

**Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)**

Wednesday, December 18, 2013
Metropolitan Council Chambers, St. Paul, MN

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hargis, William, Chair	Stark, Russ	Butcher, Gerry
	Swanson, Dick	Janovy, Jennifer	Van Hattum, David
	Petryk, Becky	Rossbach, Will	Look, Matt
	Miron, Fran	Sanger, Sue	Callison, Jan
	Drotning, Karl	Peilen, Lisa	Thornton, David
	Lilligren, Robert	McKnight, Kenya	
ABSENT:	Donahoe, Margaret	Gallagher, Steven	Tjornhom, Bethany
	d'Almeida, Anani	Gunyou, John	Have, Ron
	Huffman, Blake	Hovland, James	Krause, Paul
	Hamann-Roland, Mary	Maluchnik, Randy	McBride, Scott
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Carl Ohrn, Interim TAB Coordinator		

I. Call to Order

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:40 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2013.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Ulrich to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

III. Public Forum

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. There were no members of the public present to address the TAB at today's meeting.

IV. Reports

1. TAB Chair's Report

Hargis reported that the TAB will be going through a transition in 2014 with some new members being appointed. He presented Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing Maplewood Mayor Will Rossbach (2 years of service) and Minneapolis City Councilmember Robert Lilligren (12 years of service).

Hargis also noted a memo in the TAB packet explaining the composition and function of the TAB Executive Committee and asking members to contact him if they are interested in serving on this committee. He also gave an update on the TAB Coordinator position: the position was re-posted and 20 applications were received. Six applicants will be interviewed on 12/19, the committee will evaluate those six and a second interview will be given (with Arlene McCarthy and Bill Hargis) to semi-finalists with the hope of bringing a recommendation to the January TAB meeting for approval.

2. Agency Reports (MnDOT, MPCA, MAC and Metropolitan Council)

Lisa Peilen – MAC gave a follow-up from Arley Johnson on the use of electric vehicle charging stations at the airport. Terminal 1 has 10 stations which are full most Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The average stay is 68 hours. Terminal 2 has 4 stations and not all are in use at the same time. Overall the use is well-received and they anticipate the need for more stations in the future. If the station spots are occupied by non-electric vehicle users, a citation is written. The license plate is noted and after a second offense the

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car is towed to another parking spot. Peilen also reported on the February budget proposal affects on MAC. The TSA will no longer staff the exit lanes at the airport; airport staff will be responsible – this could cost the MAC an additional \$800,000. If the TSA staffed certain exit lanes prior to the budget bill passed yesterday, they will continue to be responsible for the cost of staffing those lanes. Airline fees have gone up due to cost-recovery for TSA, this may influence discussions with the airlines doing business @ MAC. Duininck thanked several TAB members who attended a TPP workshop on 12/13. Results of the workshop will be shared at the January TAB meeting. Duininck reminded TAB members to spread the word to encourage applicants to apply for TAB vacancies.

3. Technical Advisory Committee

Pat Bursaw reported that the TAC met on 12/04/13 and heard three special agenda items and acted on 9 action items, 8 of which are on the TAB agenda today. The TAC also recognized outgoing members for their service. The Special Agenda items were 1) Regional Solicitation Evaluation committee update, 2) Upcoming legislative session & funding scenarios by Margaret Donohoe-Transportation Alliance, 3) TIP/STIP amendment process by Brian Isaacson - MnDOT. Regarding the TP/STIP amendment process, a 4-day event was held to explore improvements and streamlining of the process. The TAC is receptive to streamlining. F&P will make specific recommendations. There was no formal report from the 4 day event, Bursaw will make the powerpoint presentation available to TAB members. Hargis also suggested that the TIP/STIP amendment process streamlining be a subject for presentation at a future TAB meeting.

V. Consent Items

Motion by Isaacs, seconded by Lilligren and passed, to approve the following consent items.

