

Minutes

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting date: September 20, 2023

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members present:

Chair, James Hovland
1st Vice Chair, Mark Windschitl
2nd Vice Chair, Trista Martinson
Doug Anderson
~~Myron Bailey~~
Deb Barber
Michael Barnes
~~Carl Crimmins~~
Peter Dugan
~~Amity Foster~~
Chris 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~~ Elliot Payne
~~Andy Lewis~~
William Lindeke
~~Randy Maluchnik~~
Brian Martinson
Becky Petryk

~~Jess Robertson~~
~~George Schember~~
~~Mark Steffenson~~ Judy Hanson
Jon Ulrich
Jeffery 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 12:32 p.m.

Agenda approved

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

Public invitation

There was no one from the public who wished to address the TAB.

Reports

1. TAB Chair's Report – Jim Hovland

Hovland reported on the Metropolitan Council governance task force and his recent Conference of Mayors, as well as discussions about IIJA.

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

MnDOT

Barnes reported on the current TZD numbers and ongoing studies and grants. Barnes announced his upcoming retirement. Ulrich asked about data for enforcement of speeds, Barnes shared that State Patrol often presents the data at TZD conferences. Jeppson,

Martinson, and Hanson commented on the speeding and fatality issue.

MPCA

Biewen reported on upcoming webinars for the pollution reduction programs.

MAC

There was no MAC report.

Metropolitan Council

Barber reported on the Council's concurrence with TAB to release the Regional Solicitation and HSIP. Baltimore Metropolitan Council will be visiting the region to learn from the Metropolitan Council. Barber reported on 241,000 express rides for the State Fair service.

STA

Hansen reported Maple Grove's microtransit is performing stronger than pre-pandemic. SWT reports upward trending ridership. MVTA reported a new agency record for State Fair service. MVTA is in the process of hiring a Chief Operating Officer.

3. TAC Report – Jeni Hager, TAC Chair

Hager reported on workgroups for the review of scope change policy and the program year extension policy.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Goettel to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2023, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

1. There were no items on the consent agenda.

Non-consent business

1. 2023-44: Adoption of 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (*Jeni Hager, TAC Chair*)
Presentation (*David Burns, MTS*)

It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Barber, that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program.

Jenkins asked about the categories and budget comparisons. Weisensel asked who designates primary arterials to add to the system. Johnson asked about funding sources and allocated staff time. Martinson commented on multiple edits. Barber gave context to the document among the ongoing activities. Holberg asked about STOPS model forecasting.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Urban Freight Distribution Study (*Steve Elmer, MTS*)

Members discussed the scope of study. Members brought up congestion and truck corridors as well as land use. Members brought up VMT, greenhouse gas emissions, and road wear.

2. Transportation Policy Plan Objectives and Background (*Cole Hiniker, MTS*)

Members discussed transportation options and bringing information back to the TAB. Congestion was brought up by TAB members. Various measures were discussed.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

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