

## **Information Item Topics for 2022-2023**

### **Climate Change – Reducing Emissions**

If the goal is to reduce carbon emissions, in other words, move from cars to other modes of transportation, then we need to figure out how to get more types of electric or efficient mass transit options out further with links into the metro area.

Priorities in how to change metro transportation to address climate change.

Review on how traffic patterns have changed in response to COVID-19 - mobility, commuting for work, accessibility to neighborhoods in need, etc.

Reducing carbon emissions from transportation, recognizing historical harms from transportation investments and reducing VMT.

Future of transportation funding, autonomous vehicles, bus electrification, electric vehicle infrastructure

### **Transit**

Rebuilding / restoring Metro Transit Service post-COVID.

The STA members: MVTA, SW Transit, Plymouth and Maple Grove should have the opportunity to present their planning, route demands, funding needs and ridership surveys to TAB. We get to hear from Metro Transit virtually every meeting, which due to the size of and service levels of MT, is absolutely justified on all fronts, and very informational for TAB to stay on top of their needs. We simply need to hear from Suburban Transit Providers as well, but clearly not as often. I am suggesting we invite all 4 of them to present quarterly in 2022 and forward.

The needs and transit operations of suburban providers.

Update on ridership levels for the transitways as well as congestion patterns post pandemic. Seems like a review prior to more funding might be helpful as many things have changed.

### **Funding**

Better distribution of funds across the metro area. Specifically, the suburbs. Suburbs outside the beltway that are growing are much less likely to get funding for needed infrastructure needs than inside the beltway and of course Minneapolis and St Paul. No matter how we have changed the scoring for projects over the last few years - I have not seen much really change in who gets what funding for projects. I know we try to do some type of equity across the metropolitan area - but it still appears and feels like projects are going elsewhere than the East Metro or far south metro.

Comprehensive presentation of transportation and transit funding streams.

### **DBE/MBE Programs**

Now that we have completed the difficult work of the regional solicitation, I think we should discuss the above very soon. My sense is that these DBE/MBE programs, whether they are local, county, state or federal, are falling short in their effort to lift up minority and women owned businesses and get them

going on a good path toward prosperity. I would like to have a review of goals and the past levels of achievement in reaching those goals related to DBE/MBE at all levels of government(some we can do, some we can encourage others to do), determine the barriers to success and re-calibrate how to meet the intent of these programs. I believe we can collectively do better than we have in the past and that we just need to understand all the challenges and then design programs that help us better accomplish that historic good faith mission. This is also arguably an exercise in dealing with the challenge of equity in a different way. I think we achieve far more than we have in the past on accomplishing our purpose in this area of DBE/MBE if we put good minds to work on solutions.

## Calendar for Discussion of Information Items – tentative scheduling

<p><b>January</b> <b>2023-01:</b> TAB Executive Committee Selection <b>2023-02</b> Safety Performance Measures <b>2023-03:</b> Stream TIP Amendment SW Transit 5339 <b>2023-04:</b> 2024 MPLS P&amp;R Trail Amendment Regional Development Guide Transportation Policy Plan Update</p>
<p><b>February</b> 2023-XX PM2/3 Performance Measures 2023-XX TIP Amendment - 2023 &amp; 2024 RS projects Regional Solicitation Evaluation Met Council Demographics ??? STA Demographics ???</p>
<p><b>March</b> MSP Long-Term Comprehensive Plan ??? Urban Freight Distribution Study 2024 Regional Solicitation</p>
<p><b>April</b> 2024-2025 TIP Schedule 2024 Regional Solicitation</p>
<p><b>May</b> 2024 Regional Solicitation</p>
<p><b>June</b> Legislative Update</p>
<p><b>July</b></p>
<p><b>August</b></p>

<b>September</b>
<b>October</b>
<b>November</b>
<b>December</b>

## **FUTURE INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. MnDOT construction season update
2. Public Health/Public Transportation
3. Outreach and Public Involvement in Meetings
4. Regional Model and Forecasting – Travel Behavior Inventory
5. Future of Transportation Funding
6. Regional Bus Fleet Electrification Plan
7. Autonomous Vehicle Task Force
8. Shared Mobility Collaborative
9. Metro Transit Homeless Action Team
10. Hyperloop TT
11. World's Fair Expo – Mark Ritchie (early 2023)
12. Discussion on Induced Demand
13. Climate Change presentations
14. Greenhouse Gas modeling and assumptions that go into it
15. Rethinking I-94