

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Metropolitan Council  
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Notes of a Meeting of the  
**TAC-PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
Dec 10, 2015

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jean Kelly, Holly Anderson, Katie White, Amanda Smith, Paul Czech, Kevin Roggenbuck, Ann Terwedo, Rachel Wiken, Michael Larson, Jack Byers, Lisa Freese, Bob Byers, Jack Forslund, Elaine Koutsoukos

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dave Vessel, Steve Peterson, Mark Filipi, Joe Barbeau, Brad Utecht, Cole Hiniker, Russ Owen, Tina Goodroad (City of Dayton), Marie Cote (SRF)

**1. Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order by Lisa Freese

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

Notes of the meeting of the Nov 2015 meeting were approved as submitted

**4. Action Transmittal**

**1. 2016-07 Functional Class Request- City of Dayton - #1330**

The City of Dayton requested a new planned road, Ridgeway Crossing, to be an A Minor Connector. The road would run from CSAH 101 (Brockton Lane) to CSAH 81. Eventually the road would include access to I94 with a new interchange.

The City presented briefly on the need for the project, mainly to improve access for this area to the Principal Arterial system allowing for development (residential, commercial, and industrial) in this area. It would also divide a 6 mile gap in access on I94, improving safety and access for emergency vehicles.

Staff at MTS and MnDOT reviewed the request and found that the City of Dayton is classified as Emerging Suburban Edge in the Thrive Community designations. Under Transportation Policy Plan criteria, A Minors in suburban communities should be expanders instead of Connectors. Staff recommended that the road be classified as an Expander instead of Connector and that Brockton be changed from Expander to Connector upon completion of the new road, to remove duplicity in the Expander system. City of Dayton agreed with both suggestions.

The Committee discussed the recommendations, including the general need for more interchanges and the history of this project. It was noted that Highway 610 will be

completed and reduced the access gap from 6 miles to 5 miles, but the new interchange would still be within guidance.

Dayton hopes someday to connect the road to 117 to the west but the alignment of that road through some low wet areas is uncertain.

Katie White asked if there were other interchanges in the planning stages for this area, but MnDOT did not think so, beyond the completion of 610.

The group agreed that once the road is built it would move to the existing system as an A Minor Expander and Brockton would change to a Connector. No further work is needed from the City or the Committee on the Brockton issue.

Bob Byers moved the motion. It passed unanimously.

## **2. 2016-06 Functional Class – Washington County – Major Collector CSAH 26 - #1331**

Ann Terwedo presented a Major Collector change for Washington County. The road is one of the new connections associated with the Stillwater St Croix Bridge Project. Formally a dead end local street, the CSAH 26 now parallels Highway 36 and connects two other Major Collectors. The County took control of the road in August.

Staff recommended approval of the change. The committee agreed with unanimously vote. It was noted that with the completion of the Stillwater St Croix Bridge there will be other needed functional class changes from the county and MnDOT to correctly identify the main access roads.

## **5. Info Items**

### **Brad Utecht – Performance Measures**

Brad Utecht brought an update on performance measures last month. The committee had asked for clarification on some items and the materials in a different format.

Transit measures are mostly finalized. That committee is farther along than the others.

Other groups are still meeting one more time to finalize their measures.

TAC planning is supposed to act as a steering committee for this group, as the modal groups are very siloed. There is also concern how to deal with the multimodal measures. If these should be noted and compiled together outside of the modal groups, or remain within the modal groups.

Brad again asked the committee for input on what is missing. Katie White commented that there were still a lot of measures on the list and asked if some will be cut. Brad said

goal is to have 5 or fewer measures for a total of 25 items, but many are multimodal so the list should be shorter than that.

Other comments from the committee included – Aviation safety needs to be addressed. Freight is too heavily focused on roads, ignoring rail and aviation freight. Freight and highway measures should align better. Measures will lead to target setting and some of these will be challenging.

Brad commented that other measures beyond this list will still be tracked and reported in the Transportation System Performance Evaluation. Also other MPOs have engagement type measures. Brad asked the group to consider ways we could include that. Paul Czech said that is a big initiative right now at MnDOT but didn't have a perfect answer to that question yet. Ann Terwedo said there is an annual report at county level about public engagement in projects with federal funds that might be a starting place

### **Brad Utecht – O & M Spending**

Council staff has been meeting with the counties on A minor needs and O & M spending within the county. This has been a slow process with only two counties reporting back. This is a reminder to other counties that staff needs this data to better understand funding and spending on the local system

## **6. Other Business**

There will be more functional class issues coming in the next month.

There will also be RBTN changes, which we have not evaluated before. Staff will provide direction to the committee on evaluating these changes.

Paul Czech said Council / MnDOT PA interchange conversion study will be bringing an info item in the next few months.

## **7. Adjournment**

Move and second – adjourn at 2:12pm