

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Committee Members Present:

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
Goettel, Debbie	Giuliani Stephens, Mary	Hansen, Gary	Holberg, Mary Liz
Hollinshead, Mathews	Karwoski, Stan	Kealey, Dan	Lindeke, William
Look, Matt	McDonnell, Craig (Kohlasch, Frank)	McGuire, Mary Jo (MatasCastillo, Trista)	Narayanan, Ashwat
Petryk, Becky	Reich, Kevin	Sanger, Sue	Schember, George
Tolbert, Chris (Jalali, Mitra)	Ulrich, Jon	Williams, Janet (Coughlen, Bob)	Windschittl, Mark
Workman, Tom			
ABSENT:	Jeppson, Julie	Steffenson, Mark	
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Koutsoukos, Elaine TAB Coordinator	Solberg, Jon TAC Chair	Vennewitz, Amy MTS Director (Acting)

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:32 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 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 agenda and discussion.

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

MnDOT, Sheila Kauppi on behalf of Mike Barnes:

Kauppi reported on 35W project updates as well as COVID protocols.

MPCA, Frank Kohlasch on behalf of Todd Biewen:

Kohlasch reported that the school bus replacement RFP is open and the off-road clean diesel RFP is being worked on for fall release. July 26 was the Notice to Adopt the Clean Cars Minnesota Rule.

MAC, Carl Crimmins:

Crimmins reported the mask requirement was expanded to 2022. They are keeping testing and vaccination sites at the airport open. Passenger levels are at 65 percent of 2019. They are seeing more cancellations again as the covid variant has spread.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber reported that the MTS Director position is now posted. State Fair service has been scaled back due to an operator shortage but there will be park & rides in operation.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

Consent

Motion was made by Holberg, seconded by Windschitl and carried, to approve the following consent item:

1. Approval of Amended Minutes from July 21, 2021

Aye: 31 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Boyles, Crimmins, Coughlen, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Karwoski, Kauppi, Kohlasch, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Swanson, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje
Nay: 0
Absent: 2 Jeppson, Steffenson

Non-Consent

1. 2021-22 Accept Public Comments and Recommend 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau and Metropolitan Council Outreach Coordinator Sara Maaske presented this item.

TAB members discussed how public comments will be used and being a data-driven policy making group. Hollinshead asked for a separate vote on accepting public comments and TIP recommendation. Members discussed the policy implications of public comments. Barber stated that there are active studies on the areas that have received public comments. Foster brought up the importance of considering the personal experiences behind the comments. Narayanan added that this upcoming solicitation is an opportunity to improve transportation impacts on the climate along with racial justice. MatasCastillo suggested that the public comment period be moved to a different place in the process if the community comments are going to be implemented and that it be noted to members of the public that their comments will not necessarily impact current projects but can impact future projects. Vennewitz said the while projects can not be taken out of the TIP or easily shift funding, the public comments come forward into the next solicitation and also when the next project selection scenarios are discussed. Vennewitz added that the comments are taken back into the big planning procedures. Jalali noted that public engagement can be restructured to be more community member-friendly. Sanger asked for polling that the comments will be seriously taken in shaping allocation-criteria in the upcoming solicitation.

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Boyles that:

The Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Metropolitan Council and accept the 2022-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Public Comment Report.

Motion carried.

Aye: 30 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Boyles, Crimmins, Coughlen, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Jalali, Karwoski,

		Kauppi, Kohlasch, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Swanson, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje
Nay:	0	
Absent:	2	Jeppson, Steffenson
Abstain:	1	Hollinshead

V. INFORMATION

1. 2022 Regional Solicitation

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item.

- A. Geographic Balance (*Steve Peterson and Jed Hanson, MTS*)
 - a. Potential Maximum/Minimum Changes
- B. Criteria Weighting in Spot Mobility and Safety Application (*Steve Peterson, MTS*)
- C. Regional Solicitation Scoring Measure Changes
 - a. Equity and Affordable Housing (*Amy Vennewitz and Jed Hanson, MTS*)
 - b. Update of Other Technical Measure Changes (*Steve Peterson and Cole Hiniker, MTS*)
- D. Unique Projects Follow-up and Technical Feedback (*Cole Hiniker, MTS*)

Look asked for clarification on numbers and money derived and spent. Sanger brought up pedestrian injuries. Barber said the pedestrian safety presentation can be sent out to members with more information. Members discussed the nuances of equity measures. Look asked for a matrix to measure equity. Schallberg stressed the importance of being proactive in pedestrian safety.

2. Regional Solicitation – Opportunity for Polling

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

- A. Qualifying and Eligibility
- B. Application Categories and Purpose Statements
- C. Unique Projects Category Design
 - Poll taken: 23 Ayes, 3 Nays (Aye in favor of adopting the weighting results shown on screen)
- D. Project Selection Guarantees/Limits
- E. Application Category Criteria Weighting
- F. Application Category Scoring Measures
- G. Modal Funding Ranges
- H. Potential Maximum/Minimum Changes

Barber brought up percentage changes. Giuliani Stephens, Hollinshead, and Karwoski voiced support for the percentage changes as shown. Geisler added that matching environmental impact and equity does match the conversations that took place in the workgroup leading up to the final poll. Foster asked for a poll changing modal funding ranges by 3%. Chair Hovland noted that items G and H would be discussed at the September TAB meeting due to lack of time.

3. 2022 HSIP Application

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

VI. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Jenna Ernst
Recording Secretary