

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, May 20, 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	McDonnell, Craig (Biewen, Todd)	McGuire, Mary Jo
Narayanan, Ashwat	Petryk, Becky	Sanger, Sue	Schember, George
Steffenson, Mark	Tolbert, Chris	Ulrich, Jon	
Windschitl, Mark	Wosje, Jeff		
ABSENT:	Reich, Kevin	Swanson, Dick	
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, May 20, 2020.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Bailey, to approve the agenda of the May 20, 2020, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

Aye: 30 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Karwoski, Look, Maluchnik, Biewen, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Schember, Steffenson, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje, Hovland

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Reich, Swanson

Not Recorded: 2 Lindeke, Sanger

III. PUBLIC FORUM

Comments from the public to address the Board were encouraged to be emailed.

IV. REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland invited TAB Coordinator Elaine Koutsoukos to share a summary of the Regional Solicitation applications.

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

MnDOT, Michael Barnes:

Barnes reported that projects continue. Look asked about Trunk Highway funds.

MPCA, Todd Biewen:

Biewen reported that Clean Car rulemaking continues forward, Volkswagen settlements will have more RFPs go out this summer.

MAC, Carl Crimmins:

Crimmins reported that airport numbers coming through security are down over 95%, one grant has been received and another is being discussed, roadwork is moving forward and Highway 5 work is going well. Plexiglass barriers have been erected within the airport. Pre-Covid air travel level is not anticipated to happen for a few years. Ulrich asked if long-term operational impacts are being discussed. Crimmins said some smaller airlines have stopped flying.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber reported that the Council continues to operate and transit passengers are now required to wear masks, with transit operating on reduced levels and hours. Essential worker transport continues to take place as well as food delivery. Network Next has been divided into different workstreams due to COVID-19 so that regional transit need changes may be accounted for. Foster asked about the possibility of passengers being provided masks. McGuire asked about the funding for food delivery and essential worker transport, MTS Director Thompson said passengers are not charged but the CARES Act will help fund it. Hollinshead asked about maintenance of stops. Barber said maintenance of the system has been increased. Narayanan asked about the CARES Act funding. MTS Director Thompson said there is funding for Metro Transit, and Suburban Transit Providers.

TAC, Lisa Freese:

Freese reported on the Regional Solicitation and desire for a federal infrastructure bill.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2020

Motion by Windschitl, seconded by Anderson, to approve the amended minutes of the April 15, 2020, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

Aye: 28 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Karwoski, Look, Maluchnik, Biewen, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje, Hovland
Nay: 0
Absent: 2 Reich, Swanson
Not Recorded: 4 Giuliani Stephens, Hollinshead, Lindeke, Tolbert

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Consent

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

Aye: 30 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Karwoski, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, Biewen, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Sanger, Schember, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje, Hovland
Nay: 0
Absent: 2 Reich, Swanson

Not Recorded:2 Fox, Steffenson

1. **2020-20** Streamlined 2020-2023 TIP Amendment: St. Paul Electric Vehicles for Car Sharing

Motion: Recommend that the Council adopt an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to eliminate mobility hubs from St. Paul's electric vehicle carshare project (SP # 164-080-017).

2. **2020-21** Streamlined 2020-2023 TIP Amendment: I-94/US 952A Bridge Rehabilitation

Motion: Recommend that the Council adopt an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add rehabilitation of three bridges to MnDOT's US 952A / I-94 bridge rehabilitation (SP # 2770-03).

3. **2020-22** Streamlined 2020-2023 TIP Amendment: US 12 Safety Improvement Study

Motion: Recommend that the Council adopt an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add MnDOT's Safety Improvement Study on US 12 (SP # 2713-134).

4. **2020-23** Streamlined 2020-2023 TIP Amendment: Metrowide Replacement of Dynamic Message Signs

Motion: Recommend that the Council adopt an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to amend the scope of MnDOT's replacement of dynamic message signs. (SP # 8825-612).

Non-Consent

1. **2020-19** Recommend Draft TPP Release for Public Comment

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

Windschitl shared a grammatical correction.

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

The Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Metropolitan Council release the draft update of the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan for public review and comment. **Motion carried.**

Aye: 31 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Karwoski, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, Biewen, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje, Hovland

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Reich, Swanson

Not Recorded: 1 Tolbert

VII. INFORMATION

1. Travel Behavior Inventory Data Highlights

Metropolitan Transportation Services Data Scientist Ashley Asmus presented this item.

Sanger asked for travel by rideshare services. Asmus said it was small relative to transit and driving. Holberg asked about the trips not taken information. Foster asked for definition clarification. Asmus said the word transportation was interpreted by each respondent. Karwoski asked for data breakdown. Barber commented on how COVID-19 will impact the region. Sanger brought up the safety concerns from a criminal aspect as well. Barber responded that safety is being kept in mind.

VIII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Jenna Ernst
Recording Secretary