

Information Item Topics for 2022

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.

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.

Calendar for Discussion of Information Items – tentative scheduling

February TPP Amendment Update Twin Cities Highway Mobility Analysis Corridors of Commerce MnDOT Metro District CRRSSA Funding
March Mobility Hub Planning Guide IIJA Funding Scenario Rethinking I-94 TDM Study
April Transportation Management Organization and Travel Demand Management Update – periodic report on status of projects funded through the Regional Solicitation Suburban Transit Provider Overview Safety – Preview (Council and MnDOT)
May Safety – Safe Systems Approach (FHWA) MnDOT Minnesota State Highway Improvement Program (MnSHIP)
June Climate Change
July Climate Change
August Climate Change
September Regional Solicitation Funding Scenarios
October Regional Solicitation Funding Scenarios
November Action – TAB selects projects to receive Regional Solicitation Funding
December

FUTURE INFORMATION ITEMS

1. MnDOT construction season update
2. ADA Small Business Pilot Project, MnDOT
3. Public Health/Public Transportation
4. Outreach and Public Involvement in Meetings
5. Regional Model and Forecasting – Travel Behavior Inventory
6. Future of Transportation Funding
7. Regional Bus Fleet Electrification Plan
8. Autonomous Vehicle Task Force
9. Shared Mobility Collaborative
10. Center for Transportation Studies
11. High value freight research, TPEC - Vehicle Automation
12. Metro Transit Homeless Action Team
13. Hyperloop TT
14. TMO and TDM Update (April)
15. World's Fair Expo – Mark Ritchie (early 2022)
16. Discussion on Induced Demand
17. Climate Change presentations