

## Minutes of the

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

Wednesday, April 15, 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	Reich, Kevin	Sanger, Sue (Lewis, Andrew)
Schember, George	Steffenson, Mark	Tolbert, Chris	Ulrich, Jon
Windschitl, Mark			
ABSENT:	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 12:40 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

#### II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by McGuire, to approve the agenda of the April 15, 2020, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

Aye: 33 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Karwoski, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, McDonnell, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Swanson, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 0  
Not Recorded: 1 Sanger (Lewis recorded)

#### III. PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public were invited to email comments to staff contacts on the TAB webpage.

#### IV. REPORTS

##### 1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland had nothing to report.

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

MnDOT, Michael Barnes:

Barnes reported on traffic and construction updates.

MPCA, Todd Biewen:

Biewen reported that Craig McDonnell has been redeployed due to COVID-19. The draft Clean Cars Rule has been delayed because of the need for public participation. The Volkswagen Settlement is moving ahead with virtual stakeholder meetings. There has not yet been a change in air quality over the last few weeks – the air monitoring function is an essential service.

MAC, Carl Crimmins:

Crimmins reported that passenger traffic was down 95% last week from the prior year, only 20% of concessions are open, and parking is down 90%. This may help construction finish early. Hovland asked about rent forbearance for tenants. Crimmins said the airport is working on stalling payments for the next three months. Projects are being evaluated to see what can be put off and what needs bonding. Hovland mentioned the need for air filtration improvements.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber reported that the Council is messaging that Transit is for essential travel only. Service hours have been reduced, similar to holiday schedules. Rear-door boarding and additional buses have been implemented. Metro Mobility has moved to single-ride trips instead of shared, delivery of groceries, food shelf delivery, and transportation of essential workers. There is a significant reduction in revenue and the CARES act will help address that. Parks and trails have seen an increase in use and social distancing has been encouraged.

Foster asked about payment enforcement and route levels. Barber said she will follow up. Goettel asked about shopping with EBT benefits. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director Thompson shared that online shopping with EBT is in a pilot stage and only four states have been included in that. Thompson added that one location in Bloomington has been identified that can process EBT cards online. McGuire asked about the amount of accidents taking place. Barnes said the overall number of accidents is fewer but fatalities have increased and MnDOT is researching why.

## V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 1. Approval of Minutes from February 19, 2020

Motion by Bailey, seconded by Hamann-Roland, to approve the minutes of the February 19 and March 18, 2020, regular meetings 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, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, Biewen, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Lewis, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Windschitl

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Swanson, Wosje

Not Recorded: 2 Sanger (Lewis recorded), Tolbert

## VI. ACTION ITEMS

### Consent

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

1. **2020-17** Streamlined 2020-2023 TIP Amendment: MnDOT 5310 Vehicles for Rise, Inc.

Motion: Recommend that the Council adopt an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add a MnDOT purchase of transit vehicles for Rise, Inc. (SP # TRF-1767-21).

Aye: 29 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, Reich, Lewis, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Windschitl  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 2 Swanson, Wosje  
Not Recorded: 3 Petryk, Sanger (Lewis recorded), Tolbert

## Non-Consent

### 1. 2020-18 Modifications to the 2020 Regional Solicitation

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

Ulrich asked about transportation bill funding impacting the deadline date. Freese said the projects being selected are for program year 24-25 and there is the option that some projects could be ready earlier if the federal right of way and environmental process was taken into consideration. TAB Coordinator Koutsoukos said plenty of projects are coming in, generally only half of the projects received are funded. Karwoski added that projects submitted are the ones deemed qualified and shovel-ready. Sanger voiced concern that public engagement is being impacted and brought up building in additional points for entities who found substitute ways to still have outreach.

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

The Transportation Advisory Board maintain the submission deadline as May 15, 2020 and extend the HSIP deadline from June 1 to July 1, 2020 and allow:

1. Required letters of support to be submitted by 9/1/2020,
2. Outreach meetings cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak be considered for points in the equity outreach scoring measure, and
3. Use of either use StreetLight Insights intersection turning movement count data or data older than three years be allowed in lieu of collecting data when atypical traffic patterns are present.

**Motion carried.**

Aye: 29 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Boyles, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Karwoski, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, Biewen, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Lewis, Schember, Steffenson, Tolbert, Ulrich  
Nay: 1 Windschitl  
Absent: 2 Swanson, Wosje  
Not Recorded: 2 Crimmins, Sanger (Lewis recorded)

## VII. INFORMATION

### 1. 2040 TPP Update: Chapters

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

McGuire asked for more information on the household survey. Vennewitz said the TBI is ongoing and it was included in the workplan. McGuire brought up housing and food insecurity. Goettel mentioned the possible restrictions on money.

Ulrich said the legislature passed a bill yesterday that remote meetings can only take place three times a year. Look said Anoka is experiencing issues with residents who are not deemed essential and the county is examining financial options. Karwoski and Maluchnik concurred. Holberg mentioned that jail numbers are down and brought up the upcoming financial impacts.

## **VIII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS**

## **IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Jenna Ernst  
Recording Secretary