
*Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 7, 2013
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Doug Fischer, Lyndon Robjent, Brian Sorenson, Tom Johnson, Joe Lux, Craig Jenson, Jan Lucke, Elaine Koutsoukos, Mark Filipi, Patrick Boylan, Adam Harrington, Pat Bursaw, Amanda Smith, Bridget Rief, Susan Moe, Jim Gromberg, Jean Keely, Paul Oehme, Michael Thompson, Steve Albrecht, Kim Lindquist, Bruce Loney, Jenifer Hager, Jack Byers, Michelle Beaulieu, Paul Kurtz, Steve Bot (Members Excused: Duane Schwartz)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

3. Approval of March Minutes

The April 2, 2014 meeting minutes were approved with the following edits:

- "TAC policy direction" changes to "TAB policy direction"
- "policy change" changes to "recommended policy change"

Motion made by Tom Johnson and seconded by Paul Oehme. Motion carries unanimously.

4. TAB Report

Elaine Koutsoukos reported on TAB's April 16 meeting:

Reports:

Chair: Bill Hargis reported TAB Executive Committee meeting. TAB Executive Committee will begin meeting regularly the even months, beginning in June, at 11:00 am prior to the TAB meetings. TAB Executive Committee will meet with the Regional Administrator, Pat Born, late summer or early fall. TAB Executive is looking to schedule a future TAB meeting at an alternate location.

MnDOT and MAC – no reports

MPCA – David Thornton provided information showing that vehicle pollution is great in minority neighborhoods.

Met Council – Adam Duininck reported that Council staff is moving ahead on the Transportation Policy Plan and presented Wednesday, April 16, at CTIB.

TAC – TAC Chair Bursaw reported on the April TAC meeting. There were three action items which were on the TAB agenda. There were two special agenda items. Steve Peterson, SRF, presented a Regional Solicitation update and the progress being made in the modal Work Groups in the

development of the applications. There was a Transportation Policy Plan Update. Mary Karlsson reviewed the highway investment portion of the TPP; Jonathan Ehrlich spoke to the interchange evaluation appendix; Mark Filipi spoke to the congestion management plan.

Consent List: The March TAB minutes were approved.

Action Items:

Three action items were presented to TAB and approved:

1. 2014 Funding Reallocation
2. TIP Amendment Process Streamlining
3. 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for WisDOT St. Croix River Crossing

Information Items:

Regional Solicitation Monthly Update – Consultant Marie Cote presented an update on the Regional Solicitation Working Groups. A task force is being formed to discuss how to reflect affordable housing in the criteria.

2017 CMAQ Transit Capital Project Proposals – Project applicants presented information on their projects.

1. Lake Street Station at I-35W
2. B Line Bus Rapid Transit
3. Downtown Hopkins LRT Station Park-and-Ride Structure
4. Minnesota River Valley 169 Connector
5. MOA Transit Station Renovation Project
6. TH 77 - Cedar Grove Transit Station

TPP Amendment – Mary Karlsson/Cole Hiniker reported on the public comments received for I-94 and TH 610 and the Administrative Modification for Streetcar.

Transportation Policy Plan Update – Cole Hiniker covered information on transit investment plan.

5. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Pat Bursaw, Chair)

The Executive Committee discussed two TIP amendments that fit the criteria for the new streamlining process. In the future, these will likely be discussed electronically among Executive Committee members instead of at the meeting itself.

Katie White will work to schedule a TAC New Member Orientation meeting, as the original date (June 4) no longer works best for the group.

