

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, October 21, 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
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	Schember, George
Tolbert, Chris	Ulrich, Jon	Windschitl, Mark	Wosje, Jeff
ABSENT:	Giuliani Stephens, Mary	Steffenson, Mark	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 12:34 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

III. REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland reported on openings for TAB Executive Committee. The Executive Committee members will be selected by TAB in January.

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

MnDOT, Mike Barnes:

Barnes reported that the construction season went well and is wrapping up.

MPCA, Biewen:

Biewen reported that McDonnell will be returning to the MPCA after his COVID work.

MAC, Carl Crimmins:

Crimmins reported that international flights and domestic flights remain down. Rent payments have been deferred, minimum wages will be raised, and changes to parking payments have been proposed.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber reported that funding for the B and D line has now come through.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2020

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Windschitl, to approve the amended minutes of the September 16, 2020, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

Aye: 30 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Karwoski, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje
Nay: 0
Absent: 3 Giuliani Stephens, Steffenson, Swanson

V. ACTION ITEMS

Consent

Motion was made by Windschitl, seconded by Goettel and carried, to approve the following consent items:

1. **2020-34:** 2021-2024 Streamlined TIP Amendment for MVTA: Burnsville Bus Garage Renovation
2. **2020-35:** 2021-2024 Streamlined TIP Amendment for MnDOT Signal System Replacement in Chanhassen

Aye: 29 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Karwoski, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl
Nay: 0
Not recorded: 1 Wosje
Absent: 3 Giuliani Stephens, Steffenson, Swanson

Non-Consent

1. **2020-36** 2040 Transportation Policy Plan Update Approval

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

Sanger said there was a request that money be moved from roadway expansion to transit and that request was acknowledged but the money could be moved from lane expansion to other categories within roadways like improved safety or mobility so there is some flexibility. Sanger also asked if equity will be looking at the disabled community. Vennewitz said the roadway funds are allocated from MnDOT specifically for regional mobility and if there was a declination to have them the funds would go back to MnDOT to decide where to spend them, although it could be suggested that they go towards safety, etc. MnDOT could decide to spend them in Greater Minnesota. Vennewitz added that the study is focusing on racial inequity so will not address ADA. Windschitl asked about COVID impacting the process, when will commute changes be considered. Vennewitz said before adoption there will be discussion on how COVID has changed things and everything can get aligned. Barber said there are studies being done related to COVID such as the TBI, since the situation is not stagnant. Dugan asked about the main themes. Vennewitz said the main comments were related to: reducing roadways, recognizing equity, and parking policy. Hollinshead said he believes the language in the Constitution is highway purposes and during the bonding debate it was brought up that highway purposes could be defined differently. Hollinshead asked if for the TPP, staff and leadership feel it is appropriate to explore what highway purposes means for the metro area since

allocations are pursued according to that definition. Hollinshead added that TDM is given a certain amount a money dependent on a narrow or broad definition of highway purposes; COVID now has telecommuting that did not take place before. Vennewitz said that question should be addressed through the equity evaluation since it will look at the funding processes, many of which come through the Constitutional dedication, the statutory formulas, so it will ask whether those processes are equitable. Vennewitz said it will ask what highway purpose means, what trunk highway purpose means, so the study should address that. Hollinshead said that the equity lens does not seem to be the full scope of the lens to explore the highway purpose definition so it would be ideal in the 2050 TPP if in advance it could be detailed how the highway purpose impacts everything that is done. Vennewitz said a lot of funding flows through MnDOT so the Council can explore this with them. Narayanan said the TPP response about flexible funds does not seem accurate, different legislatures and governors have had different interpretations about flexible funds. Reich said trunk highways interfaces with communities differently. Reich stressed the importance of outcomes in the equity category, beyond strategizing. Vennewitz shared that MnDOT is going through the process to develop equity measures and in the middle of next year should have measures related to highway and transit. Hovland said the highway purposes item could be added to the TAB worklist for next year. Maluchnik mentioned that A-minors play an important role in the transportation grid. Vennewitz said highway expansion gets funded in two ways and the Regional Solicitation is typically the place in roadway categories where counties can apply on the MnDOT system and it is usually roadways that MnDOT would not otherwise have funding for those projects. Maluchnik added this is generally the primary way for folks to get to transit. Windschitl said those who are growing at a rapid rate need expansion to even get to a bus line. Vennewitz said there is a continuum for how to address congestion.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Maluchnik that:

The Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Metropolitan Council adopt the 2020 update of the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan.

Motion carried.

Aye:	26	Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Karwoski, Lindeke, Maluchnik, McDonnell, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Sanger, Schember, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje
Nay:	2	Holberg, Look
Abstain:	1	Hollinshead
Not recorded:	1	Reich
Absent:	3	Giuliani Stephens, Steffenson, Swanson

VI. INFORMATION

1. Funding Scenarios for the Regional Solicitation

Metropolitan Transportation Services Highway Planning Manager Steve Peterson and Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item.

Dugan brought up mission-creep and asked for unwritten rules to be compiled. Sanger asked about the definition for new market projects. Peterson said at least one end of the project has to touch outside of the area. Geisler mentioned long-term regional balance. Members discussed over-programming and scenarios.

2. Arterial BRT Engagement Update

Metro Transit TSD Director Robin Caufman and Metro Transit BRT Assistant Director Katie Roth were scheduled to present this item. It was deferred to the November meeting.

There were no questions or comments from TAB members.

VII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Jenna Ernst
Recording Secretary