

Minutes

TAC Planning Committee



Meeting date: March 14, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Members present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co – Jack Forslund | <input type="checkbox"/> FHWA – Josh Pearson (ex officio) | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Paul – Bill Dermody (Vice Chair) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brooklyn Park – Jesse Struve, alternate for Dan Ruiz | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co – KC Atkins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Co – Terri Dill |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co – Whitney Schroeder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit – Patrick Haney | <input checked="" 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 – Patrick Boylan | <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 – David Elvin, alternate for Lindsey Bruer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodbury – Chris Hartzell |
| <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 1:02 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, Met Council MTS Planning, seconded by KC Atkins, Hennepin County, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2024, regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee. **Motion carried** with 14 ayes, 0 noes, and 1 abstention (David Elvin, MnDOT).

Public comment on committee business

There were no comments on committee business.

Business

1. **2024-15:** Adoption of Federally Required Greenhouse Gas Emission Performance Measure Target (David Burns, MTS Planning) – roll call

David Burns presented the business item.

Patrick Boylan, Met Council Community Development, requested clarification about the most recent year of observed greenhouse gas emissions charted in the presentation. David Burns indicated that year was 2022.

Chair Mitteco asked what baseline year was being used to measure the decline in greenhouse gas emissions. David Burns said there was an 8% decline in tailpipe emissions

by 2022 measured from a 2005 baseline. Chair Mitteco asked if data is available for the years since 2022. Deanna Belden, MnDOT, said state departments of transportation were provided 2022 data by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). MnDOT has historically used fuel sales data, but for this measure, targets are required to use FHWA's data.

Belden expanded on the question and said MnDOT and FHWA would prefer to use expected-outcome-based targets, but MnDOT has proposed targets based on policy like state statute and the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan to set targets in the interim until better information is available. MnDOT is doing a mid-performance report to FHWA on October 1st, and MnDOT will look if targets set a few years ago need adjustment. Chair Mitteco asked when more information would be available following the mid-performance review. Belden said she is not certain we will get more information during that review, but MnDOT staff will continue work estimating potential transportation greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

Elaine Koutsoukos, Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Coordinator, said this item reaching TAB in April may inform their discussions on Regional Solicitation project selection, and that related questions should be anticipated.

Charlie Howley asked if the target adoption deadline can be delayed to avoid duplicating target setting. Belden and Burns answered that the Met Council is required to adopt these targets on this timeline by federal law despite potential change to MnDOT targets.

Chair Mitteco asked how this measure relates to the whole of Met Council performance measures, both federally required measures and measures created for the Imagine 2050 Transportation Policy Plan, which she did not see in that draft plan. Chair Mitteco asked what measures the Met Council has been tracking related to greenhouse gas emissions, and if those measures are more wholistic than this narrow measure of tailpipe emissions on the National Highway System. Jonathan Ehrlich, MTS Planning, said the Imagine 2050 Transportation Policy Plan will include federally required performance measures and additional performance measures that relate to the plan's objectives. Ehrlich said those measures will be presented to the Imagine 2050 TPP Technical Working Group in April. Cole Hiniker, MTS Planning, said the performance measures for the Imagine 2050 Transportation Policy Plan are intended to be longer-range, while the federally-required measures are shorter-range targeted towards the Transportation Improvement Program and near-term investments. Hiniker said in some cases the measure may differ in the Imagine 2050 Transportation Policy Plan reflecting that timeframe, though it acknowledges the federal measures.

It was moved by Kathleen Mayell, City of Minneapolis, seconded by Patrick Boylan, Met Council Community Development, that the TAC Planning Committee recommend adoption of a federally required greenhouse gas reduction target on the National Highway System for the MPO planning area.

Motion carried with 14 ayes, 0 noes, and 1 abstention (David Elvin, MnDOT).

Information

There were no information items.

Other business

KC Atkins, Hennepin County, introduced Ashley Morello who will be representing Hennepin County on the committee going forward.

Cole Hiniker, MTS Planning, said TAC Planning will consider recommending releasing the Imagine 2050 Transportation Policy Plan at its June meeting. Hiniker reminded members that some agencies are represented by different members on TAC Planning and the Imagine 2050 TPP Technical Working Group, and that the working group will conclude its work in May and will be asked for any informal, advisory comments to forward for TAC Planning's consideration.

Chair Mitteco reminded members that TAC Planning will resume longer meetings in June and calendar invitations will be updated. Jed Hanson, MTS Planning, said they are scheduled for two hours but rarely last that long.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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