B. Funding and Programming Committee (MTS staff for Karl Keel, Chair)

Action item 2014-30: TAP Projects: Heidi Schallberg presented this item. This is one of two solicitations for 2017 money that is being held separate from the traditional solicitation process due to time constraints. A scoring committee similar to the 2011 group convened under a compressed timeline. Some adjustments to the scores were made after the appeals process. The committee recommended overprogramming by 6.3%. Some projects may be constructed in advance, which will be noted in the

TIP. The solicitation was not complete in time to incorporate the projects in the draft TIP, but they will be included with the draft as an appendix for the public comment period and will be in the final TIP document with all details included in the tables. Tom Johnson moved and Patrick Boylan seconded. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Action item 2014-31: CMAQ Transit Capital: Elaine Koutsoukos presented this item. This is the second solicitation for 2017 funding that is being held separately from the traditional solicitation process. A rating committee met for a quick review of the projects and scored them on a high/medium/low basis. The projects were presented at TAB. Two of the scores were revised after the subsequent Funding & Programming meeting. The recommendation is to fund the top three projects. The recommended motion is not specific to projects; the focus is on the ratings themselves. The F&P discussion focused on weighting and the lack of clarity on direction from TAB on how to conduct the technical scoring. Tom Johnson moved and Adam Harrington seconded. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Action item 2014-32: Scope Change – Scott County CSAH 8 Reconstruction: Heidi Schallberg presented. Doug Fischer moved and Joe Lux seconded the recommended motion. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Action item 2014-33: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment – MnDOT Bridges: Heidi Schallberg presented. This would have been a streamlined item but it came in just before the new process was adopted. Doug Fischer moved and Tom Johnson seconded the recommended motion. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Action item 2014-34: 2017 STP and CMAQ TSM Recommendation: Heidi Schallberg presented. Available STP and CMAQ roadway system management funds for 2017 will be released in a fall 2014 solicitation, and awaits clarification from TAB on how to set modal funding ranges for these funds. Mark Filipi moved and Doug Fischer seconded the recommended motion. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

C. Planning Committee (MTS staff for Lisa Freese, Chair)

The 2040 Transportation Policy Plan draft will be presented at a special meeting of TAC-Planning on May 22 and coming to the June 4 TAC meeting.

6. Special Agenda Items

A. Regional Solicitation Evaluation, Steve Peterson, SRF Consulting (handout)

Steve Peterson thanked the work group leaders on a productive Friday afternoon meeting. Pat Bursaw also contributed her thanks. The conversation had a demonstrated value to policymakers. A work group will be starting soon to create the online application tool. We anticipate a late September release date. Equity has been a large discussion topic at the roadways work group. A special group for affordable housing has started with county experts and other stakeholders. Equity issues for transit (income, race, elderly, disabled) is key for the transit group, and this process is looking for consistency between modes. The highlighted sections in the handout indicate changes that were produced from the Friday afternoon meeting.

B. 2015-2018 TIP, Brian Isaacson, MnDOT

Brian Isaacson presented on the TIP and HIP (six years beyond the TIP) and summarized metro investments by program area. Excess funds from the Stillwater bridge have been reallocated to a few

other projects, including pavement on I-90 in southern Minnesota. These excess funds are distributed statewide based on a risk identification model.

C. 2014 Local Program Review, Dan Erickson, MnDOT (handout)

Dan Erickson reviewed the progress of MnDOT projects in 2014. Most are on track for key administrative deadline of June 1. Some have already been completed due to advance construction. \$280,000 in TAP funds will need to be reallocated. TAP cannot be flexed, but some STP projects have bicycle/pedestrian aspects that could use this funding instead.

D. Transportation Policy Plan Update, Cole Hiniker and Connie Kozlak, MTS

Cole presented transit and transitway content, and Connie presented freight content. Questions were raised regarding "last mile" connections, managed lanes, and truck size/weight issues. The aggregate industry is pushing the state to allow larger trucks, which have a detrimental impact on roadway conditions.

7. Agency Reports

A. MnDOT

Pat Bursaw had a handout for the 694/494 TPP amendment that is coming to this body in June.

B. Metropolitan Council

Mark Filipi told the group that the draft 2040 TPP will be mailed on Friday, May 9.

C. Metropolitan Airports Commission

Bridget Rief announced that there will be a Commission meeting on May 19 to relocate Spirit Airlines from Terminal 2 to Terminal 1 by January 2015. They have 600,000 boardings per year. Also, the MAC representative to the TAB has changed.

8. Other Business and Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

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