
*Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 6, 2012
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Doug Fischer (for Jon Olson), Lyndon Robjent, Brian Sorenson, Tom Johnson, Tim Mayasich, Lisa Freese, Cory Slagle, Kevin Roggenbuck, Mark Filipi, Patrick Boylan, Adam Harrington, Pat Bursaw, Innocent Eyoh, Robert Vorpahl, Jim Gromberg, Karl Keel, Steve Albrecht, Jenifer Hager, Beth Elliott, Allen Lovejoy, Paul Kurtz

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

P. Bursaw introduced three new TAC members: Patrick Boylan who is replacing John Kari as the Council's Community Development representative, Steve Albrecht, Burnsville, who is replacing John Powell, and Beth Elliott who is returning to the TAC to replace Jack Byers as the Minneapolis Planning representative.

3. Approval of March Minutes

The January 2, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as written.

4. TAB Report

K. Roggenbuck reported that the TAB met on Wednesday, January 16, 2013. TAB welcomed new members Matt Look-Anoka County Commissioner; Blake Huffman-Ramsey County; Anani d'Almeida-Citizen (Blaine) and John Gunyou, Citizen (Minnetonka). Fran Miron-Washington County Commissioner is also a new member but was not able to attend.

TAB voted to approve the scope change request recommended by the TAC:

- City of Anoka; Mississippi River Trail project.

TAB voted to adopt three amendments to the 2013-2016 TIP recommended by the TAC:

- City of Anoka; Mississippi River Trail project; (because of the scope change)
- Metro Transit; construction of a police facility in the Interchange in Minneapolis;
- Anoka County; modify the cost of the bike/ped bridge over 35W in Lino Lakes.

TAB voted to recommend adoption of the Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordination Action Plan to the Metropolitan Council. Koryn Zewers reported on the MAP-21 funding allocation decision by TPIC and funding levels starting in 2017.

5. Special Agenda Items

- **MAP-21 Koryn Zewers**

Koryn Zewers, MnDOT reported on the approach to allocation of funds for FY 2014 to FY 2016 in the existing STIP in transitioning to MAP-21 and MN GO directions. The Goals and objectives of this effort is to move towards all MAP 21

performance goals and including funding for statewide Transportation Alternatives and to minimize the impact to the committed program by honoring the existing projects in the STIP, including previously identified set-asides and allowing the ATPs and Districts to address any program change through their ATP processes. For FY 2017, it is recommended that MnDOT implement a comprehensive program to move towards all MAP-21 performance goals. This comprehensive program will include a statewide performance program as well as a mechanism for providing flexible funding to the Districts to address their highest risks. The Statewide Performance program will allow Minnesota to meet minimum condition levels for Interstate pavements and NHS bridges and will also move the State towards meeting performance targets on the NHS system. A summary of the funding breakdown for the statewide performance program was presented. A summary of the total funding for FY 2017 Local ATP Distribution was also presented.

6. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Pat Bursaw, Chair)

P. Bursaw said Amy Vennewitz had requested that a TPP Update Partner Agency Work Group be established to provide staff-level direction to Council staff on the development and update of the new 2040 TPP, including assuring its consistency and alignment with Thrive 2040. P. Bursaw said Allen Lovejoy would explain this further under the Planning Committee Report.

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

Action Item 2013-06: K. Keel moved and D. Fischer seconded a motion to recommend approval of the Funding Priorities Policy to assist with the management of transportation projects awarded federal funds through the TAB's Regional Solicitation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Action Item 2013-07: K. Keel moved and B. Sorenson seconded a motion to recommend that the TAB approve the sunset date extension request to move the Mississippi River Regional Trail segment through Spring Lake Park Reserve (SP# 019-090-013) to 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Action Item 2013-08: Keel moved and Innocent Eyoh seconded a motion that the TAB approves the sunset date extension request to move the North Urban Regional Trail project (SP# 019-090-015) to 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Action Item 2013-09: K. Keel moved and D. Fischer seconded a motion recommending that the TAB approve the sunset date extension request to move the St. Anthony Bridge (no. 90664) over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Northtown Yard in Minneapolis (SP# 141-454-001) to 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

This project was delayed due to SHPO. Several TAC members mentioned that both delays and mitigation/rehabilitation requirements imposed by SHPO have seriously affected implementation of their projects and in some cases caused them to abandon them. A. Lovejoy said it would be helpful if, between MnDOT and the Council, the cost of delays caused by SHPO reviews could be documented. He suspects it could be in the millions of dollars and would like statistical backing on this. P. Bursaw said it is possible that State Aid has information about this. SHPO claims they are understaffed and underfunded, but they are also unresponsive to project sponsors concerns. D. Fischer said the County Engineers Association was able to get legislation to streamline water resources/BOWSER reviews and suggested this approach to similarly expedite SHPO reviews. T. Mayasich and L. Robjent support this approach and noted that it is difficult to even find SHPO staff to discuss it.

Action Item 2013-10: K. Keel moved and T. Johnson seconded a motion recommending that the TAB approve the sunset date extension request to move the Kellogg Blvd. Bridge no. 92798 at Market Street in St. Paul (SP# 164-158-020) to 2014. **MOTION CARRIED**

Action Item 2013-11: K. Keel moved and J. Gromberg seconded a motion recommending that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add SP#019-060-010, the Wayside Rest at the Rock Island River Pier on the Great River Road with \$450,000 of National Scenic Byways funding and \$430,000 in county funding for a total cost of \$880,000 in 2013. **MOTION CARRIED**

Action Item 2013-12: K. Keel moved and D. Fischer seconded a motion recommending that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to move the CSAH 10 & Ramsey Co. Rd. H intersection improvements project (SP# 062-610-004) to 2015 to tie the project to the MnDOT Bridge replacement and ramp reconstruction project at Ramsey Co. Rd. H and the T.C. Arsenal entrance (#6284-162). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Action Item 2013-13: K. Keel moved and I. Eyoh seconded a motion recommending that the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the MnDOT TH 5 bridge redecking project from TH 55 to Davern Street in St. Paul in 2013 using advance construction for \$12,000,000 of National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) federal funds and \$3,000,000 of state funds. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Action Item 2013-14: K. Keel moved and J. Gromberg seconded a motion recommending that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the I-35E MnPASS Managed Lane Extension Study in 2013 using \$605,000 of federal Value Pricing Pilot Program funding and \$151,250 of local funding (\$30,000 from the University of Minnesota and \$121,250 from MnDOT trunk highway funds). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Action Item 2013-15: K. Keel moved and T. Johnson seconded a motion recommending that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the revised 2014-2016 HSIP Solicitation program criteria for the Metro District and the release of the solicitation. The motion was amended to note that the solicitation may be delayed 1-2 months for completion of the Counties' safety plans and if the timing is changed it might require a TIP amendment. **MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.**

C. Planning Committee (Allen Lovejoy, Chair)

- **Update on the Draft Public Participation Plan for the TPP**

Allen Lovejoy explained that the Council is beginning its quadrennial update of the Transportation Policy Plan and will be developed and adopted over the next 16 months. As part of the outreach in the development of the policy plan the Council has asked for input and involvement of its partner agencies. This special task force or working group would draw from the TAC planning membership plus CTIB and staff from both the freight and bike/ped organizations and others to be identified. He expects that there would be a series of 2-hour meetings over the next 4 to 5 months. All TAC members are welcome to participate in this special task force.

7. Agency Reports

There were no agency reports.

8. Other Business

There was no other business

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

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