

# **Meeting Notes**

## **TAC – Planning Committee**

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Room: LL-B

1:00 P.M.

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**Members Present:** Allen Lovejoy, Holly Anderson, Paul Czech, Innocent Eyoh, Lisa Freese, Matthew Parent, Bob Paddock, Mike Rogers, Kevin Roggenbuck, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Dave Vessel

**Others Present:** Jonathan Ehrlich (MTS), Heidi Schallberg (MTS), Elaine Koutsoukos (MTS)

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Allen Lovejoy; the agenda was modified to handle the 'action items' first.

### **2. Notes**

Notes of the October 11 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

### **3. Transportation Coordination Action Plan**

Elaine Koutsoukos distributed a handout and reviewed the purpose of the Plan, which was first developed in 2007. She indicated that Federal rules require such a plan in order to access funds for new projects. The Plan is used to distribute JARC, New Freedom, and 5310 funding. Elaine also indicated that the Council awarded JARC and New Freedom funds in past years under the plan; MnDOT awards 5310 funds annually. The next solicitation is scheduled for early 2013.

The committee asked several questions during the presentation, such as how the plan deals with fiscal restraints, how the JARC program works, and whether or not public input is required. Elaine indicated that the Plan is used to distribute funds we currently have. She also noted that, although the Plan does not require public input, it is included in the adoption process; clients are involved as part of their providers.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the action plan. Motion carried.

### **4. Functional Classification – Cottage Grove**

Bob Paddock reviewed the multiple changes requested by the City of Cottage Grove to better reflect their system relative to that of the Council's. Several segments of planned 'minor arterials' were asked to be removed from the system. Several dozen 'collector' roadways were asked to be included. Some additional clarification was needed, so the committee agreed to 'Table' the request until the city was able to address these concerns.

### **5. Regional Travel Behavior Inventory**

Jonathan Ehrlich distributed a handout and gave a presentation on the recently completed regional travel behavior inventory that had been underway for several years. He commented that this is the latest in a series that have been taken for decades and is a unique source of comprehensive travel knowledge. The survey was comprised of a number of elements, including a household interview, transit on-board surveys, special generators, and external origin-destination surveys.

It was noted that auto travel continues to dominate the travel modes, although it is down slightly from the year 2000. Mode shares are different once you delve into specific locations around the region, such as in the two downtowns. Although there is typically a focus on commute travel, this particular purpose accounts for about 19 percent of all regional travel. Trip rates are down from 2000 as well as 1990. This may reflect an aging population and higher unemployment relative to earlier.

Jonathan commented that external release of data is expected in early 2013; a full report on the data is to be available during the second quarter of the year, and new regional models probably up and running by the fourth quarter 2013.

The committee appreciated the update on the TBI and asked for further information in the future as more analysis becomes available.

6. Urban Smoothing

Dave Vessel gave a brief review of the process by which the new urban definition is to be used in this process. He will return to the committee once the process is better defined and in use at the Council.

7. Further Business

There being no additional business, the committee adjourned at 2:50PM.