

Minutes

TAC Planning Committee



Meeting date: August 8, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Members present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co – Jack Forslund | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co – Chad Ellos, alternate for Jordan Kocak | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Paul – Anton Jerve, alternate for Bill Dermody (Vice Chair) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brooklyn Park – Dan Ruiz | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit – Patrick Haney | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Co – Terri Dill |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co – Whitney Schroeder | <input type="checkbox"/> MAC – Bridget Rief | <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc – Grace Almeida |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen – Charlie Howley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis – Kelsey Fogt, alternate for Kathleen Mayell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator – Elaine Koutsoukos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Community Development – Patrick Boylan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT – Lindsey Bruer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Co – Sara Allen |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council MTS – Dave Burns | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MPCA – Lauren Dickerson, alternate for Innocent Eyoh | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodbury – Chris Hartzell |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co – Gina Mitteco (Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co – Kevin Roggenbuck | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FHWA – Josh Pearson (ex officio) | | |

Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Mitteco 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 Lindsey Bruer, Minnesota Department of Transportation, seconded by David Burns, MTS, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2024, regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee. **Motion carried** unanimously. Kelsey Fogt (Minneapolis), Lauren Dickerson (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency), and Anton Jerve (Saint Paul) joined the meeting after and did not vote on this motion.

Public comment on committee business

There were no public comments.

Business

1. 2024-37: 2025 Unified Planning Work Program

Chair Mitteco asked how this work program relates to the draft Imagine 2050 Transportation Policy Plan work program. David Burns said the Unified Planning Work Program includes activities implementing the Transportation Policy Plan under Activity C. Mitteco asked if the work program in the Transportation Policy Plan includes work in future years after the plan's adoption. David Burns said yes.

It was moved by Dan Ruiz, Brooklyn Park, seconded by Chris Hartzell, Woodbury, that the TAC Planning committee recommend that the Metropolitan Council:

- Adopt the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program with a budget of \$8,151,320.
- Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for distribution of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

1. **2024-38:** Functional Classification Change Request: 5th/6th Streets in Downtown Saint Paul

David Burns presented the item. Anna Potter, Saint Paul, said these streets are important downtown corridors in Saint Paul. Potter said all visitors to downtown Saint Paul will likely travel on one of these streets by any mode, and these streets are particularly important for transit. Potter said it is important that the functional class match these roads' purposes and allow completion of investments in the corridor.

Kevin Roggenbuck asked if part of 5th and/or 6th Streets are already classed as augmentors. David Burns said that, as part of a system-wide functional classification change last year, Wall Street and adjacent interstate ramps, which have direct access to 5th and 6th Streets, were reclassified as augmentors. Burns said the roadways marked with a bold purple line on the map are presently classified as major collectors.

It was moved by Anton Jerve, Saint Paul, seconded by Kevin Roggenbuck, Ramsey County, that the TAC Planning Committee recommend TAC approve the functional classification change request from major collector to minor arterial – augmentor for 5th Street from West 7th Street to Wall Street and 6th Street from Smith Avenue to Wall Street in downtown Saint Paul.

Motion carried unanimously.

Information

There were no information items.

Other business

Cole Hiniker, MTS, said the Imagine 2050 Transportation Policy Plan advanced with the committee's recommended changes and that the Technical Advisory Committee and Transportation Advisory Board both unanimously recommended its release for public comment. The plan was seen by the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Committee in late July, and it is scheduled to be seen by the Met Council next Wednesday, the final action to release for public comment. Hiniker said the final draft will be published on the Met Council agenda in the next few hours or early tomorrow, so members could start their review with those materials. Chair Mitteco reminded members the comment period will close on October 7, 2024. Hiniker comments can be provided on Social Pinpoint, which includes some facilitated questions, but staff would anticipate most government agencies would provide comments via email or letter. Hiniker welcomed comments in members' preferred format.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

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