
*Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 6, 2017
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Jack Forslund, John Sass, Bob Byers, Lisa Freese, Jan Lucke, Steve Bot, Elaine Koutsoukos, Steve Peterson, Michael Larson, Brian Isaacson, Bridget Rief, Dave Jacobson, Jeff Rossate, Peter Dahlberg, Danny McCullough, Karl Keel, Jean Keely, Steve Albrecht, Michael Thompson, Kim Lindquist, Robert Ellis, Jim Kosluchar, Jen Hager, Jack Byers, Paul Kurtz (Excused: Innocent Eyoh, Adam Harrington)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Steve Albrecht at 9:05 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Steve Albrecht recommended switching the Corridors of Commerce presentation with the TPP Highway presentation. A motion to approve the agenda was moved by Brian Isaacson and seconded by Dave Jacobson. No discussion. Motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes

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

4. TAB Report

Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Steve Albrecht, Chair)

The Executive Committee reviewed today's agenda. Steve Albrecht introduced Robert Ellis to report on the Nominating Committee activities.

Robert Ellis reported the conclusions of the Nominating Committee. The group decided to continue the "city-county-agency" rotation. Tim Mayasich reached out to the counties to gauge if there was interest in chairing TAC, and Lisa Freese volunteered.

Lisa Freese thanked the committee, and asked that anyone interested in being Vice Chair or a committee chair reach out to her.

B. Planning Committee (Lisa Freese, Chair)

Lisa Freese reported the results of the Planning Committee.

2017-37 Functional Classification Change: Stillwater Bridge. Lisa Freese introduced the item. There were no questions. Lisa Freese moved and Jan Lucke seconded the recommended motion. Motion passed.

2017-38 Regional Solicitation: Adopt Regional Bicycle Transportation Network. Lisa Freese introduced the item. There were no questions. Lisa Freese moved and Danny McCullough seconded the recommended motion. Motion passed.

2017-39 Metropolitan Airports Commission 2018-2023 Capital Improvement Program. Lisa Freese presented the item. There were no questions. Lisa Freese moved and Elaine Koutsoukos seconded the recommended motion. Motion passed.

2017-41 Proposed Safety Performance Measures and Short-Term Goals. Lisa Freese introduced the. There were no questions. Lisa Freese moved and Brian Isaacson seconded the recommended motion. Motion passed.

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

Joe Barbeau reported on the committee's work at the previous meeting.

2017-44 TIP Amendment: MnDOT Highway 169. Joe Barbeau presented this item. Karl Keel moved and Michael Thompson seconded the recommended motion. Motion passed.

2018 Regional Solicitation: Signal Re-Timing. Joe Barbeau presented some alternate language choices for the solicitation. Jen Hager recommended changing the word "phases" to "saturation flow rate."

6. Special Agenda Items

Corridors of Commerce. (Patrick Weidemann, MnDOT) Patrick Weidemann presented on the public comment process for the Corridors of Commerce program. Steve Bot asked who determines what the regional balance should be. Patrick Weidemann responded that MnDOT leadership will make that decision based on public comment. Jack Byers asked how the "commerce" component comes through in scoring. Patrick Weidemann responded that there is work beyond traditional scoring factors, with criteria from legislature. Karl Keel said that if the economy is the primary driver, but the point values are lower than the other categories because of the dataset being used, a subjective measure may need to be used instead. Michael Thompson asked about the input from DEED and their TED program. Patrick Weidemann the TED program was an isolated amount, so the subjective measures were more appropriate. Larger corridors are harder to measure with subjective responses.

Steve Peterson asked about the four-year construction window with potential conflicts on parallel corridors. Patrick Weidemann responded that that project needs to be let within four years, not construction started. The STIP can be amended if adding components that are not currently in the STIP. Steve Bot asked if MnDOT changes scoring criteria from year to year on its programming projects. Brian Isaacson responded that MnDOT is constantly changing its scoring criteria for various programs.

TPP Update: Highway and Freight Investment. (Steve Peterson, MTS) Steve Peterson presented an overview of the draft Highways chapter content.

Steve Peterson also informed the group that the Aviation chapter of the TPP is now available online. Send Katie White any comments.

7. Agency Reports

There were no agency reports.

8. Other Business and Adjournment

Elaine Koutsoukos said that the Regional Solicitation public comment period closes on Friday. There is one comment so far.

Brian Isaacson thanked Steve Albrecht for his work as time as TAC Chair.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1110:24AM.

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