

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

Notes of a Meeting of the  
**TAC-PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
Jan 12, 2017

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dan McCormick, Holly Anderson, Paul Czech, Elaine Koutsoukos, Jean Keely, Patrick Boylan, Lisa Freese, Innocent Eyoh, Bill Dermody, Jack Forslund, Ann Terwedo, Katie White, Rachel Wiken

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mark Filipi, Carl Ohrn, Steve Peterson, David Tomporowski (MnDOT), Doug Abere (Bolton & Menk)

**1. Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order by Freese.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

White moved and Czech seconded adoption of the agenda. Item passed unanimously.

**3. Approval of the Minutes from the Nov 2016 meetings**

White moved and Czech seconded approval of the minutes of the Nov 2016 meeting. Item passed unanimously.

**4. Action Items**

**2017-05: Functional Class Change #1342 Scott County A Minor Reliever**

Lisa Freese presented the item, a new planned A minor reliever in Scott County. The road, CSAH 16, would be a planned extension of existing CSAH 16, which is currently a reliever for the entirety of its length, between CR 18 and Country Rd 15. The extension would continue west from CR 15 to CR 69, also a Reliever.

Lisa explained the extension routing reflects the river bluff in this undeveloped parcel. The road follows the top of the bluff. Responding to questions on why they are requesting this change now, Freese said the parcel has been annexed for development and a developer has started work.

MnDOT had reviewed the change and did not have issue. Staff recommended approval.

Czech moved to approve as submitted and Terwedo seconded. Item passed.

**5. Info Items**

**1. TBI/Model Work Group – Mark Filipi, Met Council**

Filipi presented briefly on the new TBI / Model work group what will be forming soon. The workgroup is being formed out of a request from TAC / TAB to provide a platform for cities, counties, and agencies to be included in the maintaining and monitoring of the TBI.

MTS staff has a preliminary list of groups to participate, asked TAC planning for feedback on others to include. Meetings will be quarterly, unless more frequency needed for contract / consultant reviews.

Committee members suggested including ring counties, specifically Wright and Sherburne Counties. Also staff from nearby MPOs (Mankato, St Cloud), and WisDOT should be considered.

## **2. Statewide Freight Plan - David Tomporowski, MnDOT**

Tomporowski presented on the Statewide Freight plan. The plan is one of the modal plans under the MnDOT Minnesota Go 50 year vision. The freight plan is required under MAP 21. It has been over 10 years since the last plan. Going forward, updates will be needed every 5 years.

Tomporowski highlighted the freight action agenda, the list of actions to implement and track over the next 5 years.

Committee asked questions regarding funding of the plan, inclusion of environmental justice principles, and inclusion of railroads in decision making.

## **3. Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study – Steve Peterson, Met Council - Paul Czech, MnDOT - Doug Abere, Bolton & Menk**

Peterson and Abere presented on phase 2 of the project. They previously presented to the committee in May 2016. Steve recapped the project and phase 1.

Phase 2 of the project is a capacity analysis using the FWHA Cap-X tool to test intersections against various solutions. The technical steering committee helped establish criteria and weights for the evolution.

Materials covered, the draft report, and powerpoint are linked from the January agenda.

## **6. Other Business**

Freese mentioned the TPP process is starting. This year the process will be an update than a complete overhaul, but there are many new studies to be integrated into the document. The timeline currently accepted will complete the new plan by end of 2017. Staff will be bringing items to TAC Planning starting in February.

## **7. Adjournment**

Boylan moved, White seconded, adjourned at 2:45pm