

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Metropolitan Council  
390 N. Robert St., St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1805  
Minutes of a Meeting of the  
FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
April 20, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Mayasich (Chair, Ramsey County), Colleen Brown (MnDOT State Aid), Bob Byers (Hennepin County), Innocent Eyoh (MPCA), Anna Flintoft (Metro Transit), Jack Forslund (Anoka County), Jenifer Hager (Minneapolis), Craig Jenson (Scott County), Karl Keel (Bloomington), Jim Kosluchar (Fridley), Lyssa Leitner (Washington County), Bruce Loney (Shakopee), Molly McCartney (MnDOT Metro District), Gina Mitteco (MnDOT Bike & Ped), Ryan Peterson (Burnsville), Paul Oehme (Chanhassen), Steve Peterson (Metropolitan Council), Lyndon Robjent (Carver County), John Sass (Dakota County), Nancy Spooner-Mueller (DNR), Michael Thompson (Maplewood), Anne Weber (St. Paul), and Joe Barbeau (staff)

OTHERS PRESENT: Tony Fischer (Metropolitan Council), Josh Pearson (MnDOT), David Tomporowski (MnDOT), and Katie White (Metropolitan Council)

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order just after 1:30 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: Thompson moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Keel. The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. Approval of the Minutes from the February 15, 2017, Meeting**

MOTION: Ryan Peterson moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Thompson. The motion was approved unanimously.

**4. TAB Report – Information Item**

Barbeau reported on the April 19, 2017, TAB meeting. Scott McBride from MnDOT Metro District reported that the Minnesota Legislature passed legislation authorizing the funding provided in the FAST Act and it was signed by the governor. Projects will be let on April 21. David Thornton of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency reported that the \$47 million settlement from Volkswagen is waiting for authorization from the Minnesota Legislature. Carl Crimmins from the Metropolitan Airports Commission reported the Long-Term Comprehensive Plan for Crystal Airport will be submitted to the Council next month. Katie Rodriguez reported that the Council has prepared a proposal to raise transit fares. The public comment period is open through June 26. Four public hearings will be held.

The following actions were taken:

- Approval of the 2017-2020 TIP amendment for Scott County, related to the recently-approved scope change on US 169.
- Approval of additional Regional Solicitation over-programming to fund the following additional projects from the 2016 Regional Solicitation and to place them the draft 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program:
  - Brooklyn Park roadway expansion project,
  - Minnetonka roadway reconstruction project,
  - Washington County roadway system management project,
  - Minnesota DNR multiuse trail project, and
  - St. Paul multiuse trail project

Information items were presented on the 2016 Regional Solicitation sensitivity analysis and the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) update schedule.

**5. Mapping of Funded Regional Solicitation Projects – Information Item**

Katie White from the Metropolitan Council demonstrated a mapping application highlighting projects funded by the Regional Solicitation since 2003.

Spooner-Mueller expressed interest in an aerial photo layer while Keel expressed interest in having the ability to run reports.

**6. MnDOT Freight Investment Plan – Information Item**

David Tomporowski from MnDOT presented an update in the State’s Freight Investment Plan. A solicitation for freight projects will be released statewide in the summer of 2017.

Robgent asked how the region’s truck study fits into the solicitation. Steve Peterson replied that the study could contribute to the qualifying criteria but since the solicitation is statewide and the study is specific to the metro area, it may not be used for scoring.

**7. Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan – Information Item**

Josh Pearson from MnDOT provided a summary of the 20-Year Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan (MnSHIP). Tony Fischer from the Council said that mobility funding is slated to be eliminated after 2023. He added that the Federal Highway Administration would like the TPP to include projects through 2040.

Loney asked what is used to project the gas tax and other revenue. Pearson replied that an economist makes those projections, using estimates for such things as fuel consumption and Motor Vehicle Sales Tax revenue.

Steve Peterson asked whether MnSHIP limits the ability for local projects to be completed. Pearson replied that it does. McCartney added that the Regional Solicitation provides uncertainty, as evidenced by the recent success of interchange project applications.

**8. 2016 Regional Solicitation Evaluation of Measures – Information Item**

Barbeau discussed the impacts of measures in the 2016 Regional Solicitation. Few measures were under-performing, given that most impacted the rank order of many projects. Less impactful measures that may be worthy of examination include the risk assessment worksheet, housing performance score, deficiencies and safety in the Multiuse Trails and Pedestrian categories, and the average number of weekday transit trips which included a partial score related to connection to a planned transitway. All applications scored full points for that partial score. Several applications had measures in which no application scored even half of the top-scoring application

Leitner asked what the next steps are. Barbeau replied that the results of the applicant, scorer, TAC, and TAB surveys will be reviewed and that measures will be discussed starting in the summer.

**9. Other Business**

None.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.