

Minutes

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: March 15, 2023

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

~~Chair, James Hovland~~
~~1st Vice Chair, Mark Windschitl~~
2nd Vice Chair, Trista MatasCastillo
Doug Anderson
Myron Bailey
Deb Barber
Michael Barnes
Carl Crimmins
Peter Dugan
Amity Foster
Christopher Geisler
Debbie Goettel
Gary Hansen

Mary Liz Holberg
Mathews Hollinshead
Mitra Jalali
Mark Jenkins
Julie Jeppson
Glen Johnson
Stan Karwoski
~~Frank Kohlasch~~ (Todd Biewen)
Emily Koski
Andy Lewis
William Lindeke
~~Randy Maluchnik~~ (John Morast)
Brian Martinson
Becky Petryk

Jessica Robertson
~~George Schember~~
Mark Steffenson
Jon Ulrich
~~Jeffery Weisensel~~
Janet Williams

Staff

Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB
~~Jenifer Hager~~, TAC
Michael Thompson, TAC F&P Chair
Charles Carlson, MTS Director

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Second Vice Chair MatasCastillo called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:30 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 TAB.

Reports

1. TAB Chair's Report – Jim Hovland

Second Vice-Chair MatasCastillo announced that the April TAB meeting will have several information items and recommended that TAB members plan on the meeting lasting until 3:00 pm.

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

MnDOT

Barnes reported on Toward Zero deaths; in 2023 through March 12th, there were 35 traffic-related deaths on Minnesota roadways. This is 34 percent less than at this time last year, and at least 21 percent less than any of the previous five years (2017-21).

MPCA

Biewen had nothing to report.

MAC

Crimmins reported that MSP received best airport second year in a row. MSP has received the award six out of last seven years; they did not submit in 2020 during covid. MSP joined Greater MSP in their MBOLD initiative that includes recycling of food packaging, pallet wraps, single use plastic bags, etc. And will now try to use products made from recycled materials, promoting a circular economy. There was a crash at Flying Cloud airport on Tuesday; the three passengers survived. The FAA is investigating. In 2022, top busiest days were during spring break. Currently airlines have scheduled 410,00 seats per week through the first week of April. Parking demand is also high.

Metropolitan Council

Barber reported that the Council members were seated last week. There are seven new members; on the Transportation Committee, there are five of nine new members. Barber addressed work on the safety and security on the transit system. A request was made for a legislative update while the legislature is in session. Barber will connect with Council staff Judd Schetnan.

Suburban Transit Association

Hanson reported that the suburban providers are having consistent slow growth. Maple Grove is exploring increasing its number of EV chargers installed at stations and park-and-rides. Plymouth is exploring further opportunities with route interconnectivity with Maple Grove as the initial connections have proven to be successful. SW Transit has approved their microtransit partnership with Lyft and they are moving forward with technical integration. MVTA's E-Jest Minibus demonstration is ongoing and had no issues during one of the storms in February. There was a request for a presentation on microtransit in the future with Metro Transit and the Suburban providers.

3. TAC Report

Michael Thompson, TAC Funding and Programming Committee chair, reported that TAC approved the streamlined TIP amendments and the UPWP amendment on the agenda. TAC had discussion on the Regional Solicitation information item and are looking for direction from TAB to bring to the Funding and Programming Committee the next day.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted

1. 2023-16: Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment – Four Projects Changes
2. 2023-17: Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment – Chisago County US 8 project extension into Washington County

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Anderson, to approve the items on consent.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent Business

1. 2023-15: 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 1 (*Michael Thompson, TAC F&P Chair*)

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Goettel, that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Council adopt the proposed amendments to the 2023 Unified Planning Work Program as shown in the attached document titled 2023 UPWP Amendment 1.

Holberg noted the interest of the business community.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Potential Changes for 2024 Regional Solicitation (*Steve Peterson, MTS*)

Members discussed the point system and legislative concerns. Members considered the past process and adjustments to incorporate. TAB members directed staff to revisit and bring back information to the TAB.

2. COVID and Driver Shortage Impacts on Transit Planning (*Adam Harrington, Metro Transit*)

Members discussed the importance of discussion with the various cities and counties as service is evaluated.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

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