

# Minutes

Transportation Advisory Board



**Meeting Date:** April 19, 2023

**Time:** 12:30 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Steet

## Members Present:

Chair, James Hovland  
V. Chair Debbie Goettel  
Doug Anderson  
Myron Bailey  
Deb Barber  
Michael Barnes  
Carl Crimmins  
Peter Dugan  
~~Amity Foster (Evan Rowe)~~  
~~Christopher Geisler (Sam Vilella)~~  
Gary Hansen  
Mary Liz Holberg

~~Mathews Hollinshead~~  
Mitra Jalali  
~~Mark Jenkins (Torin Gustafson)~~  
Julie Jeppson  
Glen Johnson  
Stan Karwoski  
~~Frank Kolasch (Todd Biewen)~~  
Emily Koski  
Andy Lewis  
~~William Lindeke (Richard Holst)~~  
Randy Maluchnik  
Brian Martinson  
~~Trista MatasCastille (Mary Jo McGuire)~~

Becky Petryk  
Jessica Robertson  
George Schember  
Mark Steffenson  
Jon Ulrich  
Jeffery Weisensel  
Janet Williams  
Mark Windschitl  
~~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 12:37 p.m.

## Agenda Approved

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Hansen 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 to the TAB.

## Reports

1. TAB Chair's Report – Jim Hovland

Chair Hovland shared updates from the TAB Executive meeting.

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

MnDOT

Barnes reported on project updates, state fatality updates, and the season's thaw/freeze cycle creating potholes more than seasons with less thaw/freeze cycles.

MPCA

Biewen reported on the Volkswagen Settlement and currently entering Phase III and on-track to achieve emission reductions beyond what was calculated to be emitted from the vehicles.

MPCA can send grant information to TAB Coordinator Koutsoukos to disseminate.

#### MAC

Crimmins reported on airport spring break data, this summer more routes will be added, Delta Sky Club opened today in Delta's Concourse in G. Staff at the MAC have received a patent to measure airport noise. The MAC met with the new MTPD Morales III.

#### Metropolitan Council

Barber reported on the visit from the FTA around receiving the full grant agreement. The B-Line continues to move along in the process.

#### STA

Hansen reported that MVST receipts are under-performing so budgets are being updated. Ridership continues to grow,

3. TAC Report – Jeni Hager, TAC Chair

Hager noted that the TAC report will accompany the agenda items.

### Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Anderson seconded by Goettel to approve the amended minutes of the March 15, 2023, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

### Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted

1. 2023-18: Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment – Three Project Changes
2. 2023-19: Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment – Three New Projects

It was moved by Windschitl, seconded by Goettel.

Motion carried.

### Non-Consent Business

1. **There were no items on the non-consent business agenda**

### Information

1. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Discretionary Grants (*Todd Clarkowski, MnDOT; Jody Martinson, SRF*)

Karwoski asked about project data. Barnes noted that the metro area has submitted a number of grants. The TAB discussed the grant opportunities for various communities. Clarkowski shared the process of finding what MnDOT is eligible for on the list.

2. Potential Changes for 2024 Regional Solicitation (*Steve Peterson and Joe Barbeau, MTS*)

Rowe asked for information on the TAC discussion. Karwoski brought up implementation timeline options. Holberg asked for clarification on the TAC position on the addition of safety points.

TAB would like the technical committees to review the categories and provide feedback on whether changes are needed regarding inflation of project costs. Acknowledged that changing the maximums will affect the number of projects funded.

Historically when there was a tied score on projects, TAB has funded both or neither. TAB was fine using safety as the tie breaker when determining funding of tied projects. Also suggested allowing an applicant with two projects with a tied score to decide which project to fund. Members discussed the changing landscape. Ulrich asked for a legislative recap.

3. 2050 Transportation Policy Plan Goals Engagement Themes and Next Steps (Craig Vaughn, Transportation Collaborative; Katie Caskey, HDR; Stephanie Devitt, SDK Communications; Cole Hiniker, MTS)

Goettel brought up funding difficulties. Chair Hovland noted the common themes. McGuire asked about outreach plan details.

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

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