

Minutes

TAC Planning Committee



Meeting date: January 9, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Members present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co – Jorge Bernal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co – Dan Patterson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saint Paul – Anton Jerve |
| <input 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 – Drew Pflaumer | <input type="checkbox"/> MAC – Bridget Rief | <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit – Matt Fyten |
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 – David 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 Gina Mitteco, Dakota County, called the regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee to order at 1:01 p.m. on roll call.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Charles Howley, Chanhassen, and seconded by David Burns, MTS Planning, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2024, regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee.

Motion carried.

Public comment on committee business

There were no public comments.

Business

1. **2025-03:** Adoption of Adjusted Infrastructure Federal Performance Measures (David Burns, MTS Planning)

David Burns presented the business item.

Chair Gina Mitteco asked for clarification that MnDOT is not changing its criteria for the poor condition category. Burns confirmed. Kevin Roggenbuck, Ramsey County, clarified that the ask is to adjust targets down to meet expectations for future conditions. Burns responded that NHS bridges and pavement are largely controlled and maintained by MnDOT, not local jurisdictions, and therefore aligning with MnDOT's guidance is a best practice. Chair Mitteco questioned why MnDOT would have projected a lower target other than the expectation that

more bridges will be in worse shape in the future. Lindsey Bruer, MnDOT, was unsure of a specific reason but speculated that a change in performance data collection, resulting in a finer level of detail, could explain bridges falling from good to fair.

Chris Hartzell, Woodbury, expressed concerns about the state's targets being set too low due to chronic underfunding, suggesting that aligning targets with real needs, rather than accepting deterioration, would better reflect the actual challenges when addressing legislators. Bruer explained that a bridge dropping from good to fair does not necessarily mean it needs replacement, but rather it reflects better timing for replacements to maximize service life. Hartzell emphasized the need for setting targets based on desired outcomes rather than the consequences of chronic underfunding. Burns shared that MnDOT prefers shifting the focus from "good" condition to "good and fair" condition, clarifying that fair is not considered failing. Lauren Dickerson, MPCA offered a summary that the total number of acceptable bridges hasn't changed, just what is looked at in the "top slice" [good condition] in the performance measure, which Burns confirmed.

It was moved by Patrick Boylan, Met Council Community Development, seconded by Dickerson, to recommend that the TAC Planning Committee recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of the adjusted federal infrastructure performance measures to the Metropolitan Council, with the following revisions:

1. An adjustment of the 2025 target for non-interstate NHS pavement in good condition from 55 to 40%
2. An adjustment of the 2025 target for NHS bridges in good condition from 35% to 20%

Motion carried.

Information

1. Electric Vehicle Charging Updates (Beth Kallestad, MnDOT; Tony Fischer, MTS Planning)

MnDOT Presentation: Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Needs Assessment – Beth Kallestad, MnDOT

Kevin Roggenbuck raised concerns about MnDOT's focus on long-distance interstates like Interstate 94, questioning whether electric vehicle (EV) purchasing trends are considered beyond Minnesota, as chargers in Minnesota could be ineffective if neighboring states, like North Dakota, do not also adopt EV infrastructure. Beth Croteau-Kallestad responded that states are progressing at different rates on National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program-funded EV projects, and North Dakota is working on building out infrastructure along I-94. While their research covered national adoption, they plan to ensure stations are within 50 miles of each other, with a station likely in Moorhead and potentially one in Fargo, though other locations remain undecided.

MTS Presentation: Electric Vehicle Public Charging Needs Analysis – Tony Fischer, MTS Planning

Tony Fischer presented on a new EV charging needs analysis project. Chair Mitteco asked about the project's start date, and Tony Fischer confirmed that the request for proposals will be released in the first quarter of the year. Innocent Eyoh inquired about site selection, and Tony Fischer clarified that the project is focused on planning and will not involve selecting specific sites but rather analyzing needs at a geographic level like census blocks.

Kallestad mentioned that for the MnDOT project, the final map will suggest general areas for charging stations based on factors like travel distance and nearby amenities. The project's budget is between \$125,000 and \$175,000, and it will produce an interactive mapping tool to help guide future EV charging infrastructure development.



Other business

There were no other business items.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

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