

Minutes

TAC Planning Committee



Meeting date: June 13, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Members present:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co – Jack Forslund<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brooklyn Park – Dan Ruiz<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co – Whitney Schroeder<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen – Charlie Howley<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Community Development – Patrick Boylan<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council MTS – Dave Burns<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co – Gina Mitteco (Chair) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> FHWA – Josh Pearson (ex officio)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co – Ashley Morello<input type="checkbox"/> MAC – Bridget Rief<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit – Patrick Haney<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis – Kathleen Mayell<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT – Lindsey Bruer<input type="checkbox"/> MPCA – Innocent Eyoh<input type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co – Kevin Roggenbuck | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Paul – Bill Dermody (Vice Chair)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Co – Terri Dill<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc – Grace Almeida<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator – Elaine Koutsoukos<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Co – Sara Allen<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodbury – Chris Hartzell<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused |
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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 Charlie Howley, Chanhassen, seconded by Ashley Morello, Hennepin County, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2024, regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee.

Motion carried with 11 ayes, 0 noes, and 3 abstentions (Dan Ruiz, Whitney Schroeder, and Lindsey Bruer). Jack Forslund, Patrick Boylan, and Bill Dermody joined the meeting after this roll call and did not vote on the motion.

Public comment on committee business

There were no comments on committee business.

Business

1. **2024-30:** Release of the Draft 2050 Transportation Policy Plan for Public Comment (Cole Hiniker, MTS Planning) – roll call

Cole Hiniker presented the business item.

Kathleen Mayell, City of Minneapolis, asked how the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) directs the Regional Solicitation Evaluation. Hiniker answered that the 2050 TPP's Policies & Actions identify investment priorities that will inform the Regional Solicitation Evaluation. Hiniker said the investment plans also provide investment direction. Hiniker said staff intend

to bring a future Transportation Policy Plan amendment to integrate findings of the Regional Solicitation Evaluation.

Bill Dermody, City of St. Paul, acknowledged the conflict between congestion relief and regional goals, and transportation interactions with land use. Dermody said tension could remain between the Transportation Policy Plan and implementing the Congestion Management Process (CMP). Hiniker said there was an attempt to be more strategic in areas like climate, equity, safety, and natural resources, but there are areas of inconsistency remaining between the TPP and CMP. Hiniker said some conflict will naturally exist in a region with diverse needs.

Chair Mitteco asked if a reference to greenhouse gas emissions assessment will be updated in response to recent legislation prior to release for public comments. Hiniker said the state is required to set a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target for the metropolitan area, which is not anticipated ahead of the release for public comment. Hiniker said the Met Council anticipates receiving that target through the public comment process and integrating that target into the plan in response. Amy Vennewitz, MTS Planning, said the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has the authority to set regional sub-allocations of the state greenhouse gas emissions target. Vennewitz said MnDOT is required to coordinate with the metropolitan area but is not required to change the target in response to that feedback. Vennewitz said the sub-allocation will be received in the end of September as a comment and will be added to the plan. Vennewitz said the target is not required to appear in the plan, but its inclusion in the TPP increases transparency.

Chair Mitteco asked about a definition change in the state greenhouse gas emissions assessment from project-level to program-level assessment, and how that relates to the TPP. Hiniker said the TPP is still recommending assessment at the project level, and the TPP should be flexible to reflect state legislative changes but a future amendment may be necessary.

Mayell supports amending the state greenhouse gas reduction assessment into the plan. Mayell asked if the TPP includes quantitative or qualitative statements about vehicle miles travelled (VMT) reduction or mode shift accompanying content on greenhouse gas emissions. Hiniker said the TPP does have an objective-specified target to reduce VMT per capita by 20% below 2019 levels, consistent with the Minnesota Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan, and is the only current related numeric target in the plan. Hiniker said there may be opportunity to develop a target over time. Tony Fischer, MTS Planning, said there is a related paragraph in the Highway Investment Plan that will need to be double-checked to reflect statute. Hiniker prompted the committee to consider a motion to double-check language against 2024 statutory changes ahead of the Technical Advisory Committee's review. Hiniker said there were other statutory changes like those related to zero-emissions buses that were not incorporated in this draft. Members and staff engaged in a discussion about motion language and structure.

It was moved by Patrick Boylan, Met Council Community Development, seconded by Mayell, that the TAC Planning Committee direct staff to review the draft 2050 Transportation Policy Plan for consistency with recent legislative changes.

Motion carried with 17 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.

Dermody asked when the public comment period ends, and which committees or boards will see the plan after the comment period. Hiniker said the comment process will end in early October; adoption dates were not specified since they will depend on amount of change needed. Hiniker said the plan will return to the Transportation Advisory Board for its recommendation prior to being adopted by the Met Council and its Transportation Committee. Staff intends to provide informational presentations to the Transportation Advisory Board and its Technical Advisory Committee prior to recommendation, but it is not part of the final recommendation process. Hiniker said these presentations may be a two-step process describing comments and proposed changes. Hiniker said the tentative date for final adoption



is in February, giving time to receive and respond to comments, summarize them, and discuss changes. Hiniker said all Imagine 2050 plans are being released for comment in August as a package.

It was moved by Boylan, seconded by Dan Ruiz, Brooklyn Park, that the TAC Planning Committee recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend release of the draft 2050 Transportation Policy Plan for public review and comment.

Motion carried with 17 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.

Information

There were no information items.

Other business

Jed Hanson, MTS Planning, said there was a calendaring issue and members should delete existing calendar invites for TAC Planning meetings and look for a new series invitation shortly.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

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