

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Committee Members Present:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:33 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

III. REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland reported on departing TAB members and added that TAB Executive applications are being accepted. Hovland shared that letters of interest received for unique projects that are being evaluated for federal eligibility. Hollinshead asked what percentage of federal funds will come to the region.

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

MnDOT, Mike Barnes:

Barnes reported on questions around IIJA. Barnes reported on the transition of crews during the weather changes.

MPCA, Todd Biewen:

Biewen had nothing to report.

MAC, Carl Crimmins:

Crimmins reported on the uptick of traffic at the airport and the increase of TSA wait times. Teamsters have authorized a strike but they are in negotiations.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber welcomed the new MTS Director Charles Carlson and reported on the Orange Line opening. The Purple Line has received approval to enter the project development phase. The Metro Blue Line Extension is seeking public comment before releasing the final route modification report.

TAC, Jon Solberg:

Solberg reported on the items on the consent agenda.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

Consent

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

1. **Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2021**
2. **2021-55** Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP Amendment Request for MnDOT: MN 55 Intersection and Drainage Repairs in Rosemount

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to adjust the cost of MnDOT's MN 55/Doyle Path intersection improvement and drainage repair projects (SP # 1910-56 and 1910-56S).

3. **2021-56** Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP Amendment Request for MnDOT: MN 55 Preservation in Minneapolis

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to reduce the cost and scope of MnDOT's MN 55 preservation project in Minneapolis (SP # 2724-126).

4. **2021-57** Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP Amendment Request for Woodbury: Lake Road Project Expansion

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to extend the length of Woodbury's Lake Road 4-lane-to-3-lane conversion and add mill and overlay, signals, and ADA improvements (SP # 192-108-028).

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

Non-Consent

1. **2021-54** MAC Capital Improvements Program

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members. MAC Planning Development & Environmental Vice President Bridget Rief shared that due to COVID over \$300 million dollars of projects had been deferred and are now starting up. Narayanan asked about the MAC CIP being outside of the Regional Solicitation. MTS Senior Planner Russ Owen answered that the funding the MAC receives for MSP is primarily federal funding and the local funds are generally covered by state statute. Karwoski asked if the MAC anticipates money from the \$25 billion allocated for airports. Rief said the initial amount allocated is based off of passenger and plane numbers from 2019 and it will vary as time goes on.

It was moved by Windschitl, seconded by Bailey that:

The Transportation Advisory Board acceptance of the staff analysis of the MAC 2022-2028 CIP and forward these comments to the Metropolitan Council for its consideration.

Motion carried.

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

V. INFORMATION

1. Sustainable Transportation Advisory Council

MnDOT Sustainability and Public Health Assistant Commissioner Chief Sustainability Officer Tim Sexton presented this item.

Geisler said just by teleworking TAB he has saved 3,500lbs of CO2 and there are ways to encourage this activity even in little steps. Lewis asked how the working group is sharing the findings. Dugan voiced concern over folks returning to downtown. Hovland asked about coordination between MPCA and MnDOT. Windschitl brought up the importance of looking at areas that do not have the same transportation infrastructure.

2. MnDOT Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan Update

MnDOT Statewide Multimodal Program Coordinator Ashley Zidon presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

3. 2020 Census

Metropolitan Council Community Development Principal Researcher Todd Graham presented this item.

Narayanan asked for growth by county, Graham shared the website where that data can be found.

VI. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Jenna Ernst
Recording Secretary