

Minutes

TAC Planning Committee



Meeting date: December 14, 2023

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co – Jack Forslund | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FHWA – Josh Pearson (ex-officio) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Paul – Bill Dermody (Vice Chair) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brooklyn Park – Dan Ruiz | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin County – KC Atkins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Co – Terri Dill |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co – Jack Johansen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit – Patrick Haney | <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc – Grace Almeida |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen – Charlie Howley | <input type="checkbox"/> MAC – Bridget Rief | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator – Elaine Koutsoukos |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Community Development – Michael Larson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis – Kathleen Mayell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Co – Sara Allen |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council MTS – Dave Burns | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT – Lindsey Bruer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> West Saint Paul – Ross Beckwith |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co – Gina Mitteco (Chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> MPCA – Innocent Eyoh | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co – Kevin Roggenbuck | |

Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Gina Mitteco, Dakota County, called the regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee to order at 1:01 p.m.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Charlie Howley, City of Chanhassen, seconded by David Burns, MTS Planning, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2023, regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee. It was moved by Lindsey Bruer, MnDOT, seconded by Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator, to amend the main motion to approve the minutes with correction to the attendance to indicate Lindsey Bruer was the member for MnDOT. **Amendment motion carried** on roll call. **Main motion carried** on roll call.

Public comment on committee business

There were no public comments.

Business

2024-02: Adoption of 2024 Safety Performance Targets

Jed Hanson, MTS Planning, presented the business item. Hanson described the regulatory requirements, the Met Council's method for setting targets, the proposed targets, and recent safety performance trends.

David Burns, MTS Planning, asked if the previous or recently updated urban area boundary was used for this analysis. Staff answered that previous years' performance is described in terms of the urban area boundary in effect at that point in time. Data available on 2023 through October is only reported for the 7-county metro area.

Dan Ruiz, Brooklyn Park, asked if the decreasing targets plateau or reach zero at some point. Hanson answered the target-setting method was only intended to be carried through 2025, assuming that the method would be re-evaluated based on updated goals in either the Minnesota Strategic Highway Safety Plan or the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan. Hanson said that, if current method of reducing targets on a straight-line continued, zero fatal and serious injury targets would be set in the mid-2030s.

Kathleen Mayell, City of Minneapolis, asked to clarify if the targets reach an unpublished zero date and if that date will be evaluated or reset as part of the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan update. Hanson said a formal decision was not made, though the method was intended to be re-evaluated in 2025. Heidi Schallberg, MTS Planning, said the initial intent was to align with the Minnesota Strategic Highway Safety Plan, which is currently undergoing some level of update.

Kathleen Mayell asked to consider adding a long-term goal of zero in the motion language to clearly acknowledge the goal. Hanson said that the adoption action has typically only included the short-term targets. Hanson said including a long-term target in the action is possible, though the business item does include a statement of the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan's long-term zero fatal and serious injuries objective. Chair Mitteco noted the inherent difficulty discussing topics related to deaths and serious injuries and prompted the committee to offer a motion with the added language. David Burns, MTS Planning, suggested that the long-term target may fit better in the background of the business item. Mayell indicated it would be acceptable to adopt the short-term targets without addition of the long-term target language, with understanding this background information would be shared in the subsequent actions.

It was moved by Dan Ruiz, seconded by Lindsey Bruer, that a that the TAC Planning Committee recommend adoption of the 2024 safety performance targets:

- Number of all fatalities: 82
- Fatal injuries per 100 million VMT: 0.29
- Number of all serious injuries: 532
- Serious injuries per 100 million VMT: 1.89
- Pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and serious injuries: 131

Motion carried unanimously on roll call.

Information

There were no information items.

Other business

There were no other business items.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

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