

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Online meeting

Committee Members Present: Nathan Abney, Holly Anderson, Joe Bernard, Dave Burns, Paul Czech, Innocent Eyoh, Jack Forslund, Jason Gottfried, Anton Jerve, Anne Kane, Elaine Koutsoukos, Steve Mahowald, Ben Picone, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Bridget Rief, Kevin Roggenbuck, Angie Stenson, Andrew Emanuele

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved without modification.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August minutes were approved without modification.

ACTION ITEM

2020-37: Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Capital Improvement Program

Russ Owen presented this item. The MAC annually prepares a seven-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for projects at MSP International Airport and their six General Aviation reliever airports. The Metropolitan Council is required by state law to annually review the MAC CIP to ensure consistency of proposed projects with regional plans. Although state law doesn't require TAC or TAB to review the MAC CIP, staff has traditionally sought comments from the committees in the review process.

Owen noted the 2021 Crystal airport item for runway reconstruction would be removed from the document because it is currently in progress and will be completed. It is still unclear what any longer term changes may be expected due to COVID-19. Some projects are continuing while passenger numbers are down because fewer travelers are inconvenienced by construction.

The draft MAC CIP is posted online at: <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-11-12-20/1-Business-Item-Program-Documents.aspx>

MOTION: Paul Czech moved to recommend acceptance of the staff analysis of the MAC 2021-2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and forward any committee comments to the Metropolitan Council for its consideration; Innocent Eyoh seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Advancing Transportation Equity

Olivia Dorow Hovland from MnDOT presented this item. The presentation is posted at:

<https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-11-12-20/Advancing-Transportation-Equity.aspx>

They are also looking to do more to connect transportation and housing spatial mismatch issues since these two costs combined can be big inequities. The committee was interested in learning more about work in this area. Connecting to jobs outside of downtown areas is different with transit; a 2012 Center for Transportation Studies report looked at how to incentivize creating job clusters to maximize the benefits of transitways. These transit and job connections are also challenges in greater Minnesota, and MnDOT will look at how the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan can make land use

recommendations to help address this. Not having enough affordable housing near jobs is also an ongoing challenge.

Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan (SMTP)

Hally Turner from MnDOT presented this item. The presentation is posted at:

<https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-11-12-20/Statewide-Multimodal-Transportation-Plan.aspx>

MnDOT is finalizing advisory committees for this work soon with representation that is approximately half urban and half rural.

Functional Classification Metro Review

Joe Widing from MnDOT presented this item. The presentation is posted at:

<https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-11-12-20/3-Functional-Classification-Metro-Review.aspx>

Future work in this area will likely recommend not splitting it between greater Minnesota and the metro to avoid having it take longer.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

After business was completed, the meeting adjourned.