

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

Wednesday, November 19, 2014  
Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Look, Matt	Fawley, Ethan	Butcher, Gerry
Crimmins, Carl	McBride, Scott	Drotning, Karl	Slawik, Nora
Van Hattum, David	Hovland, James	Swanson, Dick	Miron, Fran
Donahoe, Margaret	Janovy, Jennifer	Maluchnik, Randy	Sanger, Sue
Gallagher, Steven	Ulrich, Jon	Stark, Russ	Duininck, Adam
McKnight, Kenya	Goins, William		
ABSENT:	d'Almeida, Anani	Thornton, David	Gunyou, John
Hargis, William, Chair	Callison, Jan	McGuire, Mary Jo	Hamann-Roland, Mary
Hansen, Gary	Petryk, Becky	Krause, Paul	Reich, Kevin
Lilligren, Robert			
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator		

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum was present when Vice Chair Stark called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2014.

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Ulrich made a motion to add one more item to the agenda: Discussion and action to take nominations for TAB Chair, and recommendation to the Metro Council. Motion seconded by Look and passed, to add this item to the 11/19 agenda. The item will be added as Action Item Number 4.

Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Gallagher to adopt the amended 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**

No report.

**2. TAB Bylaws Task Force**

Hovland noted the "red-lined" copy of the proposed bylaws changes provided in the meeting materials. Some members expressed concerns with the underrepresented citizen/mobile reps. on the Executive Committee. There were no formal additional changes to the bylaws at this meeting. Members were encouraged to come forward with proposed changes prior to the December TAB meeting. If there are changes, they will be presented to TAB at the December meeting for action at the January meeting. If there are no additional changes, the document provided today will be an action item at the December TAB meeting.

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

MnDOT: Scott McBride – no report.

MPCA – David Thornton – no report.

MAC: Carl Crimmins reported that the MAC CIP will come before the TAB for action at the December TAB meeting.

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Metro Council: Duininck reported that MC Chair Haigh has announced that she will not be seeking reappointment and has agreed to serve until the Governor appoints a new MC Chair. Duininck deferred to Maluchnik to report on the Transportation Committee 11/10. Maluchnik clarified the TIP amendments that appeared before the Transportation Committee are for the 2015-2018 TIP rather than the 2014-2017 TIP, because of the timing of TIP approval. The Transportation Committee received an interesting presentation from Transit Police Chief Harrington on the MADDADS.

#### **4. Technical Advisory Committee**

Pat Bursaw reported that the TAC met on 11/05 and discussed and approved action items that are on the TAB agenda today, as well as two functional classification changes which do not come before the TAB. TAC is addressing Chair leadership changes, as well.

The Work Group to address federal funding reallocation has met three times and may meet one more time in December. The November meeting focused on transit projects. Staff from Metro Transit, MC, and suburban providers highlighted the FTA process and explained why there are differences that do not lend themselves to the same process using AC payback – there is no formal AC for transit projects. The group has agreed that the process can follow the same priorities to a certain level, but then there is a need to find other steps to reallocate funds for transit projects.

A TAC Aviation Task Force has been established for 2014-2015 and will assist with the MC's review of the MAC CIP and also review materials from the Aviation Chapter of the 2040 TPP. The Funding and Programming Committee is in the process of setting up scoring committees for the Regional Solicitation; Karl Keel encouraged members to let him know if interested in serving on a scoring committee. Committees are expected to be established in December.

#### **V. CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion by Look, seconded by Butcher and passed to approve the consent item below.

1. Approval of the Minutes from October 15, 2014.

#### **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

1. 2014-68: South St. Paul Airport Long Term Comprehensive Plan Preferred Development Alternative. Bursaw presented this item. MTS Manager Systems Planning Connie Kozlak and Aviation Planner Russ Owens stepped forward to answer questions from members regarding the FTA role in this action, land use issues, and the purpose for the runway extension (Owens stated that the graphic should state the extension is 4000' – not 4200'). Goins suggested information be provided in the future on the FTA role. Crimmins noted the language in the Action Item referring to the FTA.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Look that the Transportation Advisory Board recommends the preferred development alternative discussed in the 2014 LTCP for South St. Paul Municipal Airport (Fleming Field).

Motion passed.

2. 2014-72: 2015-2018 Streamlined TIP Amendment: Ladders of Opportunity Award, Metro Transit Bursaw presented this item. VanHattum commented on the importance of this project to the region.

Motion by Duininck, seconded by Drotning that the TAB adopt the amendment into the 2015-2018 TIP to include funding for improvement, replacement, and construction of bus facilities in the Minneapolis and St. Paul region (SP# TRF-TCMT-15BB).

Motion passed.

3. 2014-74: 2015-2018 Streamlined TIP Amendment – Section 5310 Selected Projects Bursaw presented this item. There were no questions or comments.

Motion by Duininck, seconded by Drotning that the TAB adopt the amendment into the 2015-2018 TIP to include funding for “Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities” projects.

Motion passed.

4. Nominations for TAB Chair to be recommended to the Metropolitan Council.

The TAB Bylaws state that the TAB can make recommendations for a TAB Chair to the Metro Council. The decision is ultimately the Metro Council’s.

The group discussed the fact that no discussions have been held to date about who might be interested/available and perhaps a recommendation is premature. There is no language in the bylaws preventing an elected official from being Chair. Hovland stated it is worthy of discussion that the TAB should consider whether they want an elected official or a neutral position. Some members did not foresee a problem with an elected official as Chair. Also discussed persons who are known to be interested at this time. They are: Lilligren, Maluchnik and Stark. Others interested should express that interest in the next two weeks, so that TAB members will have another two weeks after to consider prior to the December TAB meeting. The committee discussed timing of Metro Council appointment of TAB Chair. Duininck will relay to the MC Chair that the Council should hold off on an appointment until receiving the TAB recommendation. Motion by Miron, seconded by Maluchnik to table this item to the December TAB meeting to allow for interested parties to express interest. Motion passed.

## **VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Green Line Extension and Blue Line Extension Update

Mark Fuhrmann, Metro Transit, presented this item and answered questions from TAB members including a question from Slawik regarding how to spread the word about projected ridership numbers, and promote regularity and reliability (specifically pertaining to Rush Line and Gateway).

2. 2040 TPP Comment Summary

Amy Vennewitz, Metropolitan Transportation Services introduced Cole Hiniker, Jonathan Ehrlich, Connie Kozlak and Adam Duininck, who presented this item.

Members’ concerns included: With no transportation plans, how can the communities deal with density requirements? Lack of transportation in suburban areas – can’t deal with density requirements. Developing communities are different than re-developing communities – developers are mostly footing the bills in the developing communities for roads, etc. Transportation plans need to follow the densities required for sewer. Census tract concerns – go down to the block level. The broad definition of equity and how to measure success based on equity.

Miron asked if Thrive comments are still being reviewed, and if there is an amendment process for Thrive. Metro Council Community Development Manager Regional Policy & Research Libby Starling stated that there has been no precedent for amending Thrive other than the mapping of community designations and the forecasts which evolve in light of local comprehensive plan updates.

The revised draft of the TPP should be available to members during the week of 12/08 for review.

3. Regional Solicitation Update

Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator, presented this item and gave a demonstration of the on-line application process. She stated that 50 people attended 10 training sessions, and 115 people have registered for access to the on-line application process. Applications are due 12/01.

## **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS**

None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** - Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.