

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAC FUNDING & PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Committee Members Present: Paul Oehme (Chair, Lakeville), Jerry Auge (Anoka County), Angie Stenson (Carver County), Jason Pieper (Hennepin County), Joe Lux (Ramsey County), Craig Jenson (Scott County), Emily Jorgensen (Washington County), Elaine Koutsoukos (TAB), Cole Hiniker (Metropolitan Council), Anna Flintoft (Metro Transit), Molly McCartney (MnDOT Metro District), Colleen Brown (MnDOT Metro District State Aid), Innocent Eyoh (MPCA), Mackenzie Turner Borgen (MnDOT Bike & Ped), Nancy Spooner-Mueller (DNR), Aaron Bartling (MVTA), Karl Keel (Bloomington), Jim Kosluchar (Fridley), Ken Ashfeld (Maple Grove), Michael Thompson (Plymouth), Nathan Koster (Minneapolis), Anne Weber (St. Paul)

Committee Members Absent: John Sass (Dakota County), Robert Ellis (Eden Prairie)

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Oehme called the regular meeting of the Funding & Programming Committee to order at 1:32 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held via teleconference.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Keel and seconded by Spooner-Muller to approve the agenda. The roll-call vote served also to take attendance. **Motion carried unanimously** via roll-call vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved by Eyoh and seconded by Lux to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2020, regular meeting of the Funding & Programming Committee. **Motion carried unanimously** via roll-call vote.

IV. TAB REPORT

Koutsoukos reported on the February 19, 2020, TAB meeting. She also shared facts about the 132 Regional Solicitation applications that were submitted. Just over \$466 million in federal funds were applied for. Keel asked how much funding is available for the 2020 Regional Solicitation. Koutsoukos said that the assumption is \$180 million while waiting for the federal transportation reauthorization bill.

V. BUSINESS

1. 2020-24: Draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

Barbeau said that the draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a \$4.7 billion program. Eyoh said that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is reviewing the TIP and will include its review as part of the public comment period.

It was moved by Eyoh and seconded by Lux to recommend adoption of the draft 2021-2024 for a public comment period. **Motion carried unanimously** via roll-call vote.

VI. INFORMATION

1. Regional Solicitation Before and After Study – Part 2 Update

Dave Burns, Metropolitan Council, provided an update on the second Before and After Study. Pieper said that he has found it difficult to find good crash modification factors for bicyclists and pedestrians. Burns said he would pass this onto the consultant.

Koster asked how the study will address greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. Eyoh said that the Regional Solicitation includes emissions analysis. He added that MPCA is working with MnDOT to analyze greenhouse gases in major MnDOT projects. Barbeau said that the study is looking at congestion benefits, which relate to emissions. McCartney said that MnDOT submits a report on Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality emissions reductions to FHWA.

Keel suggested that the analysis of the impact of each scoring measure on Regional Solicitation project selection be replicated. Barbeau said that this analysis has been done for each of the last three solicitations; he added that this can be shared with the consultant. Koutsoukos added that some measures that do not distinguish project scores are beneficial, using multimodal elements as an example because without it, applicants may not accommodate other users.

Hiniker asked whether there is a timeframe for “after” data. Burns replied that the data will come from projects constructed between 2016 and 2019. The consultant will make sure to select data that better reflects normal travel patterns. Steve Peterson, Metropolitan Council, said the “after” data will be from 2019.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Joe Lux announced that he is retiring on June 5.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved by Lux and seconded by McCartney to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously** via voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Joe Barbeau
Recording Secretary