

Minutes

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting date: June 12, 2024

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

Chair, James Hovland
1st Vice Chair, Mark Windschitl
2nd Vice Chair, Debbie Goettel
Doug Anderson
Myron Bailey
Deb Barber
~~Husniyah Bradley~~ (Andy Lewis)
Kevin Burkart
Aurin Chowdhury
Carl Crimmins
Peter Dugan
John Fahey
~~Amity Foster~~ (Timothy Marino)
Chris Geisler

Gary Hansen
Mary Liz Holberg
Mark Jenkins
Julie Jeppson
Glen Johnson
~~Stan Karwoski~~ (Karla Bigham)
~~Hwa Jeong Kim~~ (Saura Jost)
~~Frank Kohlasch~~ (Todd Biewen)
William Lindeke (Rich Holst)
John Morast
Brian Martinson
Trista Martinson
Becky Petryk

Jess Robertson
Khani Sahebjam
George Schember
Mark Steffenson
~~Jon Ulrich~~ (Tom Wolf)
Christopher Vaughan (Nathan Hemann)
Jeffery Weisensel

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 12:04 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 speak.

Reports

1. TAB Chair's Report – Jim Hovland

Chair Hovland reported on the TAB Executive Committee and the policymaking workgroup.

2. Agency Reports – MnDOT, MPCA, MAC, Metropolitan Council, Suburban Transit Providers

MnDOT

Sahebjam reported on MnDOT project management with the Metropolitan Council.

MPCA

Biewen reported on the upcoming greenhouse gas emissions inventory and that transportation is now the number one greenhouse gas producer.

MAC

Crimmins reported on ongoing construction around the airport and the increase of flights and passengers.

Metropolitan Council

Barber reported on the Metro Transit Zero Emissions Bus Annual Report and upcoming events.

Suburban Transit Providers

Hansen reported on the upward trend of ridership for providers, and planned service to the State Fair and the Renaissance Fair. Hansen shared results from a SWT Prime Survey.

3. Legislative Report – Judd Schetnan

Schetnan reported updates from the recent legislative session. Members asked clarifying questions.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Windschitl to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2024, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. 2024-28: Streamlined 2024-2027 TIP Amendment Request – Two Project Adjustments
2. 2024-29: Streamlined 2024-2027 TIP Amendment Request – MnDOT's US 169, CSAH 9, and & MN 282 Interchange Improvements

It was moved by Burkart, seconded by Goettel.

There were no questions or comments from TAB Members.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

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

Information

1. Regional Solicitation Evaluation Updates

Hovland reported that the Policymaker Workgroup for the Regional Solicitation Evaluation will meet on July 17 at 10:00 am prior to the TAB meeting.

Johnson reported on the Active Transportation Workgroup. The workgroup is meeting monthly. All Regional Solicitation options for funding include Active Transportation funding; approximately \$15.8 M. The workgroup has discussed whether to add more funding but have left the recommendation the same. At upcoming meetings, they will discuss how to manage the grants that are awarded, what to do for the next funds, and working with the Regional Solicitation Evaluation for long-term.

2. 2024 Regional Solicitation Funding Scenarios

Steve Peterson presented information on three funding options and requested feedback. Jeni Hager provided an update on the TAC discussion. TAB discussion focused on the Safety and Bike/Pedestrian options. TAB requested staff to investigate investing some additional overprogramming funds on the order of another \$5M to \$8M, with a focus on bike/ped projects. TAB provided feedback to fund two additional Safe Routes to School projects.

3. 2024 Highway Safety Improvement Program Update

Steve Peterson presented information on proactive and reactive project lists for funding. TAB Members had no questions or comments.

4. TPP Update

Cole Hiniker presented information on the schedule for public comment and timeline for approval. TAB will have an action item at the July 17 meeting to release the draft for public comment. TAB Members had no questions or comments.

5. Scope Change Policy Update

Joe Barbeau presented information on the item. An action item will come to TAB at a future meeting. TAB Members had no questions or comments.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

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