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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, September 6, 2017  
9:00 A.M.**

**Members Present:** Doug Fischer, Lyndon Robjent, Carla Stueve, Tim Mayasich, Lisa Freese, Jan Lucke, Steve Bot, Elaine Koutsoukos, Steve Peterson, Michael Larson, Adam Harrington, Brian Isaacson, Innocent Eyoh, Bridget Rief, Andrew Emanuele, Dave Jacobson, John Shoffner, Peter Dahlberg, Danny McCullough, Jean Keely, Steve Albrecht, Paul Oehme, Michael Thompson, Kim Lindquist, Jim Kosluchar, Jen Hager, Jack Byers, Reuben Collins, Paul Kurtz (Excused: Brian Sorenson)

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was moved by Dave Jacobson and seconded by Michael Thompson. No discussion. Motion passed.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Tim Mayasich and seconded by Brian Isaacson. Motion passed.

**4. TAB Report**

**REPORTS**

**TAB Chair's Report:** Jim Hovland introduced Alene Tchourumoff, new Chair of the Metropolitan Council.

**Agency Reports (MnDOT, MPCA, MAC and Metropolitan Council)**

MAC: Carl Crimmins reported that roadway construction is ongoing, correcting statement that he made last month that it would be completed August 6. Exits from the parking ramps and pay stations were completed August 6. Hotel construction is on schedule.

Metropolitan Council: Katie Rodriguez reported that the Council voted to raise the transit fares. A 25 cent fare increase will begin on October 1. They received 6,000 comments, most against the increase.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Approved the following action items:

1. 2017-22 Streamlined TIP Amendment: Heywood Garage, Metro Transit
2. 2017-23 Streamlined TIP Amendment: US 169 Traffic Management, MnDOT

3. 2017-20 Public Comments on Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Received comments from FHWA, Metro Transit, Metropolitan Council Grants Manager, Wisconsin DOT, MnDOT, and residents regarding three specific projects [US 169 Interchange at 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Brooklyn Park, CSAH 38 in Rosemount (HSIP project from 2014 Solicitation), and Minnesota Valley State Trail].
4. 2017-21 Final 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Approved without Minnesota Valley State Trail. Direction to staff to come back with additional information on scoring difference as a result of the corrected cost.
5. 2017-18 2018 Unified Planning Work Program
6. 2017-19 2018 Crystal Airport Long Term Comprehensive Plan

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. ADA Transition Plan
2. Transportation Demand Management Summary Report
3. Regional Solicitation – Qualifying Criteria & Forms, Pedestrian & Safe Routes to School Measures

## **Committee Reports**

### **A. Executive Committee** (Steve Albrecht, Chair)

The Executive Committee reviewed today's agenda and discussed the action at the August TAB meeting with regards to the DNR project in Bloomington.

### **B. Planning Committee** (Lisa Freese, Chair)

Lisa Freese reported that the committee met in August and had a few information items which are on today's agenda. Action items are coming at the September meeting.

### **C. Funding and Programming Committee** (Tim Mayasich, Chair)

Tim Mayasich turned it over to Paul Oehme, who reported that the committee met in August and its information items are later on today's agenda.

## **6. Special Agenda Items**

**TPP Update: Bicycle and Pedestrian.** (Steve Elmer and Heidi Schallberg, MTS) Steve Elmer and Heidi Schallberg summarized the current bike/ped chapter and potential changes in the next TPP. Danny McCullough asked if TBI trends will be included in the next TPP. Heidi Schallberg responded that the new, rolling TBI will allow for more local data more often. Danny McCullough asked about changes to the RBTN in the next TPP. Steve Elmer responded that some alignments will be designated, and the comp plan update process has requested that cities make those adjustments at that time. Meetings with counties are underway to make minor tweaks. A few additions are being added to address gaps.

Bridget Rief asked when this chapter will be available for review. Steve Elmer said November. Doug Fischer suggested that an increase in crashes could mean an increase in usage. Heidi Schallberg responded that a potential work program item would be to analyze crashes further. Jan Lucke asked about how the bicycle barriers study would impact the regional solicitation. Steve Elmer responded that it will not be in the next solicitation. Elaine Koutsoukos said that trails are coming in the next month, and it includes some language about barriers that applicants can self-describe.

**TPP: Aviation.** (Russ Owen, MTS) Russ Owen presented the Aviation chapter of the TPP. There were no questions.

**Regional Solicitation: Roadways.** (Steve Peterson, MTS) Steve Peterson covered several areas of potential change to the roadways applications. The idea of having Roadway System Management funds available off the top for broad implementation (as opposed to piecemeal projects) was well-received. Questions were asked about who selects the consultants, who many consultants would be hired, and a potential for losing the economies of scale. Questions were also asked about the availability of seeing Streetlight data before choosing to submit applications.

**Congestion Mitigation Safety Program.** (Michael Corbett, MnDOT) Michael Corbett presented on the conclusion of the CMSP IV study. Steve Bot asked what would happen if there was a high benefit project that was longer than one mile. Michael Corbett responded that that project would be eligible for Strategic Capacity Enhancement funds but not CMSP.

## **7. Agency Reports**

Bridget Rief said that the draft CIP is moving forward and will come through TAC and TAB later this year. The next round of food and beverage contracts, representing 19 establishments, are coming up for renewal as well.

## **8. Other Business and Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:48am.

### **Prepared by:**

Katie White