

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Metropolitan Council
390 N. Robert St., St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1805

Notes of a Meeting of the
TAC-PLANNING COMMITTEE
February 13, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allen Lovejoy, Holly Anderson, Patrick Boylan, Jack Byers, Paul Czech, Innocent Eyoh, Craig Jenson, Kevin Roggenbuck, Dave Vessel
OTHER PRESENT: John Burbank (City of Cottage Grove), Jeff Preston (Stantec), Amanda Smith (MPCA), Jonathan Ehrlich (Metro Council)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lovejoy.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as submitted.

3. Approval of December Meeting Notes

The notes of the December 12th meeting were approved as submitted; an attendance correction was made to the December meeting to add Holly Anderson.

4. Action Item 2014-16 MOA and SIP Conformity

Jonathan Ehrlich presented the 'action item' concerning the memorandum of agreement regarding a determination of conformity of the various transportation plans. He gave a background review on the document and indicated that the federal Clean Air Act gave standards and goals. The State Implementation Plan (SIP), which is a collection of documents, is the instrument by which the region can meet federal air quality standards. The conformity SIP contains the memorandum of agreement (MOA) among agencies involved statewide.

Jonathan and Innocent Eyoh described the past issues and the status of a 'non-attainment' for the region. They indicated that the area has been in a 'maintenance status' rather than a 'non-attainment status', and, if all goes well, at the end of this period we might become an 'attainment area' by 2019.

There were issues that required negotiations, and the MOA was preferred over MPCA rulemaking.

Motion was made to urge the TAC to recommend approval of the Memorandum of Agreement document and forward it to the TAB and Metro Council for approval.

Motion carried.

5. Action Item 2014-17 Roadway Functional Classification Changes – Cottage Grove

John Burbank gave a brief background on the city's efforts behind the roadway functional classification changes and the reasons for them.

There were a number of roadway changes requested by the city. The committee reviewed and discussed each. After a lengthy deliberation, the following actions were made:

a) ID# 1253: Hardwood Avenue S

Reclassify **Hardwood Avenue** as an A-Minor Expander between 80th Street South and 70th Street South; reclassify **Harkness Avenue** as a 'Local' along its entire length within this section.

b) ID# 1287 & 1288: 80th Street

Reclassify **80th Street** as an A-Minor Expander between US 61 and Keats Avenue S (CSAH19).

c) ID# 1291 & 1292: East Point Douglas Road

Reclassify the segment of **East Point Douglas Road** as an A-Minor Expander between Hefner Avenue South and Keats Avenue South. The reclassification of the segment of roadway between Keats and Kimbro Avenues was not approved; it remains a 'Local' classification.

d) ID# 1272: 100th Street

The segment of the "Planned" **100th Street** between US61 at Innovation Road and existing 100th Street near Miller Road was added to the system as an A-Minor Expander. This results in an A-Minor Arterial designation between US61 and Jamaica Avenue South along the entire length of 100th Street. As an adjunct to this change, **Miller Road**, from 100th Street southward to Innovation Road was reclassified to a 'Local' roadway, and **Innovation Road** from Miller Road northward to US 61 was reclassified to a 'Local' roadway.

e) ID# 1312: 100th Street etal

The committee did **NOT approve** changes identified as ID #1312 at this time. It was a general consensus that the current lack of urban development in the area and the nature of the minor arterial system planned for it did not meet the criteria or characteristics for an A-Minor Arterial. Future plans by Washington County for a north-south roadway as currently identified in the regional functional classification map will need to be explored. Consequently, the arterial system in this area remains unchanged at this time.

f) Collector System

The committee recognized the group of 'collectors' that the city submitted as part of its roadway functional classification modifications. These collectors will be added to the system.

Jack Byers moved approval, Innocent Eyoh seconded the changes to the system. Motion carried.

6. Other Business

Paul Czech reported that there are new guidelines from FHWA concerning roadway functional classification, and among them is the issue of 'Collector' roadways. These are being addressed at MnDOT; more on this will come to the committee. Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.