

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

Notes of a Meeting of the
TAC-PLANNING COMMITTEE
March 9, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Holly Anderson, Bill Dermody, Dan McCormick, Mike Larson, Elaine Koutsoukos, Amanda Smith, Paul Czech, Jack Byers, Lisa Freeze, Jason Pieper, Jack Forslund, Rachel Wiken

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Filipi, Lyssa Leitner, Hally Turner, Patrick Boylan, Angie Scott, Craig Lamothe, Amy Vennewitz, Mai Thor, Corrin Wendell

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Freese.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Feb 2017 meetings

Czech moved and White seconded approval of the minutes of the Feb 2017 meeting. Item passed unanimously.

4. Info Items

1. Gold Line Update – Lyssa Leitner

Lyssa Leitner, Washington County, presented an update about the Gold Line. The Gold Line, formally known as Gateway Corridor, is a transitway under development in Washington County. The County led the project through the early stages but is now preparing to hand off the lead to the Met Council.

The route currently shown in the Transportation Policy Plan is out of date. Leitner explained the changes to route. The City of Lake Elmo decided against supporting the project. All other Cities on the corridor remained committed. Without Lake Elmo, the County had to consider other routes. After another round of citizen engagement, they decided the best route was to turn south in Woobury to follow Bielenberg Dr to the Woodbury Theater Park and Ride.

This requires a new bridge over I-94 but so did most of the other routes considered.

Eighty Percent of the route is still dedicated lanes. Forecasted ridership is 84% new transit riders, 8000 daily projected rides. Forty percent of rides are reverse commutes (not ending in Downtown). Changing the alignment out of Lake Elmo caused a small dip in ridership but a significant cost savings \$485M to \$420M.

Overall project is on schedule, with operations projected to begin in 2024. The project office staffing is underway, a location has not yet been identified. Consultant will be used for much of the work since the scope of the project does not require full time positions for technical work.

2. Washington County Performance Measures – Hally Turner

Hally Turner presented on Washington County Performance measures, continuing the informal series of sharing how counties have handled performance based planning.

Washington County has been doing some performance measures for 17 years. She shared the 2015 report from the County. This is an annual product from the County. The 2016 version should be approved within a month.

The measures are organized by goal, not department. She highlighted 6 measures that relate to transportation and public works: Pavement Condition Index, Vehicle Crash Rate, Bridge Sufficiency Rating, Road Maintenance Costs Per Mile, Parks Visitor Satisfaction, Building Energy Efficiency.

More information about Washington County performance measures can be found online <http://www.co.washington.mn.us/performanceasures>

3. Performance measures & TPP 2040 - Mark Filipi

Mark Filipi spoke on performance measures and the Transportation Policy Plan.

The conversation started on the topic of target setting, especially short term targets versus long term targets. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) have been directed to pick short term targets, 2 or 4 years, which is more programmatic than planning. The Met Council is looking for feedback on decision to set targets for our measures for the 2040 time frame. Mark walked through the performance measures for the 2040 TPP again.

6. Other Business

none

7. Adjournment

Dermoody moved, White seconded, adjourned