

# Minutes of the

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

### Committee Members Present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James (Chair)	Anderson, Doug	Bailey, Myron
Barber, Deb	Barnes, Michael	Boyles, Frank	Crimmins, Carl
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	Maluchnik, Randy	McGuire, Mary Jo	Narayanan, Ashwat
Petryk, Becky	Reich, Kevin	Sanger, Sue	Schember, George
Tolbert, Chris	Ulrich, Jon	Windschitl, Mark	
ABSENT:	McDonnell, Craig	Steffenson, Mark	Swanson, Dick
	Wosje, Jeff		
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 12:35 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

### II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Barber, to approve the agenda of the June 17, 2020, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

Aye: 28 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Boyles, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Hollinshead, Karwoski, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Hovland

Nay: 0

Absent: 4 McDonnell, Steffenson, Swanson, Wosje

Not Recorded: 2 Crimmins, Holberg

### III. PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public were encouraged to email in their comments.

### IV. REPORTS

#### 1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland reported on the TAB Executive Committee meeting and also brought up exploring ways for the public to engage.

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

MnDOT, Sheila Kauppi:  
Kauppi reported that projects continue.

MPCA, Hovland:  
Biewen was absent but Hovland shared his report on the VW Settlement.

MAC, Carl Crimmins:

Crimmins reported that flights are picking up. McGuire asked if the airlines are still letting passengers call ahead to see how full the flights are. Crimmins said Delta is about 70% of the air traffic out of MSP and they are still requiring masks and are keeping the middle seat empty, flying the planes at 60% capacity. Sun Country doesn't allow the middle seat to be reserved online but it may be booked at the airport, they also ask for masks to be worn. Contact between airline passengers and attendants will be limited as well. Karwoski asked about the TSA lines. Crimmins said there will be closures distancing folks horizontally. Foster asked about regulations and Crimmins answered that it is a business decision left to each airline, but the FAA could impose a regulation.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber reported that the transit system had to be shut down during the period of unrest but resumed service afterwards. Barber shared that there is a restructuring happening of the service improvement plan going forward.

Foster asked about 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago being turned into a permanent memorial. McGuire asked about reduced capacity. Barber said bigger buses are on the busier routes, operators let the following bus know when someone is passed by due to capacity. Hovland asked if masks were available would they be given to customers. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director Thompson said there has been difficulty getting masks, some masks have been handed out to each driver, but there are challenges to the number required. Narayanan commented on public transit COVID concerns being less of an issue moving forward.

## V. ACTION ITEMS

### Consent

Motion was made by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Bailey, to approve the following consent items:

1. **Approval of Minutes from May 20, 2020**
2. **2020-25** Streamlined 2020-2023 TIP Amendment: Anoka US 10/169 Interchange

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend approval of an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add right-of-way acquisition to Anoka's US10/169 interchange project (SP # 103-010-018F and 103-010-020).

Aye: 30 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Karwoski, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Hovland  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 4 McDonnell, Steffenson, Swanson, Wosje  
Not Recorded: 0

### Non-Consent

1. **2020-24** Recommend Release of Draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Public Comment

Ramsey County Deputy Directory Multimodal Planning Brian Isaacson and Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item.

McGuire asked about the possibility of an additional public comment meeting. Barbeau said there is traditionally one meeting but it can be explored to add a second meeting.

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

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board release the draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for Public Comment.

**Motion carried.**

Aye: 30 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Karwoski, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Hovland  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 4 McDonnell, Steffenson, Swanson, Wosje  
Not Recorded: 0

**VI. INFORMATION**

**1. Freeway System Interchange Study**

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Tony Fischer presented this item.

Karwoski voiced his appreciation for the study. Goettel brought up what happens when a fix is made and potentially pushes the problem further down and asked about equity. Fischer said equity was not directly tackled since the study is meant to be high level and technical. Karwoski asked about traffic volumes from Wisconsin being factored in. Fischer said the study was centered around current problems but, yes, the data is there for Wisconsin. Narayanan asked about the impetus for the study. Fischer answered that there are other regional studies taking place that try to address other issues, this study was focused on the highways. McGuire asked about study frequency. Fischer said nationally there was not a model, but frequency will likely depend on when changes take place. Sanger asked about next steps for implementation. Fischer said there is uncertainty because of COVID-19 but as staff see opportunities, they will propose them.

**2. Travel Behavior Inventory – Results of COVID Survey**

Metropolitan Transportation Services Travel Modeling & Research Manager Jonathan Ehrlich and Data Scientist Ashley Asmus presented this item.

Goettel asked if this data shows who is transit-dependent and lost their job because of this. Asmus said she will take a look. Geisler asked if transportation availability being looked at if it plays a role in maintaining a job. Asmus said a similar but more general question was asked and the amount who answered yes was a small amount. Hamann-Roland and Barber commented on the high positive feedback if frequency was increased. Schember asked about plans to develop a dataset that captures employers' plans. Ehrlich said the Met Council has no plan to survey employers.

**VII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS**

## **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Jenna Ernst  
Recording Secretary