

Minutes

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: August 17, 2022

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

Chair, James Hovland
V. Chair Debbie Goettel
Doug Anderson
~~Myron Bailey~~ (Steve Dennis)
Deb Barber
Michael Barnes
Carl Crimmins
Peter Dugan
~~Amity Foster~~ (Evan Rowe)
Christopher Geisler
~~Mary Giuliani Stephens~~ (Amanda Hemmingsen-Jaeger)
Gary Hansen
Mary Liz Holberg

Mathews Hollinshead
~~Mitra Jalali~~
Julie Jeppson
Stan Karwoski
~~Dan Kealey~~ (Kevin Burkart)
Emily Koski
Andy Lewis
~~William Lindeke~~ (Shannon Watson)
Matt Look
Randy Maluchnik
Brian Martinson
Trista MatasCastillo
~~Craig McDonnell~~ (Todd Biewen)

~~Ashwat Narayanan~~ (Glen Johnson)
Becky Petryk
George Schember
Mark Steffenson
Jon Ulrich
~~Janet Williams~~ (Bob Coughlen)
~~Mark Windschitl~~ (Mike Huang)
~~Tom Workman~~ (Matt Udermann)

Absent

Staff

Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB
Jon Solberg, TAC
Charles Carlson, MTS Director

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:34 p.m.

Agenda Approved

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Goettel to approve the agenda. Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Public Invitation

There were no members of the public who wished to address the board.

Reports

1. TAB Chair's Report – Jim Hovland

Hovland shared the discussion the TAB Executive Board had with the Metropolitan Council's Office of General Counsel around Minn. Stat. § 13D.02.

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

Add recap of reports discussion

MnDOT

Barnes shared TZD data and currently at 250 deaths, he shared that speed-related deaths are coming down but motorcycle is 90% higher than 2019. Minnesota received numerous RAISE grants, Hovland asked for details on awards. Look asked about Corridors of

Commerce timing, Barnes said the selection is announced in May and typically there is a four-year window.

MPCA

Biewen reported that the Climate Action Framework is in the final stages. Hovland asked about positions taken.

MAC

Crimmins said the airport is looking to do a bond sale and currently has an elite sale and since the Feds have indicated an interest rate hike it is thought to be a good time to do so. The FAA found zero violations in a recent report. Flights are 22% less than 2019 but seating capacity is 5% over 2019.

Metropolitan Council

Barber reported the recent University of Minnesota transit pass program. Barber voiced appreciation for those who participated in the Travel Demand Workshop. Hovland asked about public health and public safety. Barber said that a transit safety implementation plan can be sent out to the TAB. The Transit Ambassador Program did not get funding but there is another avenue being explored with utilizing Community Service Officers. Goettel brought up the airport specifically. A conversation ensued about the housing problems facing the area.

STA

Hansen reported on behalf of Kealey that Maple Grove is starting a new express route, SWT prime ridership continues to grow, SWT introduced 3 electric vehicles and range and mileage performance is as expected, Plymouth initiatives are hindered by driver shortages, MVTA Connect set a new ridership record and has fall ridership service changes. Commuter ridership is down local ridership is up.

3. TAC Report – Jon Solberg, TAC Chair

Solberg reported that the TAC is going to review bylaws and the hybrid meeting option.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Goettel to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2022 regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted

1. **2022-28:** Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP Amendment – Metro Transit Bus Purchase (*Jon Solberg, TAC Chair*)

It was moved by MatasCastillo, seconded by Maluchnik.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business

1. **2022-29:** Public Comment Report and Recommend Approval of 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (*Joe Barbeau, MTS*)

It was moved by Goettel seconded by Geisler, that the Transportation Advisory Board Council adoption of the draft 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Martinson asked for more information about the comment process. Barbeau said there is no vetting to verify the person lives in the region, comments do not all have a response sent back to the individual since contact information is not required, the responses are publicly available. Geisler and Look commented on the validity of requiring addresses for public

comments.

Motion carried.

2. **2022-30:** Transportation Addendum to Metropolitan Council Public Engagement Plan (*Sara Maaske, Communications*)

It was moved by Maluchnik, seconded by Lewis, that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Council adopt the Transportation Addendum to the Metropolitan Council Public Engagement Plan.

TAB members had no questions or comments.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan (*Hally Turner, MnDOT*)

MatasCastillo asked for implementation, and accountability/evaluation information. Karwoski inquired about the public engagement.

2. Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan (*Brad Utecht, MnDOT*)

Hovland asked for clarification about projected funds. MatasCastillo asked about the interplay with the climate goals, Utecht said the amount is based on the existing system. Lewis asked about the process for the need number. Geisler gave a recap of the historical decisions TAB has made with Regional Solicitation funding. Holberg, Look, MatasCastillo, Geisler in particular discussed the funding gap.

3. Regional Solicitation Outreach Tool (*Bethany Brandt-Sargent, MTS*)

Look asked about the response data, Brandt-Sargent said data will be available next month. Goettel gave feedback that she has heard.

Items of TAB members

Schember shared his cross-country bicycle adventure. Anderson noted the obituary of Roger Scherer.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

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