

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

Wednesday, January 21, 2015
Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hargis, William, Chair	Lilligren, Robert	Reich, Kevin
Crimmins, Carl	Donahoe, Margaret	Drotning, Karl	Slawik, Nora
Van Hattum, David	Look, Matt	Swanson, Dick	Miron, Fran
Hansen, Gary	Hamann-Roland, Mary	Maluchnik, Randy	Sanger, Sue
Laufenburger, Denny	Hovland, James	Stark, Russ	Duininck, Adam
McKnight, Kenya	Goins, William	Gaylord, Kathleen	Gunyou, John
Petryk, Becky	Thornton, David	McGuire, Mary Jo	d'Almeida, Anani
Callison, Jan			
ABSENT:	Ulrich, Jon	Fawley, Ethan	Janovy, Jennifer
	McBride, Scott	Butcher, Gerry	
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Elaine Koutsoukos, 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, January 21, 2015.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Hargis amended the agenda to exclude Information Item 1: Rail Safety. Motion by Miron, seconded by Lilligren to adopt the 01/21/15 amended agenda. Motion carried. Hargis also welcomed new member Denny Laufenburger (Chanhassen) to the TAB. He also thanked Adam Duininck for his work on the TAB and congratulated him on his new appointment to Chair of the Metro Council.

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 the TAB Executive Committee met on 12/17 and discussed the items that were included in the notes sent to TAB members by Elaine Koutsoukos. He stated that it is the time of year that members are named for the 2015 TAB Executive Committee however, since there has not been a TAB Chair appointed yet, the process will wait until a new TAB Chair is appointed; the current TAB Executive Committee members will carry on until then. Duininck said that the TAB Chair application process is complete and an appointment should be made soon. Koutsoukos gave an update on the Regional Solicitation applications, scoring, and timeline.

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

MnDOT: - Pat Bursaw. Nothing to report.

MPCA – David Thornton. Nothing to report.

MAC: Carl Crimmins. Nothing to report.

Metro Council: Adam Duininck – (and Mary Hamann-Roland) reported that the committee that was formed to vet candidates and advise the Governor regarding Metro Council appointments is in the process of screening councilmember applications and will set up 2-3 interviews from each district. New appointments should be made early to mid-February. The Governor appoints Metro Council members and the Senate confirms appointments.

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All current Metro Council members have re-applied. Three candidates will also be interviewed for Adam Duinink's vacant position on the Council.

3. Technical Advisory Committee

The new TAC Chair Steve Albrecht introduced himself and reported on the January TAC meeting. He noted the new appointments on TAC committees:

Paul Oehme – Vice Chair – TAC; Tim Mayasich – Funding & Programming Chair; and Lisa Freese – TAC Planning Chair.

TAC is working on the Reallocation Policy for Federal Funds and will bring policy recommendations to the TAB to adopt.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Stark and passed to approve the consent item below.

1. Approval of the Minutes from December 17, 2014.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2015-01: TIP Public Involvement Policy

Albrecht introduced MTS Senior Planner Joe Barbeau, who presented this item. There were no questions from committee members.

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Hamann-Roland that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the TIP Public Involvement Policy as attached to item 2015-01.

Motion passed.

2. 2015-02: 2015-2018 TIP Amendment: CSAH 24 Bridge, Anoka County

Albrecht presented this item. Discussion: Look made a motion, Hamann-Roland seconded, to postpone action on this item. Look explained that the project footprint has changed and affects businesses; there is local concern with approving this project. After discussion about what the TIP amendment accomplishes (allowing the money to be put in the TIP), and explanation that the TIP amendment is not a project design approval, Look withdrew his motion stating that he wanted the TAB to be aware that there is local concern with the project. Motion by Look, seconded by Hovland that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2015-2018 TIP to advance construction and increase cost for CSAH 24 reconstruction and intersection improvement project (002-624-026; 002-624-026AC).

Motion passed.

