

# Minutes

TAB Technical Advisory Committee



**Meeting Date:** December 6, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Location:** Virtual

## Members Present:

- Jenifer Hager, Chair, Minneapolis
- Joe MacPherson, Anoka Co
- Lyndon Robjent, Carver Co
- Erin Laberee, Dakota Co
- Scott Mareck, Ramsey Co
- Chad Ellos, Hennepin Co
- Craig Jenson, Scott Co
- Lyssa Leitner, Washington Co
- Andrew Witter, 7W

- Karl Keel, Bloomington
- Charlie Howley, Chanhassen
- Robert Ellis, Eden Prairie
- Jim Kosluchar, Fridley
- Paul Oehme, Lakeville
- Dan Ruiz, Brooklyn Park
- Ross Beckwith, West Saint Paul
- Michael Thompson, Plymouth
- Kathleen Mayell, Minneapolis
- Nick Peterson, Saint Paul
- Bill Dermody, Saint Paul

- Aaron Tag, MnDOT
- Steve Peterson, Council MTS
- Michael Larson, Council CD
- Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB
- Innocent Eyoh, MPCA
- Bridget Rief, MAC
- Matt Fyten, STA
- Adam Harrington, Metro Transit
- Shelly Meyer, Freight
- Colleen Eddy, DEED
- Vacant, MN DNR
- Kyle Sobota, Bicycle
- Mackenzie Turner Bargaen, Pedestrian
- Josh Pearson, FHWA (ex-officio)
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## Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Hager called the regular meeting of the TAB Technical Advisory Committee to order just after 9:00 a.m.

## Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with no changes. Therefore, no vote was needed.

## Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mayell and seconded by Howley to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2023, regular meeting of the TAB Technical Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Public Comment on Committee Business

None.

## TAB Report

Koutsoukos reported on the November 15, 2023, Transportation Advisory Board meeting.

## Business – Committee Reports

### Executive Committee (Jenifer Hager, Chair)

Chair Hager reported that the TAC Executive Committee met prior to the meeting. She said that TAC Planning chair Scott Marek is no longer with Ramsey County and that Gina Mitteco, Ramsey County, will take over as chair. She said that the January TAC Planning meeting will use

Microsoft Teams and Council staff will consider expanding its use depending on how well it works. Steve Peterson provided an update on the Regional Solicitation evaluation that is underway; the primary purpose is to align future Regional Solicitations with the 2050 TPP. Technical committee members will have the opportunity to participate in a technical steering committee and topical working groups along with listening sessions.

1. [2023-54: Streamlined 2024-2027 TIP Amendment Request – Six Project Adjustments](#)

Barbeau said that four actions are included with the request. The proposed changes are: adding locally funded reconstruction and bridge rehabilitation to the project scope, increasing the cost and correcting the roadway suffix from NW to NE for Anoka County’s CSAH 2 multiuse trail project; reducing cost and combining project elements for Saint Louis Park’s two Cedar Lake Road reconstruction projects; adding a new segment of shared-use path on Edgerton Street and increasing the cost of Ramsey County’s CSAH 14 (Koehler Rd) shared-use path project; and increasing the cost of Minneapolis’s two HSIP-funded ADA projects.

Motion by MacPherson and seconded by Keel to recommended adoption of an amendment to 2024-2027 TIP as follows:

- Add locally funded reconstruction and bridge to the project scope and increase the cost of Anoka County’s CSAH 2 multiuse trail project and correct the roadway name suffix from NW to NE;
- Reduce cost and combine elements for St. Louis Park’s two Cedar Lake Road reconstruction projects;
- Add a new segment of shared-use path on Edgerton Street and increase the cost of Ramsey County’s CSAH 14 (Koehler Rd) shared-use path project; and
- Increase the cost of Minneapolis’s two HSIP-funded ADA projects.

**Motion carried.**

2. [2023-55: Streamlined 2024-2027 TIP Amendment Request – Five New Projects and Additional Funding to a Past Project](#)

Barbeau said that six additions to the 2024-2027 TIP are proposed; they are: preliminary engineering for Dakota County’s All American Great River Road/Spring Lake Park Reserve trailhead; Dakota county multi-use trail and pedestrian crossings project on CSAH 28 and CSAH 56; Dakota county wayfinding, landscaping, and interpretive signing project along the Mississippi River in Hastings and South Saint Paul; MnDOT wrong-way driver detection, implementation, and crash prevention plan for the metropolitan area; MnDOT purchase of an electric bus for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community; and additional federal funding for Metro Transit’s Orange Line project.

