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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, April 4, 2018  
9:00 A.M.**

**Members Present:** Doug Fischer, Lyndon Robjent, John Sass, Chad Ellos, Ted Schoenecker, Lisa Freese, Jan Lucke, Steve Bot, Steve Peterson, Michael Larson, Adam Harrington, Brian Isaacson, Innocent Eyoh, Bridget Rief, Dave Jacobson, Peter Dahlberg, Danny McCullough, Ken Ashfeld, Anne Kane, Paul Oehme, Michael Thompson, Kim Lindquist, Robert Ellis, Jim Kosluchar, Jen Hager, Jack Byers, Bill Dermody, Paul Kurtz (Excused: none)

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Freese at 9:06 a.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was moved by Lyndon Robjent and seconded by Paul Oehme. No discussion. Motion passed.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

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

**4. TAB Report**

Lisa Freese reported on the March 21 TAB meeting.

**Committee Reports**

**A. Executive Committee** (Lisa Freese, Chair)

Lisa Freese reported on the Executive Committee meeting, which discussed the day's agenda.

**B. Planning Committee** (Jan Lucke, Chair)

Jan Lucke reported the results of the Planning Committee.

**2018-25 Draft Transportation Policy Plan.** Jan Lucke introduced the item. There were no questions. Jan Lucke moved and Robert Ellis seconded the recommended motion. Motion passed.

**C. Funding and Programming Committee** (Paul Oehme, Chair)

**2018-25 Scope Change: St. Paul Safe Routes to School.** Paul Oehme presented the item. Michael Thompson moved and Lyndon Robjent seconded the recommended motion. Motion passed.

**2018-26 Scope Change: MnDOT HSIP.** Paul Oehme presented the item. Lyndon Robjent moved that to approve the scope change request with federal funding set at 90% but not to exceed the original federal award of \$972,000. Michael Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**2018-27 TIP Amendment: Safety Performance Measures.** Dave Burns presented the item. Paul Oehme moved and Michael Thompson seconded the recommended motion. Motion passed.

## **6. Special Agenda Items**

**TPP Update: Regional Mobility.** (Steve Peterson, Metropolitan Council) Steve Peterson updated the TAC on the additional mobility money that needs to be allocated in the next TPP. These decisions will be made in April and May, follow Corridors of Commerce awards.

Lyndon Robjent asked why 2022-2023 money has \$0 assigned to it. Steve Peterson responded that that money is allocated to I-94 between the downtowns. Ted Shoenecker asked where the additional \$50 million/year is coming from. Brian Isaacson responded that some is being moved from Greater Minnesota pavement. \$9-25 million in spot mobility is a general fund transfer. This is the source for bonding and COC too. Ted Shoenecker asked if this funding could disappear. Brian Isaacson responded in the affirmative.

Lyndon Robjent remarked that there is a constitutional amendment being considered at the legislature to provide more roadway funding.

Innocent Eyoh asked that if the funding is coming from Greater Minnesota pavement, is the state at risk for having low quality pavement and not meeting performance targets. Brian Isaacson responding that an analysis was conducted to prove that we will continue moving in the correct direction. Doug Fischer commented that some mobility projects have pavement benefits, such as I-35W. Preservation projects are more than just preservation.

**Regional Solicitation: Congestion Measure.** (Jonathan Ehrlich, MTS) Jonathan Ehrlich presented information that could be used to help measure congestion in regional solicitation applications.

Adam Harrington asked about the time frame for the visualized data set. Jonathan Ehrlich responded that the maps came from July 1 2016-June 30-2017, with information averaged out. This includes construction impacts and other major events, and is only for weekdays. Lisa Freese said that Scott County has looked at similar detail for roadways impacted by the Renaissance Festival and it has been very helpful. Jan Lucke said that the St. Croix bridge crossing has changed conditions on Highway 36 and may not be reflected fully in these maps.

Doug Fischer asked how to evaluate parallel routes in the solicitation. Steve Peterson responded that the nearest arterial can be used for comparison.

Lyndon Robjent asked about extending the one year trial that MnDOT has with StreetLight. Brian Isaacson responded that they are in negotiations. Lyndon Robjent said that a GIS data tool using this information would be very helpful.

## **7. Agency Reports**

Bridget Rief reported that the MSP airport has subscribed to AIRA, a service for the blind and visually impaired.

Brian Isaacson said that there is no COC news yet although it could be expected later this month. Doug Fischer asked when post-2015 safety data will be released by MnDOT. Ted Schoenecker said that MnDOT recently received it from DPS so it should be coming shortly.

Adam Harrington reported that construction of the C Line has begun and will open in June 2019. Additionally, a new limited stop route on East 7<sup>th</sup> Street in St. Paul will begin operations soon. A 120 day closure of the I-35W ramp into downtown Minneapolis will have significant traffic impacts for buses.

Lisa Freese said that some county wheelage taxes are being misapplied by the state.

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

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:26AM.

**Prepared by:**

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