3. 2015-03: 2015-2018 Streamlined TIP Amendment: US TH 61, MnDOT

Albrecht presented this item. Sanger stated that since this project is using federal Highway Rail Grade Crossing and Rail Safety funds, she would like more information in the future about Railway Funding and the allowable uses of the funding.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Hamann-Roland that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2015-2018 TIP to include funding for reconstruction of bituminous outside shoulders on US Highway 61 just south of CSAH 9 in White Bear Lake.

Motion passed.

4. 2015-04: Reallocation of 2015 CMAQ Funds

Albrecht presented this item and broke apart each part of the action to explain the reallocations. Metro Transit Sr. Manager Transitway Development Charles Carlson was also present to answer questions from committee members and clarify the funding reallocations. VanHattam requested more information about why the TAC historically has not permitted inflation for bus purchases. McGuire asked for –and received –an explanation why the funds were not kept in the East Metro area, as originally programmed. In answer to Hovland's question why the action is being sought now when the reallocation policy is very near, Carlson explained that the request was being prepared before the Regional Solicitation Reallocation was started, the funding timing is critical. Drotning added that the TAB is using the existing policy, not what "might" be adopted in the future.

Motion by Drotning and seconded by Stark that the TAB reallocate \$5,307,855 of turned back FY 2015 CMAQ funds to advance Metro Transit's East 7th Street but purchase and service demonstration projects (TRS-TCMT-16C and TRS-TCMT-16D) from 2016 to 2015; and reallocate the \$5,307,855 of freed-up FY16 CMAQ funds along with \$7,000,000 of turned back FY16 CMAQ funds in early 2015 after TAB has adopted an updated federal funds reallocation policy.

Motion passed.

5. 2015-05: 2015-2018 Streamlined TIP Amendment: I-394, MnDOT

Albrecht presented this item. There were no questions from committee members.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Sanger, that the TAB adopt the amendment into the 2015-2018 TIP to extend the project length for mill and overlay project on I-394 in Golden Valley and Minneapolis (SP# 2789-136).

Motion passed.

6. 2015-06: 2015-2018 Streamlined TIP Amendment: SRTS, Jordan

Albrecht presented this item. There were no questions from committee members.

Motion by Maluchnik, seconded by Miron that the TAB adopt the amendment into the 2015-2018 TIP to increase the cost and scope of the City of Jordan Safe Routes to School project to improve bicycle and pedestrian access on Sunset Drive (SP# 246-591-001).

Motion passed.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Rail Safety

This item was removed from the agenda prior to the adoption of the agenda.

2. TBI Program Evaluation Study

MTS Planning Analyst Jonathan Ehrlich, presented this item and asked members for suggestions of what information they would like to see in the next TBI. Some suggestions were: The amount of time people are sitting in traffic; the number and types of trips that people don't take and what are the barriers preventing them from taking trips; how does livable design (& investments in livable communities) affect travel habits; follow the same individuals to see if their travel habits change over time; determine if behaviors are a "blip" prior to the next 20-year time span; availability of bike/ped facilities and how they affect travel; transit stops – what do people want to see at them.

Members suggested synergy with other organizations that may help reduce costs or improve data of TBI.

Ehrlich replied that Metro Council does share information with the U of M and advocacy groups.

Ehrlich stated that a TAC is being formed (made up of Ehrlich, Metro Council, MnDOT, U of M, and TAC Planning) to review the details for the TBI survey, evaluation itself, and recommendations. A consultant will conduct the study.

Some members said it may be a good idea to collect less information but more often because technology and habits are changing so quickly.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

TAB Coordinator Elaine Koutsoukos stated she will be out of the office for the next 3 weeks and will email the TAB members with contact information.

Lilligren reported from the Transportation Committee: One of the items on the proposed 2015 Transportation Committee Work Plan is to open TAB communication periodically by expanding the TAB Liaison report to include inviting Metro Council-appointed TAB members to join the meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.