

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 10, 2021 Online meeting

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with no changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 2021 minutes were approved without modification.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mobility Hubs Planning Guide

Meredith Klekotka from Metro Transit presented this item. The presentation is [posted on the agenda](#).

In response to a question about how these hubs could be funded, Cole Hiniker said they could be funded locally, potentially as part of larger redevelopment projects. For the Regional Solicitation, the transit or unique projects categories may be suited to these types of projects. Klekotka said the City of Minneapolis is using scooter fees and parking revenue to fund theirs. Local funding for pilots gives flexibility to be adaptive to what's working and what isn't. Xcel Energy has a role to play with EV charging.

Klekotka said the two projects she worked on with the University of Minnesota Carlson School about best practices and case studies of mobility hubs from across the country informed the scope of this planning guide. The school is also involved in the Shared Mobility Collaborative.

Klekotka said since around 30% of the trips per household tended to be within 1 to 3 miles, it would be very important to make multimodal travel options accessible for localized neighborhood travel. It was hard to measure how these were impacting vehicle miles traveled, and they were usually framed as a range of multimodal options.

Klekotka said equity was an emphasis of this study. The team would make sure they focus on people who don't have access to a car and incorporate equity factors into the priority screening criteria. They have heard place keeping is important for many people.

Hiniker said people could also reach out to him for any question about this project while Klekotka is out on leave in the near term.

Highway Mobility Needs Study

Steve Peterson from the Council and Paul Czech from MnDOT presented this item. The presentation is [posted on the agenda](#).

Peterson said that the measure of annual delay per capita would be used as a starting point and the basis of suggestions proposed in this study. Czech said this measure was selected because it could be used for target setting and serve as an indicator of other outcomes; it will be a starting point for what is recommended with MnSHIP. Bill Dermody said the focus on delay per capita is a concern since free-flowing traffic is not a regional goal. Paul Morris from the consultant team said regional goals and objectives were part of selecting performance measures. In response to a question about if existing and planned buses would play a role in prioritizing corridors, Peterson said they used the current revenue scenario for transit in the project. A next step is to model Network Next. They did

look at transit delay and saw positive benefits.

Angie Stenson said it would be important to incorporate the regional climate change or resiliency measures into the study in the next steps. They typically hear concerns about flooding and water quality with mobility projects.

In terms of the impact of telecommuting on congestion reduction, Peterson said the Council had been using a regional travel model with telecommuting as a travel mode to understand the pattern of telecommuting and its potential influence. Continued telecommuting post-Covid could affect assumptions, and it will be important to look at trends a year from now.

Peterson said a high-level equity analysis was made to examine potential disparities in related to job accessibility and no disparity was found.

Hiniker said before the next TPP the Council would be reevaluating the TPP goals and where there are competing goals and tradeoffs.

Before and After Solicitation Study

Dave Burns from the Council presented this item. The presentation is [posted on the agenda](#).

In response to a question about the next steps, Peterson said that in the short term, staff would present this study to Council committees for feedback and are developing purpose statements for solicitation application categories. In the long term, updating Thrive and the TPP could lead to a bigger re-evaluation of the Regional Solicitation. In the short term, this study included a guidebook for crash modification factors for use in the next solicitation.

Scott Mareck said it would be helpful to have a broader conversation about performance measures and how the solicitation impacts those outcomes. Over time we should monitor those measures at a network level to evaluate how the solicitation outcomes tie back to policy guidance in the TPP.

OTHER BUSINESS None

ADJOURNMENT After business was completed, the meeting adjourned.