

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 Robert Street North, Saint Paul

Committee Members Present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James (Chair)	Anderson, Doug	Barber, Deb
Barnes, Michael	Boyles, Frank	Dugan, Peter	Foster, Amity
Fox, Nick	Geisler, Christopher	Giuliani Stephens, Mary	Goettel, Debbie
Hamann-Roland, Mary	Hansen, Gary	Holberg, Mary Liz	Hollinshead, Mathews
Karwoski, Stan	Lindeke, William	Look, Matt	McGuire, Mary Jo
Narayanan, Ashwat	Petryk, Becky	Reich, Kevin	Sanger, Sue
Steffenson, Mark	Swanson, Dick	Tolbert, Chris	Ulrich, Jon
Wosje, Jeff	Bailey, Myron (Dennis, Steve)	Windschitl, Mark (Huang, Mike)	McDonnell, Craig (Biewen, Todd)
ABSENT:	Crimmins, Carl	Maluchnik, Randy	Schember, George
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Koutsoukos, Elaine TAB Coordinator	Freese, Lisa TAC Chair	Thompson, Nick MTS Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:34 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2020.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Anderson, to approve the agenda of the February 19, 2020, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

III. PUBLIC FORUM

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. There was no one in the audience who wished to speak on items not on the agenda.

IV. REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland introduced the new TAB members.

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

MnDOT, Michael Barnes:

Barnes reported that projects for this summer are ramping up,

MPCA, Todd Biewen:

Biewen reported that applications for MN Green Corps are being accepted, a draft rule for Clean Cars MN is being worked on, and entering phase II of the Volkswagen Settlement.

MAC, Bridget Rief:

Rief reported on the volunteer program at the airport and ongoing construction at the airport.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber reported on the opening of the Mall of America transit station, the approval of the E Line alignment, and improvements for customer data applications, and that construction is starting on the Minneapolis bus garage.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2020

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hamann-Roland, to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2020, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Non-Consent

1. 2020-05 Streamlined TIP Amendment Policy

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

Hamann-Roland commented on this action allowing increased efficiency.

It was moved by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Boyles, that:
The Transportation Advisory Board approve updates to the Streamlined TIP Amendment Process.
Motion carried.

2. 2020-09 Streamlined TIP Amendment: Anoka Co

TAC Executive Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

There were no questions or comments from TAB members.

It was moved by Swanson, seconded by Goettel, that:
The Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment into the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add a multi-use trail to Anoka County's CSAH 8 4-to-3 lane conversion (SP# 002-608-012). **Motion carried.**

3. 2020-10 Streamlined TIP Amendment: MnDOT

TAC Executive Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

There were no questions or comments from TAB members.

It was moved by Hollinshead, seconded by Fox, that:
The Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment into the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add a project upgrading signals at the intersection of the Blue Line and E. 35th St. in Minneapolis (SP# 27-00328). **Motion carried.**

4. 2020-06 Program Year Extension – St. Louis Park

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

McGuire asked why program year extensions are not put on the consent agenda as well as streamlined TIP amendments. Geisler asked how overprogramming is impacted. TAB Coordinator Elaine Koutsoukos said that there are projects that are advance constructing who can get paid

earlier if shifts need to take place. Hamann-Roland said program year extensions could be put on the consent agenda and that would still allow anyone to pull the item off the consent agenda if they wanted to.

It was moved by Sanger, seconded by Reich, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board approve St. Louis Park's program year extension request to move its CSAH 25 / Beltline Pedestrian Improvements project (SP# 163-291-008) from fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2021. **Motion carried.**

5. 2020-07 Program Year Extension – Richfield

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

There were no questions or comments from TAB members.

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Hamann-Roland, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board approve Richfield's program year extension request to move its 77th Street extension / MN 77 bridge project (SP# 157-108-035) from fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2021. **Motion carried.**

6. 2020-08 Program Year Extension – Dakota County

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

There were no questions or comments from TAB members.

It was moved by Holberg, seconded by Hamann-Roland, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board approve Dakota County's program year extension request to move its CSAH 86 reconstruction (SP# 019-686-018) from fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2021. **Motion carried.**

VII. INFORMATION

1. Air Quality Conformity

Metropolitan Transportation Services Travel Modeling & Research Manager Jonathan Ehrlich presented this item.

Lindeke commented on Minneapolis having the highest carbon monoxide data. Ehrlich said the monitor with the highest reading happens to have tall buildings that make it difficult for carbon monoxide to disperse, and there are a lot of cars idling at that location. Huang asked about the EPA rolling back regulations. Hamann-Roland asked how the monitoring will be embedded into the Regional Solicitation. Ehrlich said it is already included. Sanger asked what steps the federal government takes once attainment has been reached, to ensure that attainment is maintained. Ehrlich said reports are produced on an annual basis and monitoring is part of the process. Biewen added that Minnesota has a monitoring network to determine if it is in compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

2. 2040 Update Work – Chapter 14: Work Program

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning & Finance Deputy Director Amy Vennewitz presented this item.

Sanger asked what a mobility hub is. Vennewitz said it is a place where a variety of transportation modes and purposes come together. McGuire asked for an example of microtransit. Vennewitz said it could be a small bus, an electric scooter, anything that provides first and last mile connections. Barber brought up a potential placeholder related to transit planning, transportation planning, economic development, and workforce development. Hovland added that connectivity between housing should be added as well. Geisler asked about connected infrastructure; he added that the sidewalk inventory should help entities see what ought to be finished and freight data collection would help as well. Geisler also brought up that density should be looked at in regards to greenhouse gases. Sanger said she doesn't see studies looking at disabled and seniors and potential barriers and she would include an assessment of volunteer driving organizations. Karwoski said economic development should definitely be added to the connectivity conversation. Karwoski added that he doesn't want us to lose sight of market-driven vision that is realistic. Huang added education and retail and potentially healthcare all would drive services. Goettel said the climate change piece speaks to the water coming off of the paved roads, she asked about the tool/modeling for the greenhouse gas information. Vennewitz said the Community Development division created a tool for resiliency related to flooding and the greenhouse gas emissions work is just starting. Hamann-Roland commented on forecasting for transportation congestion similar to weather forecasting. McGuire brought up speed limits on roads and she said it would be beneficial to have public conversations around all of the modes. Boyles said adding items without discussing the cost of time or money is not being fully informed in decision-making. Narayanan brought up integrating the various parts of the plan such as walkability, biking, transit, and land use. Narayanan said other communities have climate action plans and the sustainable transportation advisory committee of MnDOT should also inform this plan. Huang said maintenance of investments long-term is important to factor in. Holberg said using Lyft for the disability community has so far been a positive for her community and she would recommend looking at private sector options. Barber said one of the recommendations from the Metro Mobility Task Force is to pilot with a TNC and at an upcoming meeting there will be more information. Hovland asked if it can be mandated that roadway categories have prerequisites such as a stormwater management system. Geisler said if the TAB is looking at private partners it should look at not just the cost, but the quality of service and what jobs are being created.

VIII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Jenna Ernst
Recording Secretary