
*Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 3, 2020
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Lisa Freese, Joe MacPherson, Lyndon Robjent, Gina Mitteco, Chad Ellos, Brian Isaacson, Emily Jorgenson, Steve Bot, Elaine Koutsoukos, Steve Peterson, Michael Larson, Molly McCartney, Innocent Eyoh, Andrew Emanuele, Matt Fyten, Karl Keel, Ken Ashfeld, Paul Oehme, Michael Thompson, Kim Lindquist, Robert Ellis, Jim Kosluchar, Nathan Koster, Joe Bernard, Bill Dermody, Paul Kurtz, Kevin Roggenbuck

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Freese at 9:02 a.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held via video conference.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Koutsoukos and seconded by Mr. Keel. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the May 6, 2020 TAC minutes was made by Mr. Roggenbuck and seconded by Mr. Oehme. Motion carried.

(Meeting minutes for the March 4, 2020 minutes will be presented for approval at a future committee meeting.)

4. TAB Report

TAB Coordinator Ms. Koutsoukos provided a summary of the May 20, 2020 TAB meeting to the TAC. She also provided an overview of the draft 2020 Regional Solicitation application summary and next steps. Joe Barbeau of MTS provided a brief update of the scoring committee process. There were no questions or clarifications from TAC members.

5. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee (Lisa Freese, Chair)

Chair Freese noted that the Executive Committee met in the morning and discussed items on the agenda and future agenda items.

2. TAC Action Items

a) 2020-25: Streamlined 2020-2023 TIP Amendment: Anoka US 10/169 Interchange

Joe Barbeau of MTS presented this item. He noted that the City of Anoka is requesting an amendment to the 2020-2023 TIP to add right-of-way acquisition to the City's US 10/169 interchange project. He continued by stating the amendment is necessary in order to split National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) funds for the purchase of right-of-way, which is eligible under the NHFP.

A motion to approve the amendment was provided by Mr. MacPherson and seconded by Mr. Keel. Motion carried.

3. Planning Committee (Kevin Roggenbuck, Chair)

No items.

4. Funding and Programming Committee (Paul Oehme, Chair)

a) 2020-24: Release of the Draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a Public Comment Period

Mr. Oehme introduced this item. The TIP is a four-year list of federally funded transportation projects that will be built within the Council's MPO planning area. It also includes regionally significant projects, whether or not they are funded via federal money.

Mr. Barbeau provided a presentation to the Committee on the 2021-2024 TIP, noting that it includes a total of \$4.7 billion of funds for transportation projects.

A motion to recommend to TAB the release of the TIP for public comment was made by Mr. Eyoh and seconded by Mr. Oehme. Motion carried.

6. Special Agenda Items

1. Sensitivity Analysis for Twin Cities Highway Mobility Studies (Steve Peterson, MTS; Angie Bersaw, Bolton & Menk; Ross Tillman, Bolton & Menk)

Mr. Peterson introduced this item, which is a summary of a recently completed consultant study performed within the metro area. The goal of the study was to identify NHS routes with the greatest mobility and reliability issues and compare these results with other studies of the metro area. Evaluation criteria included mobility, reliability, safety, and route characteristics. The consultant team provided maps and descriptions of the roadways with low, medium, and high issues.

2. Update on Regional Solicitation Before and After Study 2 (David Burns, MTS)

Mr. Burns provided an update on the Before and After Study 2, which kicked off in April of 2020. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the Regional Solicitation projects and inform updates to the 2022 and 2024 criteria. The consultant team consists of Hoisington Koegler Group (HKGi) and Bolton & Menk, with the TAC Funding and Programming Committee serving as the steering committee. Mr. Burns outlined the major tasks of the study, of which there are six, and provided the Committee with a schedule for the study. It is anticipated that the study will be complete by spring/summer of 2021.

7. Agency Reports

Ms. McCartney provided an update on behalf of MnDOT, noting that the Governor signed an executive order to authorize the use of MnDOT right-of-way for outdoor dining. MnDOT Metro will also be

providing a draft 2025-2030 CHIP to MnDOT Central Office and will follow up with local cities and counties to coordinate.

8. Other Business and Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ashfeld and seconded by Mr. Keel. The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Prepared by:

David Burns