Sanger reminded the TAB of the desire to hear a future presentation @ TAB regarding modern streetcars and comparing to other modes, perceived benefits. This item is part of the bullet points under the action item in the 12/18/13 minutes. Carl Ohrn stated that the staff work group on TAC/TAB which discusses future TACTAB agenda items, noted the streetcar presentation should be on the list for upcoming meetings.

2. 2014-07: Election of TAB Executive Committee

Chair Hargis presented this item. Hovland stated that having an odd number on the TAC Exec. Cmte. is good for voting purposes but stated that historically, heavier weight was given to appointing elected officials and would like to see 4 elected officials on the Exec. Cmte. He stated that, although no decisions are made at the Executive Cmte. level (as Stark pointed out), the Executive Committee drives the TAB actions and the federal mandate is for elected officials to determine the distribution of Highway Trust Fund monies. Krause pointed out that without elected officials there is no TAB and Ulrich agreed that the majority on the Exec. Cmte. should be elected officials. Janovy pointed out that the Chair seat on the TAB/TAB Exec. Cmte. could be held by an elected official. Amy Vennewitz stepped forward to explain the make-up of the Exec. Cmte. as written in the bylaws. The bylaws would need to be changed to require a majority of elected officials on the Exec. Cmte. Stark suggested establishing the Exec. Cmte now under the current bylaws in order to be able to act on the TAB Coordinator position, and then have the bylaws committee work on changing the bylaws during the first quarter of 2014 to add one more elected official.

Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Sanger to consider the Bylaws Committee reconvene in the first quarter 2014 with the goal to come forth with a recommendation to change the bylaws to add one more elected official on the TAB Executive Committee. Motion passed.

Callison, Isaacs and Fawley offered to withdraw their names, if necessary.

Motion by Isaacs, seconded by Petryk:

That the TAB approve the following slate of candidates to the Executive Board:

County Board Members: Randy Maluchnik, Carver County

Board members from the cities of the first class: Russ Stark – St. Paul

Board members from the remaining cities: James Hovland – Edina

And that the TAB defer action on approving the following until the TAB meeting in February: member representing the citizen, modal and remaining agency board members: Ethan Fawley – Non-motorized, Aaron Isaacs – Transit, Jennifer Janovy, Citizen of Edina, Robert Lilligren – Citizen candidate of Minneapolis

Motion passed.

3. 2014-03: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for Section 5307 Funding for Interchange (Target Field Station) Construction in Minneapolis

Bursaw presented this item, and Robert Rimstad from Metro Transit stepped forward to answer a question from Stark that \$12.5M noted in the action item is the last piece of the funding puzzle, the total project cost is \$47M.

Motion by Callison, seconded by Hovland:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the Interchange (Target Field Station) project for construction in 2014 using \$10,000,000 in federal Section 5307 funds and \$2,500,000 in local funds from Hennepin County for a total of \$12,500,000.

Motion passed.

4. 2014-01: 2030 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) for MnDOT Corridors of Commerce Program

Bursaw presented this item.

Comments from TAB members:

- RE: I-694 DSL – What is the benefit for only 2.5 miles, are shoulders intended for bus traffic in future and will this lane interfere with that? Unweave the Weave and the 604/10/Snelling projects built more capacity causing congestion on I-694 w/b. There isn't bus-only shoulder today. Any use of the lane cannot preclude a MnPASS lane in the future.
- RE: I-94: Explain further the need for the project, what problem is being solved and why MnDOT Dist. 3 submitted the project when it was not a top priority for Metro District, 90% of the project is not in the metro area. There is congestion at this location, the project is noted as a need in MnDOT Metro's HIP. This project meets the funding criteria and does not take from other projects. This project is not focused on preservation, which is Metro Council's policy, and could be seen as a "sprawl enabler."
- RE all three projects: Need more assertive language regarding the expectation for managed lanes in the future. Explain where the \$ for right-of-way costs will come from. The Corridors of Commerce is a program established by the Legislature and is intended to address freight movement issues. The criteria is the Legislature's, MnDOT was asked to come up with a list of qualifying projects. The TAB is being asked to concur with MnDOT's selection of projects. These projects are an overall benefit to the region. The TPP should perhaps address the movement of freight more. Discussed acting on two of the three projects and excluding the I-94 project. If the I-94 project is not approved, then it will not be part of the TPP or the TIP and cannot move ahead.

Motion by Isaacs, seconded by Sanger to amend the motion below to delete the I-94 project from the action and act only on the I-694 and TH 610 projects for the purpose of public hearing.

Motion failed to pass.

Motion by Look, seconded by Callison:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan (adopted November 2010, amended May 2013) to add the I-94 project and I-694 projects and funding and modify planned funding for TH 610 for the purpose of a public hearing.

Motion passed.

5. 2014-04: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for I-94

Bursaw presented this item. The discussion occurred under item 2014-01 above.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Look:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), pending approval of a related Transportation Policy Plan amendment to add a project (SP# 2780-66) in 2015 for auxiliary lane construction on I-94 from TH 241 in St. Michael to TH 101 in Rogers, including westbound exit ramp extension at TH 101 and westbound third lane from TH 101 to TH 241 using \$40,000,000 in state bonds, for the purpose of release for a public comment period. Motion passed.

6. 2014-05: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for TH 610

Bursaw presented this item. The discussion occurred under item 2014-01 above.

Ohrn stated that this project is already in the plan, this will allow more \$ to be in the plan for other projects, and allows the project to proceed quicker.

Motion by Callison, seconded by Butcher:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add TH 610 (SP# 2771-37) from Hennepin Co Rd 81 to I-94 in 2015 with a total project cost of \$112,005,524, which includes \$4,346,172 in federal earmark funds, \$106,825,140 in Corridors of Commerce state-authorized bonds, and \$834,212 in local funds from the City of Maple Grove, for the purpose of release for a public comment period.

Motion passed.

Ohrn suggested a future TAB information item on the Corridors of Commerce program including staff that developed the criteria for the Corridors of Commerce projects. He suggested discussions about how TAB could affect the criteria for future programs such as Corridors of Commerce.

Following items 2014-1, 2014-4 and 2014-5 actions, Donohoe said that the Corridors of Commerce legislation calls for MnDOT to confer with stakeholders and this was not done, even though an opportunity was given. Fawley had concerns with the political aspect of selecting projects. Callison suggested that the TAB Executive Committee and Committee Chairs write a letter to the Legislative Committee Chairs outlining the concerns that TAB have about the process for selection of projects.

7. 2014-06: Regional solicitation application subcategories for the Roadways modal category

Hargis presented this item. Ohrn stated that the selection criteria has not been decided, it will come from the F&P, TAC, then TAB. Details are still to be worked out in sub-categories. This item sets the policy.

Motion by Fawley, seconded by Gallagher to approve the following recommendation:

Recommend the following application subcategories for Roadways including Multimodal Elements:

1. Expansion
2. Reconstruction/Modernization
3. Roadway System Management
4. Bridges

Motion passed.

VII. Information and Discussion

1. Bike Master Study

MTS Planning Analyst Steven Elmer presented this item.

2. TPP Investment Factors Workshop Summary

MTS Deputy Director Finance & Planning Amy Vennewitz presented this item.

Hargis suggested the ppt presentation and handouts be sent to the entire TAB membership.

VIII. Other Business and Items of TAB Members

None.

IX. Adjournment

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