

Minutes

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting date: May 17, 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
Chris Geisler
~~Debbie Goette~~ (Kevin Anderson)
Gary Hansen
Mary Liz Holberg

Mathews Hollinshead
Mitra Jalali
~~Mark Jenkins~~ (Torin Gustafson)
Julie Jeppson
Glen Johnson
Stan Karwoski
Frank Kohlasch
Emily Koski
Andy Lewis
William Lindeke
Randy Maluchnik
Brian Martinson
Becky Petryk

Jess Robertson
George Schember
~~Mark Steffenson~~
~~Jon Ulrich~~ (Tom Wolf)
Jeffrey Weisensel
~~Janet Williams~~
Tom Workman

Staff

Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB
Jeni Hager, 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 12:33 p.m.

Agenda approved

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Windschitl 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 speak.

Reports

TAB Chair's Report – Jim Hovland

Hovland reported on information gleaned from the National Conference of Mayors.

Agency Reports – MnDOT, MPCA, MAC, and Metropolitan Council

MnDOT

Barnes reported on safety initiatives and updates.

MPCA

Kohlasch reported MPCA received a \$3 million planning grant from the Inflation Reduction Act to access funding through EPA for implementation projects. Solicitations from the EPA

are expected to open in early 2024. The Metropolitan Council received \$1M for a planning grant for the metro area. Tribal governments are also accessing the funding.

MAC

Crimmins reported on airline seat and route percentages increasing closer to pre-pandemic levels.

Metropolitan Council

Barber reported on the B Line groundbreaking and transportation surveys.

STA

Hansen reported on ridership for the suburban transit providers, Foster asked about the impact with rideshare companies.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Lewis to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

Consent business adopted

2023-28: Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment – New Projects

2023-29: Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment – Fare Collection Equipment Cost Increase

It was moved by Maluchnik, seconded by Martinson.

Holberg noted a typo in the text of 2023-28.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

2023-20: Scope Change for Hennepin County CSAH 153 (Lowry Avenue NE) Reconstruction (*Jeni Hager, TAC Chair*)

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Johnson, that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approve Hennepin County's scope change request to remove the MN 65 intersection improvements from its CSAH 153 reconstruction project (SP # 027-753-020) with no federal funding reduction.

Motion carried.

2023-21: Highway Safety Improvement Program HSIP (*Jeni Hager, TAC Chair*)

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Bailey, that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approve the draft 2024 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) application for release for public comment with the changes to the 2022 HSIP application as described below.

Motion carried.

2023-22: Regional Solicitation – Criteria and Weighing (*Jeni Hager, TAC Chair*)

It was moved by Karwoski, seconded by Anderson, that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approve the weighting of the criteria and measures for the 2024 Regional Solicitation with the following adjustments from 2022:

- Adding 100 points to safety-related criteria for all application categories except Transit Expansion and Transit Modernization.
- Distributing the additional 100 safety points based on current measure weighting within the



safety criterion in the Roadway Categories, except in Bridges with 50 points going to National Bridge Inventory Condition and 50 points going to Multimodal Elements and Existing Connections.

Martinson asked about the fourth listing. Members noted long-term impact.

Motion carried.

2023-23: Regional Solicitation – Minimum and Maximum Awards (*Jeni Hager, TAC Chair*)

It was moved by Karwoski, seconded by Geisler, that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopt no changes to the minimum and maximum federal funding amounts for the 2024 Regional Solicitation and to revisit the issue going into the 2026 Regional Solicitation.

It was moved by Koski, seconded by Lindeke, that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopt Roadway Modernization increased to \$10 million and Safe Routes to School increased to \$2 million and to revisit the issue going into the 2026 Regional Solicitation.

Motion failed.

TAB members discussed the proposed motion and the proposed amended motion.

Motion carried.

2023-24: Regional Solicitation – Mode Splits (*Jeni Hager, TAC Chair*)

It was moved by Windschitl, seconded by Petryk, that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopt no changes to the modal funding ranges for the 2024 Regional Solicitation.

Motion carried.

2023-25: Regional Solicitation – Policies, Qualifying Criteria, and Eligibility (*Jeni Hager, TAC Chair*)

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Maluchnik, that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopt the other attached policies, qualifying criteria, and project eligibility for the 2024 Regional Solicitation including use of Tie Breaker Option 2 with the provision that an applicant with two tied projects in the same application category can break the tie themselves. That the TAB adopt retention of the \$32M bus rapid transit federal maximum rule.

That the TAB adopt a qualifying requirement that operators of the facility confirm with a check box that they will remove snow and ice for year-round bicycle and pedestrian use for any bicycle or pedestrian facility, including in roadway projects.

The members discussed snow, ice, and project impacts.

Motion carried.

2023-26: Regional Solicitation – Measures and Scoring Criteria (*Jeni Hager, TAC Chair*)

It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Lewis, that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approve the measures and scoring guidance for the 2024 Regional Solicitation with the changes described below:

Describe the project's significance. Significance can be a function of the project's scalability, its originality in taking a new approach to a long-standing or emerging challenge using new approaches to existing or emerging challenges, or its value as a pilot or demonstration project. Is the project a "proof of concept?" Does it extend an approach that has worked in one geographic location or population to another location or population?

Members discussed clarifying metrics.

Motion carried.

2023-27: Regional Solicitation – Release for Public Comment (*Jeni Hager, TAC Chair*)

It was moved by Holberg, seconded by Anderson, that the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approve the draft 2024 Regional Solicitation application package (inclusive of the



approvals made in Action Transmittals 2023-22 through 2023-27) for release for public comment.

Motion carried.

2023-34: Release 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program for Public Comment (*Joe Barbeau, MTS*)

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Geisler, that the Transportation Advisory Board release the draft 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program for public comment with the addition of the St. Michael multi-use trail project to be funded with Carbon Reduction Program funding from MnDOT District 3.

Motion carried.

Information

MSP Airport Long-Term Plan and Stakeholder Engagement Update (*Eric Gilles, MAC*)

Members discussed future plans.

PROTECT (*Steve Peterson, MTS*)

Members noted the local impact.

Transitway Advancement Policy TPP Modification (*Charles Carlson, MTS*)

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

Items of TAB members

Workman asked for staff assistance in evaluating the impact to projects.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

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