Dermody asked whether the Orange Line action is capital cost being reimbursed. Ruth Crowe-Lane from Metro Transit said that FTA had asked Metro Transit to de-obligate the funding but is now suggesting re-obligation to cover remaining punch-list items, which are capital expenses. These are already existing Metro Transit funds that will now be able to be accessed.

Fyten asked whether the ARPA funds are already from Metro Transit and just being provided to a particular project, to which Crowe-Lane replied in the affirmative.

Motion by Ellos and seconded by MacPherson to recommended amending the 2024-2027 TIP to add five new projects and add additional federal funding to a past project as follows:

- Preliminary engineering project for Dakota County’s All American Great River Road/Spring Lake Park Reserve Trailhead;
- Dakota County multi-use trail and pedestrian crossings project on CSAH 28 (80th St) and CSAH 56 (Concord Blvd);
- Dakota County wayfinding, landscaping, and interpretive signing project along the Mississippi River in Hastings and South Saint Paul;



- MnDOT wrong-way driver detection, implementation, and crash prevention plan for the metropolitan area;
- MnDOT purchase of an electric bus for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community; and
- Additional federal funding for Metro Transit's Orange Line project.

**Motion carried.**

***Planning Committee/TPP Technical Working Group (Gina Mitteco, Chair)***

1. [2023-53: Review of Metropolitan Airports Commission \(MAC\) 2024-2030 Capital Improvement Program \(CIP\)](#)

Mitteco introduced the topic along with Joe Widing, MTS, who provided a [presentation](#).

Motion by Ruiz and seconded by Dermody to recommended to the Metropolitan Council:

- find that the Metropolitan Airport Commission's CIP process included adequate public participation;
- approve the proposed 2024 CIP runway rehabilitation and extension project at the Lake Elmo Airport which meets the dollar threshold and significant effects criteria for Council approval; and
- find the remaining CIP projects to be consistent with the Transportation Policy Plan and forward any additional project comments to the Metropolitan Council for its consideration.

**Motion carried.**

***Funding & Programming (Michael Thompson, Chair)***

Thompson said that the November meeting was cancelled.

**Information**

1. [Roadway Functional Class Update](#) (Jack Corkle, WSB and Dave Burns, MTS Planning)

Burns introduced Corkle, who provided the presentation.

Steve Peterson said that a lot of people ask why the Regional Solicitation does not fund all federally eligible roads and whether to continue to limit the roads that are eligible will be a question in the future. Chair Hager added that she is looking forward to streamlining the classifications and applying for some of the current other arterials in the future.

2. [Regional Solicitation - Ties to 2050 TPP](#) (Steve Peterson, MTS Planning)

Steve Peterson presented on this topic.

Chair Hager said that TAB members lean on TAC members for expertise related to project delivery and it is therefore important to provide input on policies and actions, which are not always in-line with project delivery.

Isaacson said that the range of policies and actions is broad, which makes it difficult to prioritize any individual policy or action. He added that it is important to consider how to promote key priorities.

Keel said that that the Regional Solicitation is sometimes overcomplicated, adding that Bloomington spent over \$10,000 for each of two applications.

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MacPherson said that many applicants have not developed some of the policies and actions.

Jenson said that there needs to be focus on what is important as opposed to trying to meet every policy in the TPP. He added that greenhouse gas emission scoring will require costly hiring of consultants.

Hager said that she and Dan Erickson, MnDOT, will make a presentation on application and project management processes and suggested that members share this information with their TAB members. She offered TAC members the opportunity to provide input on that presentation. Robjert said the region needs to determine how to swap federal money to make project delivery easier.

Keel said that criteria need to distinguish the projects.

Kosluchar asked whether “evaluate GHG in the scoring” means scoring greenhouse gas emissions or simply assessing whether there is a positive or negative impact. Peterson replied that this is yet to be determined.

Mayell said that there are ways to examine greenhouse gases at a higher level, for example, categorical distribution as opposed to the project level.

Regarding using greenhouse gas measures for scoring, Hiniker clarified that the policies and actions shown are examples and how to address them will come up in the evaluation. He added that TAB requested tying the TPP with the Regional Solicitation.

Along with the Multimodal Greenhouse Gas Measures Study, Hager pointed out that work related to greenhouse gas legislation may tie in as well.

Dermody, via chat, said “key concepts I've heard for this Reg Sol analysis: Does the criteria help differentiate between projects, how simple is it for applicants to prepare info, how much of a priority is the topic (safety, etc.), are we over-federalizing compared to other funding options. Perhaps all these should be evaluated/balanced in adjusting the scoring criteria (#s of criteria and scores assigned), or also it could inform how some criteria are rewritten.”

## Other Business

None

## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned.

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