

## Minutes of the

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

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

#### Committee Members Present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James (Chair)	Anderson, Doug	Bailey, Myron
Barber, Deb	Barnes, Michael	Crimmins, Carl	Dugan, Peter
Foster, Amity (Alexander, Stephanie)	Geisler, Christopher	Giuliani Stephens, Mary	Goettel, Debbie
Hansen, Gary	Holberg, Mary Liz	Hollinshead, Mathews (Rowe, Evan)	Jalali, Mitra
Jeppson, Julie	Karwoski, Stan	Kealey, Dan	Lewis, Andy
Lindeke, William	Look, Matt	Maluchnik, Randy	Martinson, Brian
MatasCastillo, Trista	McDonnell, Craig (Biewen, Todd)	Narayanan, Ashwat	Petryk, Becky
Schember, George	Ulrich, Jon	Williams, Janet	Windschitl, Mark
Workman, Tom			
ABSENT:	Steffenson, Mark		
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 12:32 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

#### II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

#### III. REPORTS

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

Hovland reported on new TAB members.

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

MnDOT, Mike Barnes:

Barnes reported on the Towards Zero Deaths goal.

MPCA, Todd Biewen:

Biewen reported on the climate change plan and encouraged public comment.

MAC, Carl Crimmins:

Crimmins reported on airport operating revenue, concessions are 83% open. COVID testing at the airport was walk-in but the success was causing traffic backups so now appointments are required. At one point there were 2,500 tests a day being done. A strike at the airport will hopefully not happen because an agreement has been reached. 5G will not be rolled out within 3 miles of the airport, although some of the airlines have cancelled flights because the rollout does impact runways. Geisler said the anecdotal review of Europe using 5G around airports is that they use different transmission towers that are lower powered and angled (directed) more in a downward

angle which keeps the signals from reaching higher into the air and the airspace around the runways.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber reported on the Metropolitan Council wastewater tracking of COVID-19. Barber reported the hiring for operators and mechanics. The Council received a Circle award for pandemic service with the mobile vaccine sites. Barber reported on the TPP Public Hearing as well.

## IV. ACTION ITEMS

### Consent

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

1. **Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2021**
2. **2022-07** Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP Amendment for MnDOT: US 61 Bridge Wearing Course Replacement in Hastings

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add a new MnDOT-sponsored project replacing the wearing course on US 61 Bridge # 19004 over Mississippi River in Hastings (SP # 1913-110).

3. **2022-06** Approval for RBTN and Regional Bicycle Barriers Maps for 2022 Regional Solicitation

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the RBTN and regional bicycle barrier final maps for the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

Aye: 32 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Crimmins, Dugan, Alexander, Geisler, Giuliani, Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Karwoski, Kealey, Lewis, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Biewen, Narayanan, Petryk, Schember, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 1 Steffenson

### Non-Consent

1. **2022-01** Selection of TAB Executive Committee

TAB Chair Jim Hovland presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

It was moved by Windschitl, seconded by Goettel that:

The Transportation Advisory Board approve the TAB Executive Committee.

### Motion carried.

Aye: 32 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Crimmins, Dugan, Alexander, Geisler, Giuliani, Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Karwoski, Kealey,

Lewis, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Biewen, Narayanan, Petryk, Schember, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman

Nay: 0  
Absent: 1 Steffenson

**2. 2022-02 2022 Regional Safety Performance Measure Targets**

TAC Chair Jon Solberg and Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Heidi Schallberg presented this item.

Look asked what is causing the upward trend despite the investment in bike/ped. Geisler asked for clarity on the approval. Narayanan said COVID has reduced congestion and yet fatalities have gone up so it is a direct correlation to the way roads are designed. Ulrich asked for a presentation at the TAB on the “why” behind the increase in fatalities. Martinson brought up the public comments noting that the targets are not aggressive enough. Martinson commented on the lack of federal enforcement as contrasted with air quality infractions. Crimmins asked for a breakdown of accidents and how many happen in express lanes and involve public transportation. Barnes commented that policies, enforcement, and education all play a role as well as engineering. Hollinshead noted that there is an aspect of safety to transit and requested data on that.

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Williams that:

The Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Metropolitan Council adopt the 2022 safety performance targets in Table 1.

**Motion carried.**

Aye: 32 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Crimmins, Dugan, Alexander, Geisler, Giuliani, Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Karwoski, Kealey, Lewis, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Biewen, Narayanan, Petryk, Schember, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 1 Steffenson

**3. 2022-03 Scope Change Request for Hennepin County CSAH 158 (Vernon Ave) Bridge Replacement**

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

Goettel mentioned the hope for added safety factors.

It was moved by Windschitl, seconded by Goettel that:

The Transportation Advisory Board approve Hennepin County’s scope change request to amend its CSAH 158 (Vernon Ave) bridge replacement (SP # 027-758-006) to increase the project length, remove a channelized right-turn island, reconstruct the southbound MN 100 ramp, and install a noise wall with no reduction in federal funds.

**Motion carried.**

Aye: 32 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Crimmins, Dugan, Alexander, Geisler, Giuliani, Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Karwoski, Kealey,

Lewis, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Biewen, Narayanan, Petryk, Schember, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Steffenson

**4. 2022-04** Program Year Extension Request: Blaine 99th Avenue / Baltimore Street Roundabout

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

It was moved by Jeppson, seconded by Look that:

The Transportation Advisory Board approve Blaine’s program year extension request to move its 99th Avenue / Baltimore Street roundabout installation (SP# 106-101-010) from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023.

**Motion carried.**

Aye: 31 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Crimmins, Dugan, Alexander, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jeppson, Karwoski, Kealey, Lewis, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Biewen, Narayanan, Petryk, Schember, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Jalali, Steffenson

**5. 2022-05** Scope Change / TIP Amendment Request for Hennepin County CSAH 42 and CSAH 3 Signal Revisions and Pedestrian Improvements

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Maluchnik that:

The Transportation Advisory Board

- Approve Hennepin County’s request to remove BRT station underground and flatwork along with one intersection from Hennepin County’s CSAH 42 / CSAH 3 signal revisions and pedestrian improvements project (S.P. # 027-030-050) while retaining all its original federal funding and
- Recommend the Council approve an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP reflecting this change.

**Motion carried.**

Aye: 31 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Crimmins, Dugan, Alexander, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jeppson, Karwoski, Kealey, Lewis, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Biewen, Narayanan, Petryk, Schember, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Jalali, Steffenson

## **V. INFORMATION**

### **1. Electric Vehicle Planning Study Result**

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Tony Fischer and Great Plains Institute Vice President of Transportation and Fuels Brendan Jordan presented this item.

Martinson commented on the local impact on motor vehicles being driven in urban areas. Karwoski asked about road funding. Jordan said EVs typically cost more and this offsets lost gas tax revenue. However, this is an issue for the long-term. MatasCastillo noted that policy changes will be required. Holberg asked about the lack of private sector information.

### **2. Twin Cities Highway Mobility Needs Analysis**

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

## **VI. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS**

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Jenna Ernst  
Recording Secretary