

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Committee Members Present:

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| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Hovland, James (Chair) | Anderson, Doug | Bailey, Myron |
| Barber, Deb | Barnes, Michael (Kauppi, Sheila) | Boyles, Frank | Crimmins, Carl |
| Dugan, Peter | Foster, Amity | Fox, Nick | Geisler, Christopher |
| Giuliani Stephens, Mary | Goettel, Debbie | Hansen, Gary | Holberg, Mary Liz |
| Hollinshead, Mathews | Jeppson, Julie | Karwowski, Stan (Johnson, Wayne) | Kealey, Dan |
| Lindeke, William | Look, Matt | McDonnell, Craig (Biewen, Todd) | McGuire, Mary Jo (MatasCastillo, Trista) |
| Narayanan, Ashwat | Petryk, Becky | Reich, Kevin | Sanger, Sue |
| Schember, George | Steffenson, Mark | Jalali, Mitra | Ulrich, Jon |
| Williams, Janet | Windschitl, Mark | Workman, Tom | |
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| ABSENT: | | | |
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| LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT: | Koutsoukos, Elaine TAB Coordinator | Solberg, Jon TAC Chair | Vennewitz, Amy Acting MTS Director |

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:06 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

III. REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland reported on the TAB Executive meeting.

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

MnDOT, Jon Solberg:

Jon Solberg on behalf of Mike Barnes reported on staff updates.

MPCA, Todd Biewen:

Biewen reported on the climate change subcabinet.

MAC, Carl Crimmins:

Crimmins reported on airport changes. Kealey asked about reliever airports. Crimmins wondered if it was because of the smaller crowds.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber reported on the transit on-board surveys. Foster asked about specific route information.

Goettel commented on mask usage.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

Consent

Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Boyles and carried, to approve the following consent items:

- 1. Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2021**
- 2. 2021-38** Streamlined TIP Amendment: MnDOT Security Gate

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment the 2021-2024 and 2022-2025 TIPs to add an installment of an automatic gate and associated crime prevention features for night closure the Burns Avenue Overlook in St. Paul (SP # 6220-92).

- 3. 2021-37** Scope Change/TIP Amendment Request for Hennepin County Signal Revisions and Pedestrian Improvements

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board approve Hennepin County's request to remove planned improvements at the CSAH 35 (Portland Ave) and American Blvd intersection from its CSAH 35 / CSAH 52 Signal Revisions and Pedestrian Improvements project (S.P. 027-635-038), along with recommending the corresponding amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP.

- 4. 2021-29** 2022 Regional Solicitation: Application Categories

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the 13 application categories for the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

- 5. 2021-31** 2022 Regional Solicitation: Weighting of Criteria and Measures

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the weighting of the criteria and measures for the 2022 Regional Solicitation as shown in Attachments 1 through 5.

- 6. 2021-33** 2022 Regional Solicitation: Project Selection Guarantees

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board fund at least one roadway project in each functional classification, fund the \$25M ABRT project, fund at least one new market transit project, and maintain the \$10M Bridge target.

- 7. 2021-34** 2022 Regional Solicitation: Qualifying Criteria and Eligibility

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the attached policies, qualifying criteria, and project eligibility for the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

- 8. 2021-36** 2022 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Application: Release for Public Comment

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board draft 2022 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) application for release for public comment.

Aye: 33 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Kauppi, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

Non-Consent

1. 2021-24 Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) and Regional Bicycle Barriers Updates

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Goettel that:

The Transportation Advisory Board accepts the updated RBTN and regional bicycle barriers and release for public comment as part of the 2022 Regional Solicitation packet.

Motion carried.

Aye: 33 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Kauppi, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

2. 2021-27 2022 Regional Solicitation: Unique Projects

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

Look asked about what unique projects have been proposed. Hovland said no projects have been proposed yet this is just establishing the category. Barber voiced concerns for weighting. Hollinshead reiterated that the ranking as is incorporates equity. Hiniker added that more unique project information can be brought back in December.

It was moved by Dugan, seconded by Bailey that:

The Transportation Advisory Board adopt the Unique Projects category details and evaluation criteria for inclusion in the 2022 Regional Solicitation package.

Motion carried.

Aye: 33 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Kauppi, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

3. 2021-28 2022 Regional Solicitation: Modal Funding Ranges

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

Jalali asked for plain language definitions. Jalali said she would not necessarily support the current modal funding ranges. Foster stated that mode ranges should be shifted to reflect the priorities of the TAB. Narayanan commented on the funding that currently goes to maintain and said he supports

