

# Minutes

## TAC Planning Committee



**Meeting Date:** April 13, 2023

**Time:** 12:30 PM

**Location:** Virtual

### Members Present:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co – Jack Forslund</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co – Jack Johansen, alternate for Angie Stenson (Vice Chair)</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen – Charlie Howley</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Community Development – Michael Larson</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council MTS – Dave Burns</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co – Gina Mitteco</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FHWA – Josh Pearson</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co – KC Atkins</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit – Steve Mahowald</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> MAC – Bridget Rief</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis – Kathleen Mayell</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT – Michael Corbett</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MPCA – Innocent Eyoh</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co – Scott Mareck (Chair)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Paul – Bill Dermody</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Co – Nathan Abney</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc – Grace Almeida</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator – Elaine Koutsoukos</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Co – Sara Allen</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> West St. Paul – Ross Beckwith</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused</li></ul> |
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### Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Scott Mareck, Ramsey County, called the regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee to order at 12:31 p.m.

### Agenda Approved

Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

### Approval of Minutes

It was moved by David Burns, MTS Planning, seconded by Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023, regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee. **Motion carried** with 13 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention (Innocent Eyoh).

### Public Comment on Committee Business

There were no public comments.

### Business

There were no business items.

### Information

- 2040 Transportation Policy Plan Administrative Modification – Transitway Advancement Policy (Charles Carlson, Director, MTS; Nick Thompson, Deputy General Manager for Capital Programs, Metro Transit; Cole Hiniker, Senior Manager of Multimodal Planning, MTS)

Charles Carlson and Cole Hiniker presented information on the administrative modification and the requirements it contains.

Chair Mareck said he thinks the administrative modification is timely given the Blue, Green,

and Gold Line projects and various arterial bus rapid transit projects. Charles Carlson clarified that all transitway projects, including arterial bus rapid transit projects, are subject to the advancement policy.

KC Atkins, Hennepin County, said that Hennepin County provided a lot of comments on this document and they are disappointed none of those comments are not reflected in this document. She said the county feels it is important the entire story is told with a transitway, not only when it comes to risks, but also the benefits of the project and that they should be documented together. She said they would also like to see this document emphasize the partnerships that are part of transitway projects, so all can come to the table and see what should be included at the forefront of these projects. Cole Hiniker said that the Met Council met with Hennepin County staff, talked through concerns, and left with the understanding that staff were comfortable with this draft. He said that the selection process does talk about why a project is needed and the benefits it provides to the region. Charles Carlson said this was also his impression but is open to further feedback.

2. Roadway Functional Classification Changes and Study Update (David Burns, MTS Planning; Jack Corkle, WSB Engineering)

Jack Corkle presented information on the study, the proposal to eliminate minor arterials, and reclassification of various roadways. David Burns clarified that when he says B-minors arterials he is referencing a previous name for other arterials.

Chair Mareck commented the effect of changes to A-minor arterial designation would result in a small number of roads becoming newly eligible for the Regional Solicitation, which he thinks most would welcome.

Chair Mareck said that he recalls the Federal Highway Administration has policy that required minor and principal arterials to be within a certain percentage of the system. David Burns answered there is a recommended range that he does not immediately recall, but he said it was not a requirement. Jack Corkle said when there was a statewide review of routes, that the Twin Cities region is light on principal arterials compared to other route classifications, and there is still capacity within the region to add more principal arterial routes.

Innocent Eyoh asked about differences between minor arterial definitions and federal or other agency definitions. Jack Corkle answered the various sub-designations of A-minor arterials historically had greater significance in the Regional Solicitation, suburban growth means some roadways' previous designations may no longer be appropriate, and change to the Regional Solicitation's investment approach has de-emphasized need to request changes and update classifications.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Adjournment**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

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