
*Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 4, 2013
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Jon Olson, Lyndon Robjent, Tim Mayasich, Craig Jensen (for Lisa Freese), Cory Slagle, Carl Ohrn, Mark Filipi, Patrick Boylan, Adam Harrington, Pat Bursaw, Innocent Eyoh, Bridget Rief, Susan Moe, Jim Gromberg, Jean Keely, Karl Keel, Steve Albrecht, Duane Schwartz, Kim Lindquist, Richard McCoy, Don Elwood (for Jenifer Hager), Jack Byers, Paul Oehme

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study was moved from Agency Reports to Special Agenda Items on the agenda. It was moved by C. Ohrn, seconded by T. Mayasich, to adopt the revised agenda. Motion carried.

3. Approval of July Minutes

It was moved by M. Filipi, seconded by C. Ohrn to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

4. TAB Report

M. Filipi reported on TAB's August 21 meeting: The job posting to fill the Transportation Coordinator position has been posted and the deadline is September 19. The hiring process is expected to take 12 weeks.

Action Items: The 2013-2016 TIP Amendment for the I-394 entrance ramp/bridge from Ridgedale Drive to Westbound I/394 in Minnetonka, 2014-2017 TIP Public Comment Report, 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, 2014 Unified Planning Work Program, and continuation of the current single monthly TAB meeting format through December 2013 were approved by TAB.

Information items:

- Heidi Schallberg presented an update on the status of the Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study.
- Connie Kozlak presented an update on the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan.
- Carl Ohrn reported that items coming to TAB include Electric Vehicle Charging Project, Regional Solicitation Evaluation (Dec/Feb)
- TPP Update in 3 months

Special Agenda items:

- Regional Administrator Pat Born reported on the TOD Strategic Action Plan. A TOD office is being established at Metro Transit, they are working with internal agency staff and will be working with external regional TOD Advisory groups to establish a TOD Policy, and later incorporate policy goals into funding criteria.

- Scott Peterson - MnDOT, presented on the MnDOT Corridors of Commerce Program, a new program that has been allocated \$300M in 2014 and focuses on mobility and completion projects. Peterson listed types of eligible projects, selection criteria and other program features.

5. Special Agenda Items

Transportation Policy Plan Update: Mary Karlsson and Katie White gave an overview of what was accomplished in the first three months of preparing the TPP. April 2013 through March 2014 staff will be developing the plan. A draft will be available May through July. A public comment period will be held July through September. Partners include the Policymaker Task Force, Partner Agency Work Group, updates to TAB and Met Council, stakeholders and general public. The Plan Introduction includes how the region travels today and what the regional will look like in 20 years. Two investment scenarios will be in the Plan and measures. The TPP has six Goal Areas: Safety & Security; Access to Destinations; Preserve, Manage & Operate; Align Transportation and Land Use; Healthy Environment; and Competitive Economy. Next steps September through December, there will be broader engagement and continued Work Group and Task Force meetings.

Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study: Heidi Schallberg gave a brief update of the Study. The Steering Committee met on August 8. The next meeting will be on September 18. The recommendations from the Study will go to TAB in early 2014, with a finalized document in February 2014.

6. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Pat Bursaw, Chair)

The scope change policy and process has not been completed yet. The biggest change is in consultation and is being worked on. Pat will bring it to the TAC Executive Committee. A TAC Orientation meeting will be held for new members, after the October or November TAC meeting and will provide basic pieces of information, membership list, Planning and Programming Guidebook, and policy documents. The orientation will be open to Funding & Programming Committee members also.

B. Funding and Programming Committee (Karl Keel, Chair)

Action Item 2013-33: K. Keel moved and L. Robjent seconded a motion to modify the scopes for SP# 195-010-010 TH 149 Improvements and SP# 195-010-011 TH 55 Improvements. TH 149 would remove the improvements at the NE I-494 ramp at the intersection with TH 149 and shorten the trail length to Blue Gentian Road from the original end at the south end of I-494. TH 55 would retain access for one proposed closure. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Action Item 2013-34: S K. Keel moved and T. Johnson seconded a motion to modify the scope for SP#141-090-038 Bridge No. 9 over the Mississippi River to Pier 3 concrete repair and installation of full height concrete encasement on the condition that the city provide a letter of commitment to completing the other project elements in the original application without seeking federal funding through TAB for that work. J. Olson asked what the timeframe the city has to complete the other elements of the project. There was discussion regarding adding a timeframe for the city of Minneapolis to complete the projects. K. Keel amended the motion that the project be completed in three years. L. Robjent seconded the motion. The MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED unanimously.

Action Item 2013-35: S K. Keel moved and P.Boylan seconded a motion to adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the scopes of SP#195-010-010 TH 149 and SP#195-010-011 TH 55 and change the budget for TH 149 project. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Action Item 2013-36: S K. Keel moved and I. Eyoh seconded a motion to adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the scope for SP#141-090-038 Bridge No. 9 over the Mississippi River to Pier 3 concrete repair and installation of full height concrete encasement and also increase the local funding amount and total project cost by \$20,000 to a total of \$1,320,000. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Action Item 2013-37: S K. Keel moved and B. Olson seconded a motion that TAB Authorize a 2013 TDM Solicitation. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

C. Planning Committee (Allen Lovejoy, Chair)

The Planning Committee did not meet in August.

8. Other Business and Adjournment

At the last TAC meeting S. Albrecht asked about the update requested regarding the change “non-State-Aid agencies” and eligible project sponsors and the new requirements meaning that these “non-State-Aid agencies” would have to immediately find a project sponsor from a State Aid agency (cities over 5,000 and counties) to be able to continue their projects that were funded through the TAB’s Regional Solicitation. P. Bursaw reported that MnDOT has made the decision to make no changes to past practice.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.

Prepared by:

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