

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Online meeting

Committee Members Present: Nathan Abney, Dave Burns, Michael Corbett, Bill Dermody, Innocent Eyoh, Jack Forslund, Jason Gottfried, Charlie Howley, Emily Jorgensen (chair), Elaine Koutsoukos, Michael Larson, Steve Mahowald, Scott Mareck, Gina Mitteco, Paul Mogush, Ben Picone, Angie Stenson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved without modification.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 2021 minutes were approved without modification.

ACTION ITEM

2021-12: PM2 and PM3 Targets for 2021

Dave Burns presented this item. Background information on the measure and development of these 2021 targets is posted in the action transmittal at: https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2021/TAC-Planning-2-11-2021/AT_2021-12_PM2PM3-targets.aspx

A table showing the targets is posted at: <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2021/TAC-Planning-2-11-2021/2021-12-Table.aspx>

In response to a question about being able to choose alternate ways to measure delay, Dave Burns said these are federally required measures; we also look at congestion and delay with different measures in the Transportation Policy Plan. Andrew Emanuele from FHWA said they do like to see of how projects programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) affect these targets. MnDOT didn't meet their bridge deck target this last round so they do have to adjust their funding. Burns said these targets are not currently incorporated into the solicitation criteria. It is important that our investments are impacting our targets. The committee discussed the idea of sending a better message and being more aggressive about the non-NHS system performance target.

MOTION: Bill Dermody moved to recommend the 2021 targets with two modifications – change the region's target for the percent of non-interstate NHS pavement in good condition from 50% to 53% and change the target for the percent of non-interstate NHS pavement in poor condition from 4% to 3%; Innocent Eyoh seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Addressing Accessibility and Equity Along Transitways Study

Andrew Owen and Kristin Carlson from the University of Minnesota's Accessibility Observatory 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/2021/TAC-Planning-2-11-2021/Info-1-Addressing-Accessibility-and-Equity-Along-T.aspx>

In response to a question about the travel time savings, that was based off the schedule data given to them by Metro Transit. Driving will always likely have shorter travel times than transit but we want to make transit a competitive option. Steve Mahowald said transit needs density to be effective, and the

region has done good work with housing along transitways but needs to do more with clustering jobs. He said a 2012 report on Maximizing the Benefits of Transitway Investments discusses this more: <https://www.cts.umn.edu/publications/report/maximizing-the-benefits-of-transitway-investment-final-report>

The project repository where the final report on this accessibility project will be posted is at this location: <https://hdl.handle.net/11299/217707>

Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) Study Phase 1: Measures

Steve Elmer from the Council 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/2021/TAC-Planning-2-11-2021/Info-2-RBTN-Study-Phase-1-Measures.aspx>

In response to a question about the process for agencies to make a change and if they would have to do the evaluation, Elmer said they tried to make the process simple enough for agencies to do, but staff will be evaluating any change requests as well. The intent is that agencies could replicate the evaluation. Local Planning Assistance at the Council can help clarify if changes would require comprehensive plan amendments for local communities. Feedback from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Peer Discussion Group was incorporated, including having differences for different community designations, which the committee thought was helpful.

Improving Data Management for Transportation Performance Measures

Russ Owen and Ashley Asmus from the Council 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/2021/TAC-Planning-2-11-2021/Info-3-Data-Management-for-Transportation-Performa.aspx>

They will come back to this committee in the future for feedback. Scott Mareck said we should encourage thinking about how we better connect planning and programming to these targets and the strategies we need to achieve them; right now it's more hoping it will happen organically. Innocent Eyoh asked if air quality info would be included in this work; they are looking at it but don't yet know if it will be prioritized for a dashboard. That will be part of the feedback they will be looking for in a future phase of the work.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

After business was completed, the meeting adjourned.