

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

Wednesday, June 15, 2016
Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James, Chair	Hamann-Roland, Mary	McGuire, Mary Jo
Bigham, Karla	Miranda, Suyapa	Callison, Jan	Look, Matt
Dugan, Peter	Hansen, Gary	Sanger, Sue	Sandahl, Suzanne
Tolbert, Chris	McKnight, Kenya	Ulrich, Jon	Rodriguez, Katie
Fawley, Ethan	Anderson, Doug	Petryk, Becky	Wosje, Jeff
Thornton, David	McBride, Scott	Gaylord, Kathleen	Laufenburger, Denny
Lunde, Jeffrey	Goins, William	Reich, Kevin	Van Hattum, David
Staples, Jamez			
ABSENT:	Maluchnik, Randy	d’Almeida, Anani	Parsons, Rolf
	Swanson, Dick	Tabke, Brad	Crimmins, Carl
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator		

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:35 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Hamann-Roland to adopt the 6/15/16 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 reported that the TAB Executive Committee met prior to this TAB meeting. The Executive Committee discussed upcoming items for the July TAB meeting: 1) an information item regarding approximately \$17M in reallocation of 2017 funding; a policy for reallocation has been established and staff recommendations will come forward; 2) Lake Elmo Airport Long Term Comprehensive Plan; 3) Brooklyn Center scope change and TIP amendment; 4) defederalization-TAC F&P is working on; and 5) 2017 work plan and UPWP project performance issues. The Executive Committee also discussed holding a TAB meeting off-site in September including MAC and the FedEx facility at the airport.

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

MnDOT: McBride – reported that under 2 weeks ago, MnDOT, Ramsey County, St. Paul, Hennepin County and Minneapolis submitted an application to the FHWA for a grant for “Every Place Counts”. The grant is for placemaking workshops. Five cities nationwide will be chosen for workshops on placemaking. This is very fast moving as the recipients of the grants will be chosen at the end June and workshops are to take place in July. The application is in conjunction with a larger study of I-94 between the downtowns. Two locations that MnDOT is focusing on are: the Rondo area, and Franklin & 27th area in Minneapolis.

MPCA: David Thornton – no report.

MAC: Carl Crimmins – no report.

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Metropolitan Council: Katie Rodriguez – reported on the A Line opening held on Saturday June 11. She shared photos from the opening. McGuire also shared comments about the A Line service, predictability, station design and convenience. Rodriguez extended an invitation to the TAB to share cake after the meeting to celebrate MTS Director Arlene McCarthy's last TAB meeting before her retirement.

3. Technical Advisory Committee

TAC Chair Steve Albrecht shared information on the following:

1. Federal Fund Exchange (Defederalization) Update – this will be going back to the Funding & Programming Committee. They will begin work at their 6/16/16 meeting.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Bigham, and carried to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2016 TAB meeting with two corrections: change Reich's status to present, and correct the spelling of Hamann-Roland's name.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2015-34: 2016 UPWP Amendment
Albrecht presented this item.

Motion by Fawley, seconded by Hamann-Roland:

That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend approval of an amendment to the 2016 Unified Planning Work Program to add the Transportation System Performance Evaluation to the list of projects under Task B2.

Motion passed.

2. 2016-35: Draft 2017-2020 TIP – Release for Public Comment

Albrecht began with a background of the item and introduced Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau who presented this item. Metro Transit Grants Manager Mary Gustafson and Lynne Bly from MnDOT also presented. Discussion began about the TAB's role in providing opinions to the legislature. This discussion was deferred to the end of the TAB meeting in order to keep business on the agenda moving in a timely manner.

Motion by Reich, seconded by Rodriguez:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the draft 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for release for a public comment period.

Motion passed.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. PA Intersection Conversion Study

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Steve Peterson, Paul Czech – MnDOT, and Doug Abere - Bolton Menk presented this item. Peterson stated that there is no funding tied to the study; these projects are in the increased funding scenario. In response to a question from Hamann-Roland, Peterson stated that cities were invited to give input at the time that the consultants reached out to counties.

2. I-35W North MnPass Project

Scott McBride introduced Jerome Adams – MnDOT who presented this item.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

The committee discussed whether TAB should formulate an opinion, or pass a resolution to forward to the legislature regarding important projects for funding including SWLRT, and the possibility of losing federal funds to other projects around the country if our local projects are not funded. This is not something that TAB has done in the past. After discussion the group decided that it would be more effective to reach out to the legislature individually, not as the TAB.

Metropolitan Transportation Services Director Arlene McCarthy spoke to the TAB about their regional work. She noted this metropolitan area is envied across the country for their MPO relationships with MnDOT, committees, cities, counties and other entities. She thanked TAB and the many technical staff for the important work they do.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.