

# Minutes

## TAC Funding and Programming Committee



**Meeting date:** October 17, 2024

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Location:** Virtual

### Members present:

- Lakeville – Paul Oehme
- Eden Prairie – Robert Ellis
- Fridley – Jim Kosluchar
- Minneapolis – Nathan Koster
- Plymouth – Michael Thompson (Chair)
- St. Paul – Anne Weber
- Met Council – Cole Hiniker
- Metro Transit – Scott Janowiak

- TAB Coordinator – Elaine Koutsoukos
- MnDOT Metro District – Aaron Tag
- MnDOT Metro District State Aid – Colleen Brown
- MnDOT Bike/Ped – Mackenzie Turner-Bargen
- MPCA – Innocent Eyoh
- DNR – Nancy Spooner-Walsh
- Suburban Transit Assoc. – Matt Fyten

- Anoka Co. – Jerry Auge
  - Carver Co. – Darin Mielke
  - Dakota Co. – Jake Chapek
  - Hennepin Co. – Jason Pieper
  - Ramsey Co.
  - Scott Co. – Adam Jessen
  - Wash Co. – Madeline Dahlheimer
- = 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 1:03 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 Nathan Koster, seconded by Robert Ellis, to approve the minutes of the (date), 2023, 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 October 16,

2024 meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board.

## Business

### 2024-48: Regional Significant TIP Amendment – I-494 E-ZPass Extension and Improvements

Robbie King, MTS Planning, presented item 2024-48 a regionally significant TIP amendment.

MnDOT requests an amendment to the 2025-2028 TIP to add its regionally significant Interstate 494 E-ZPass extension project (SP# 2785-462, SP# 2785-462AC). This project will extend the I-494 E-ZPass lanes, reconstruct mainline pavement, improve drainage, and add ADA improvements on I-494 from Penn Avenue to 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Richfield and Bloomington. This project is funded with \$54,700,000 of federal advanced construction funds, \$94,300,000 of Corridors of Commerce funds, and \$13,000,000 of advanced construction funds.

Molly McCartney, MnDOT, rose to inform that questions can be fielded by themselves and the project manager on the call. McCartney continued to outline additional details on the project and the reasons for this project needed to proceed through this process.

Chair Thompson opened the floor for questions and discussion.

Innocent Eyoh, MPCA, asked about the environmental review process for this project.

Molly McCartney detailed that this project is proceeding through all of the required environmental work.

Andrew Lutaya, MnDOT, projected that the environmental documentation would be completed in the fall of 2025.

Innocent Eyoh clarified that his question originates from the new greenhouse gas emissions law that will be going into effect on February 1, 2025.

Chair Thompson asked if this project would be included in the TIP/STIP prior to February 1, 2025 it would not be subject to the new state law on greenhouse gas emissions.

McCartney confirmed that this is a correct assessment.

Paul Oehme moved that the TAC Funding and Programming Committee recommend to the Technical Advisory Committee adoption of an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a regionally significant project to extend E-ZPass, reconstruct mainline pavement, improve drainage, and add ADA improvements on Interstate 494 from Penn Avenue to 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the purpose of release for public comment. It was seconded by Darin Mielke. **The motion passed unanimously.**

## Reports

Add recap of reports discussion.

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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