

# Minutes

## TAC Funding and Programming Committee



**Meeting date:** November 21, 2025

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Location:** Virtual

### Members present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lakeville – Paul Oehme                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator – Elaine Koutsoukos            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co. – Jerry Auge         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eden Prairie – Robert Ellis         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Metro District – Aaron Tag               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co. – Darin Mielke      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fridley – Jim Kosluchar                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Metro District State Aid – Colleen Brown | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co. – Jake Chapek       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis – Katie White           | <input type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Bike/Ped – Mackenzie Turner-Bargen                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co. – Jason Pieper    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plymouth – Michael Thompson (Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MPCA – Innocent Eyoh                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co.                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Paul – Anne Weber               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DNR – Nancy Spooner-Walsh                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Co. – Adam Jessen        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Met Council – Cole Hiniker                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc. – Matt Fyten           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wash Co. – Madeline Dahlheimer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit – Scott Janowiak                 |  | <input type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused                    |

### Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Thompson called the regular meeting of the TAC Funding and Programming Committee to order at 1:01 p.m.

### Agenda approved

Chair Thompson noted that a roll call vote was not needed for approval of the agenda unless a committee member offered an amendment to the agenda. Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

### Approval of minutes

It was moved by Elaine Koutsoukos, seconded by Darin Mielke, to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024, regular meeting of the TAC Funding and Programming Committee. **Motion carried** unanimously.

### Public comment on committee business

None.

### TAB report

Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator, outlined the agenda items and discussion at the November

6, 2024 meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board.

## Business

### **2024-50: Scope Change and Program Year Extension Request – CSAH 153 Reconstruction Project**

Joe Barbeau, MTS Planning, presented item 2024-50 a scope change and program year extension request from Hennepin County.

In 2020, Hennepin County was awarded \$7,000,000 in the Roadway Reconstruction and Modernization category of the Regional Solicitation to reconstruct CASH 153 (Lowry Avenue NE) between Marshall and Washington streets, which currently has a 2025 program year. This includes grading, aggregate base, bituminous base and surface, stormwater, sidewalk, ADA pedestrian ramps, traffic signals, streetscaping, bicycle facilities, and curb and gutter. Within this project length, between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE and 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE overlaps MnDOT's MN 47 (University Avenue NE) bituminous mill and overlay, sidewalk, drainage, and ADA ramp project, which has a 2027 program year.

Hennepin County requests a scope change that would remove the construction of improvements at MN 47 for inclusion in MnDOT's project. This will enable coordination between the two projects along with completion of both projects in one construction effort, as opposed to two.

At the same time, the County asks for a program year extension from 2025 to 2026. The need for this extension is due to the limited right-of-way at the CSAH 153 intersection at MN 47, which lengthen the time needed to work through preliminary design and public review. Further, the extension would enable the construction of the two projects to occur at the same time.

Because the proposed project's footprint is nearly identical to the original, because the project's 716 points is 106 points above the highest-scoring unfunded project in the funding category, and because the on-the-ground result of the project is not changing, staff believes that recommendation of the request can be provided without any scoring analysis.

The project as it was applied for will be constructed according to the request. Recent precedent has been to approve such requests both in terms of the change and federal funding retention given that the on-the-ground result does not change.

Kelly Agosto, Hennepin County, reiterated points made by J. Barbeau.

Katie White, Minneapolis, thanked Hennepin County and concurred that pairing them together is the right move here. White stated that the project is in the right place and requests the committee's support.

Michael Thompson, Plymouth, requested additional information about the funding changes related to this change.

K. Agosto, Hennepin County, clarified that the current estimate and the amount that was scoped was how the new funding structure was outlined. The applicant requests that the federal funds be retained for the project.

Jason Pieper, Hennepin County, stated that a portion of the project is being shifted to MnDOT's responsibility and there is a cost associated with this shift. Hennepin County will remain as a cost participant as a part of the project.

Colleen Brown moved that the TAC Funding & Programming Committee recommend to TAC that



TAB approve Hennepin County's scope change request to reduce its CSAH 153 reconstruction project and move the program year from 2025 to 2026. It was seconded by Katie White. **The motion passed unanimously.**

## Reports

Darien Mielke, Carver County, introduced Drew Pflaumer a new member of Carver County staff.

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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