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*Transportation Advisory Board  
Of the Metropolitan Council*

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**Minutes of a Meeting of the  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, October 3, 2012  
9:00 A.M.**

**Members Present:** Jon Olson, Lyndon Robjert, Tom Johnson, Tim Mayasich, Lisa Freese, Ted Schoenecker, Kevin Roggenbuck, Mark Filipi, Pat Bursaw, Innocent Eyoh, Robert Vorpahl, Susan Moe, Karl Keel, Chuck Ahl, John Powell, Duane Schwartz, Steve Hay (for Jenifer Hager), Allen Lovejoy

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. Mark Filipi introduced Heidi Schallberg and Katie Walker, two new Council planners. Heidi will assume James Andrew's Funding and Programming Committee responsibilities as well as the TIP management and the solicitation processes.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as prepared.

**3. Approval of March Minutes**

The September 5, 2012 meeting minutes were approved as written.

**4. TAB Report**

K. Roggenbuck reported that the TAB Policy Committee and full TAB met September 19, at the MSP Airport. The Policy Committee met at noon and took up the Transportation Policy Plan amendment that includes the Bottineau Transitway LPA and the arterial transitway corridor study results. The Policy Committee was not comfortable recommending the amendment without Golden Valley's support and saw no urgency to vote on it so they tabled it to the October 17 meeting. Golden Valley will be invited to that meeting to address the Committee. Chris Roy, Director of MnDOT Office of Aeronautics, presented the State Aviation System Plan to the Policy Committee for information. TAC and TAB do not have a role in reviewing the Plan.

The Full TAB recommended adoption of the 2013 Unified Planning Work Program as did the Policy Committee.

TAB discussed changing the organizational structure – eliminating Policy and Programming committees and having only one TAB meeting each month. Discussion will continue at the October meeting with consideration of bylaw changes and web broadcast of meetings. The Policy Committee and full TAB did not have time to discuss Thrive MSP 2040, the Council's next long-range development framework plan. Council staff asked TAB to provide comments and recommendations on four questions. Thrive policies will influence the policies in the next TPP, so TAB input at this stage is important. Everyone is encouraged to respond.

**5. Special Agenda Items**

Mary Karlsson reported on the A Minor Arterial Evaluation Study. It will advance to the TAC Planning and the Funding and Programming committees for comments in October and TAC will be asked to final action on it at

the November meeting. She reviewed the 12 policy conclusions and recommendations. (Copies of the September 28, 2012 (Draft) report were included in the meeting packet.) TAC members suggested that the Transportation Policy Plan should more clearly distinguish between the "A" minor and "B" minor systems.

Ryan Wilson, MnDOT, gave a presentation on the 20-year Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan which communicates MnDOT's capital highway investment priorities to the people, businesses, elected officials and transportation partners across the state. State law requires that the plan be prepared every 4 years. It responds to changes in state and federal legislation, MnDOT requirements and policy direction and to economic and demographic trends. A 5-step process was used to develop the plan: 1. Project revenue; 2. establish a range of possible performance levels; 3. Evaluate investment approaches; 4. Set investment direction and plan investments; and 5: identify priorities for alternative funding scenarios. Stakeholder engagement meetings will be held within each of the MnDOT districts throughout the month. He presented an investment approaches comparison Matrix showing three different approaches and their biggest strengths and drawbacks.

He said this plan will be submitted to the Governor but there are no specific requirements for legislative approval. The depth of the content of this plan has increased as it was being written. A. Lovejoy referred to the matrix and suggested that it be expanded to address issues like public health, and global competition, not just functional specifics. T. Schoenecker asked if the three scenarios all meet MAP-21 performance targets and measures. And said that he hoped federal funds would not be jeopardized. R. Wilson said he feels confident that the themes will meet MAP-21 requirements.

Koryn Zewers reported on MAP-21, the new federal highway bill, and potential issues it poses for the 2013-2016 STIP. Although the total apportionment for MAP-21 is about the same as for SAFETEA-LU, funding for the different programs has changed. The National Highway Performance program (includes interstate maintenance, bridge, and national highway system and includes all principal arterials) has gained, but funding for Surface Transportation Program and HSIP have decreased. Funding for CMAQ projects and Metropolitan Planning remains the same. There is an enhanced emphasis on performance targets which they are still working through. Minnesota is ahead of other states regarding performance based funding. US DOT has 18 months to establish performance targets.

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **A. Executive Committee (Pat Bursaw, Chair)**

The committee discussed establishing another ad hoc work group to look at MAP-21's impact on the program but concluded that this falls within the bailiwick of the Funding and Programming Committee but they may want to open it to other TAC members and use the expertise and staff of MnDOT. The 2013 program year looks like it will have no issues related to MAP-21 requirements, but 2014 through 2016 could have problems. We need to analyze our program and develop a range of options to demonstrate fiscal constraint and maintain program balance. K. Keel added that we need to make some determinations within the next month or two. M. Filipi said it is important for the TAC as a whole to increase its understanding of MAP 21 and its implications for the metropolitan program. L. Robjent said it would be helpful to get a status update of the projects from their sponsors. L. Robjent suggested getting a status report on the projects from their sponsors. State Aid has been working with them because some share of the 2013 projects will shift to 2014.

### **B. Funding and Programming Committee**

The committee did not meet in August; however the program delivery work group finalized their work. They are recommending elimination of the sunset date and replacing it with a new program year policy and they have developed a Scope Change consultation worksheet to replace the scope change policy. The work group will request TAC action at the November meeting.

**C. Planning Committee (Allen Lovejoy, Chair)**

The planning committee will meet on October 11.

**7. Agency Reports**

Bob Vorpahl said on October 10 MAC will open new security checkpoints at the Humphrey terminal that should eliminate the long queues. It will also have a new floor mosaic and more concessions.

**8. Other Business and Adjournment**

There was no other business.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM

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