

Minutes

TAC Planning Committee



Meeting date: September 11, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Members present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co – Jorge Bernal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Met Council MTS – Dave Burns	<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Co – Jon Rudolph
<input type="checkbox"/> Brooklyn Park – Marc Culver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit – Patrick Haney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc – Sunita Kasichhwa
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co – Drew Pflaumer	<input type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis – Bria Fast	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator – Elaine Koutsoukos
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen – Charlie Howley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT – Gina Mitteco (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Co – Sara Allen
E Dakota Co – Scott Peters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MPCA – Lauren Dickerson, alternate for Innocent Eyoh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodbury – Chris Hartzell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co – Dan Patterson	<input type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co – Kevin Roggenbuck	<input type="checkbox"/> FHWA – Scott Mareck (ex-officio)
<input type="checkbox"/> MAC – Bridget Rief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Paul – Anton Jerve	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Met Council Community Development – Patrick Boylan		

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Mitteco, Minnesota Department of Transportation, 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

Chair Mitteco said the minutes need to be corrected to reflect she represents the Minnesota Department of Transportation and not Dakota County. It was moved by Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator, seconded by Drew Pflaumer, Carver County, to approve the minutes of the July 10th, 2025, regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee as amended. **Motion carried** unanimously.

Public comment on committee business

There were no public comments.

Business

There were no business items.

Information

1. Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) and Regional Bicycle Barriers (RBB) updates* (Steve Elmer, MTS Planning)

Steve Elmer presented the item.

Chair Mitteco asked about the nature of discussion when these changes were proposed to the Bicycle-Pedestrian Planning Working Group. Chair Mitteco asked if this presentation reflects changes that group may have made to staff recommendations. Steve Elmer said the working group mainly discussed the six RBTN proposals that were considered for exceptions to the spacing criteria, and that the working group confirmed they did not oppose accepting those proposals.

Chair Mitteco asked if there was discussion about the rural proposals that were not accepted and deferred for future study, which will not be completed in advance of the 2026 Regional Solicitation. Chair Mitteco asked if those projects could still apply for Regional Solicitation or only the Active Transportation Solicitation. Steve Elmer said this would not preclude those rural projects from applying to the Regional Solicitation, but not being included on the RBTN would affect their scoring. Steve Elmer said the working group understood the reason for deferring these proposals for the rural centers analysis.

Chair Mitteco asked if this item would return next month for an action to recommend acceptance, which Steve Elmer confirmed.

2. Electric Vehicle Public Charging Needs Analysis (Tony Fischer, MTS Planning, and Siri Simons, HDR)

Tony Fischer introduced consultant Siri Simons, who presented the item.

Patrick Boylan, Met Council Community Development, asked how close reality would be to the presented forecasts on future electric vehicle (EV) adoption. Siri Simons said an additional forecast from Bloomberg will look similar to the “artificial slowing” scenario marked in the chart on slide 17, and that she thought that actual adoption will be between the Bloomberg forecast and the “low” scenario. Simons said currently there is an increase in EV adoption by consumers taking advantage of expiring federal incentives, but perhaps next year there may be a decline without those incentives. Simons said the “artificial slowing” scenario and Bloomberg forecast may be a little conservative.

Charlie Howley, City of Chanhassen, asked about ownership and operating models of charging infrastructure at different locations. Siri Simons said the scope of this analysis is focused on publicly-accessible charging, much of which will be privately owned. Simons said federally-funded chargers will likely be publicly owned but managed by private companies. Simons said few public entities have been interested in managing the complexities of charging infrastructure, and this work is often contracted to third parties. Howley said if this becomes common place in the future, cities may eventually want to own and manage systems rather than use vendors. Patrick Boylan commented there is a potential revenue stream here. Simons said in project engagement they heard interest in public ownership from local governments.

Chair Mitteco said the primary use of this study is related to Regional Solicitation, and she asked if this will be incorporated into comprehensive planning guidance provided to cities. Tony Fischer said the primary intent was to prioritize funding in the Regional Solicitation and the Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grant, and to also provide information to utilities and local governments to prioritize funding for charging stations. Tony Fischer said the Met Council is providing related technical assistance for comprehensive planning. Chair Mitteco said it seems there is a direct connection between community and multifamily charging and

land use decisions, and if members from city governments see any connection to development approvals or incentives for charging. Joe Widing, MTS Planning, said that the comprehensive planning minimum requirements do not require inclusion of electric vehicle charging but it will be encouraged, and resources like this study will be shared with communities.

Other business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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