moving funding away from highway. Geisler said the number one goal of TAB is the health of the transportation system border to border. Look brought up studies on emissions. Windschitl noted that many discussion hours have been spent on this topic and the conclusion has been to let these ranges run through a cycle. Lindeke said there has been research on induced demand to show that expanding roadways does increase driving. Jeppson commented that a lot of projects already require bike/ped accommodations and she voiced concern for safety. Goettel reminded the group that walkways are included when roads are redone. Hollinshead said there is an asymmetry of funding with transit and private motor vehicles. Jalali said this amendment is a modest shift to move out of the cycle many communities are in. MatasCastillo agreed this is a slight change. Johnson commented that desires don't line up with the current reality that people have seen since COVID. Ulrich said bike and ped are in tandem when roads are built, very few trails were built separate from a road. Sanger voiced support for the amended motion and added that some projects really ought to have an equity component. Steffenson commented on current need for expansion. Anderson echoed the current reality. Kealey commented that more money may be needed. Schember reminded the members that bike and ped do not move freight through the region and if freight is congested eventually the consumer bears the cost. Dugan agreed that one cycle is necessary to see first. Biewen noted in the chat, "I am going to enter my opinion here, because of the large backlog of hands raised and for efficiency's sake. I will start by saying that I have every interest in reducing the environmental impact from our transportation system. I have been on TAB through one cycle of dispersing funds in the solicitation process. I was very impressed with how the TAB functioned through this process. There was give-and-take, there was compromise, there were county commissioners willing to give up something that would directly benefit their county. There was collaboration and recognition that we are working within a larger system - 7 counties. I like the direction of putting more money toward transit and biking/ped. For this vote, I just think the ranges allow us to do this and I want to maintain my confidence that together we can debate the projects that come before us and choose within the ranges we currently have." Bailey noted in the chat, "I also agree with the original motion. As a growing southeast metro city (Cottage Grove) - we are feeling the growing pains and need help reduce the congestion on Highway 61 and 494. Now is not the time to change the funding for roads and bridges. Safety is more than pedestrian concerns alone. We need to understand the importance of safe roads and bridges are as much a concern as pedestrian concerns. Mass transit is extremely limited to most our ring suburbs. I would like to see more funding for all categories described. But the most important part of this formula is the funding for roads and bridges." Reich asked for data in the future ahead of these conversations so members are not relying on anecdotes. Reich and Kauppi commented on flexibility and Reich added that TAB accept the proposed modal funding ranges as reflective of historical averages from past solicitations but that TAB reserves the opportunity to allocate funding outside of these ranges based on a full understanding of the cohort of projects and how they relate to the Region's stated and agreed upon policies around system stewardship, safety, multimodal access, equity/sustainability/health, and guiding land use.

Foster moved Narayanan seconded a change to the funding range as shown below:

Motion to shift transit and bike/ped

| AMENDMENT | ROAD | TRANSIT | BIKE/PED |
|-----------|--------|---------|----------|
| RANGE | 40-60% | 28-38% | 12-22% |
| MIDPOINT | 50 | 33 | 17 |

Aye: 10 Foster, Fox, Hansen, Hollinshead, Jalali, Lindeke, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Reich, Sanger

Nay: 23 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Kauppi, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Holberg, Jeppson, Johnson, Kealey, Look, Biewen, Petryk, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman

Motion failed.

It was moved by Look, seconded by Windschitl that:

The Transportation Advisory Board adopt the funding ranges by mode used for the 2020 Regional Solicitation.

Motion carried.

Aye: 30 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Kauppi, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, MatasCastillo, Petryk, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman
Nay: 3 Narayanan, Reich, Sanger
Absent: 0

4. 2021-30 2022 Regional Solicitation: Funding Category Minimum and Maximum Funding Amounts

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

It was moved by Look, seconded by Geisler that:

The Transportation Advisory Board adopt minimum and maximum federal funding amounts for the 2022 Regional Solicitation reflective of the 2020 Regional Solicitation, with the following changes:

- Increasing the minimum award in Traffic Management Technologies to \$500,000.
- Increasing the maximum award in Pedestrian Facilities to \$2,000,000.

Motion carried.

Aye: 33 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Kauppi, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

5. 2021-32 2022 Regional Solicitation: Measures and Scoring Guidance

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Windschitl that:

The Transportation Advisory Board approve the attached measures and scoring guidance for each application category for the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

Motion carried.

Aye: 33 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Kauppi, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

6. 2021-35 2022 Regional Solicitation: Release for Public Comment

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Windschitl that:

The Transportation Advisory Board approve the draft 2022 Regional Solicitation (inclusive of the approvals made in Action Transmittals 2021-27, 2021-28, 2021-29, 2021-30, 2021-31, 2021-32, 2021-33, and 2021-34) for release for public comment.

Motion carried.

Aye: 33 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Kauppi, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

7. 2021-23 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Anderson that:

The Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of the 2022 Unified Planning Work Program.

Motion carried.

Aye: 33 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Kauppi, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman
Nay: 0

Absent: 0

8. 2021-25 MnDOT Functional Classification System Changes

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

It was moved by Dugan, seconded by Holberg that:

The Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Administratively modify the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan to:
 - A. Include MnDOT's recommended systemwide changes to the Minor Arterial system;
 - B. Upgrade Dakota County State Aid Highway (CSAH 23) from an A-Minor Arterial Expander to a Principal Arterial from CSAH 42 to CSAH 70.
 - C. Upgrade Dakota County CSAH 70 from an A-Minor Arterial Expander to a Principal Arterial from CSAH 23 to Interstate 35.
2. Recommend that the MnDOT Commissioner submit all of the changes from the functional classification study to the Federal Highway Administration for approval.

Motion carried.

Aye: 33 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Kauppi, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

V. INFORMATION

There were no information items.

VI. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Jenna Ernst
Recording Secretary