1. Approval of the Minutes from November 20, 2013.
2. 2013-55: Scope Change Request for Scott County CSAH 17 from Vierling Dr. to TH 169 in Shakopee
Motion: Recommend approval of the request to modify the scope for CSAH 17 by adding mill and overlay and pavement rehab.
3. 2013-56: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for CSAH 17 from Vierling Dr. to TH 169 in Shakopee
Motion: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the project scope for CSAH 17 by adding mill and overlay and pavement rehab to the original project scope and specifying some of the original elements not included in the original description (signal communication interconnect, red light running system, turn lanes).
4. 2013-57: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for Section 5310 Funding
Motion: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the attached list of 21 projects with \$1,582,000 total funding and \$1,265,600 in federal Section 5310 funding in 2014.
5. 2014-58: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for St. Croix Boom Site Recreation Area Planning and Construction
Motion: Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add two St. Croix Boom Site Roadside Recreational Area projects (SP#082-595-001 for planning and preliminary engineering and SP#082-595-002 for rehabilitation and construction) in the year 2014 using \$500,000 in federal Public Lands Highway Discretionary funding.

VI. Action Items

1. 2013-48: TPP Modification for Nicollet-Central and Modern Streetcars Update

Bursaw presented this item and MTS Senior Planner Cole Hiniker gave a presentation about the background. Some comments from TAB members:

- Clarification of the public comment period dates.
- Transit scenarios are growing faster than the revenue to cover them. Subsidy for streetcar could be larger than the operation costs for buses in the corridor today.
- Streetcars have more capacity than buses.
- Why are streetcars compared to LRT, not BRT? Perhaps need to change the language. View the streetcars as a local project on regional roads.
- Need to look at potential to attract ridership and development along streetcar lines.
- Reference to streetcars is long overdue in the TPP.
- This action is to continue the conversation about streetcars, how does this action translate into the TPP? It will go through the TPP approval process after the public comment period, TAB will be voting on the TPP.
- Many communities are looking at streetcars and there is a lot of information available.
- Request a future presentation @ TAB regarding modern streetcars and comparing to other modes, perceived benefits.
- Concerns were expressed about the cost of a streetcar system and statements made about the preliminary nature of this action.

Motion by Isaacs, seconded by Lilligren:

That the TAB recommend adoption of administrative modifications to the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan to incorporate the attached text updates on the status of various modern streetcar studies, corridors, and policy considerations, including the City of Minneapolis alternatives analysis for the Nicollet-Central Corridor.

Motion passed.

2. 2013-49: 2010 Urbanized Boundary

Bursaw presented this item.

Motion by Stark, seconded by Lilligren:

That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of the adjusted 2010 Census Smoothed Urbanized Boundary (SUAB) and forward it to the Metropolitan Council for adoption (see attachments).

Motion passed.

3. 2013-50: UZA Expansion MOU

Bursaw presented this item. MTS Manager Systems Planning Connie Kozlak answered a question from TAB member regarding how this UZA Expansion will affect the Wisconsin area.

Motion by Callison, seconded by Swanson:

That the TAB approve the attached draft MOU and forward it to the Metropolitan Council for approval (see attachments).

Motion passed.

4. 2013-54: MAC 2014-2020 Capital Improvements Plan

Bursaw presented this item. Bridget Reif - MAC, responded to a member's question regarding bicycle access to Terminal 1.

Motion by Peilen, seconded by Ulrich:

Recommend acceptance of the analysis below concerning the MAC 2014-2020 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and forward these comments to the Metropolitan Council for its consideration.

Motion passed.

VII. Information and Discussion

1. Regional Solicitation Evaluation Monthly Report

Marie Cote-SRF gave an update on the Regional Solicitation Evaluation Steering Committee meeting on 12/16. Mariia Zimmerman reported on identifying the process and criteria from 6 MPOs around the country. The main 2-3 recommendations were brought to the Steering Committee by Zimmerman. The committee discussed blending funding sources, bundling small projects, how to evaluate economic benefits and also had discussion regarding bridge projects. Cote presented recommendations for evaluation categories from the steering committee. More information will come back to the TAB in January regarding bridges and roadways.

2. Highway Transitway Corridors Study

MTS Senior Planner Cole Hiniker presented this item. Members discussed off line vs on line stations. Off line may be more convenient for riders but add time to the trip whereas on line stations are usually more expensive to build. Members also discussed the difficulty of providing biking and walking access at freeways.

VIII. Other Business and Items of TAB Members

Hargis requested that the acting TAB Coordinator send out proposed 2014 TAB meeting dates to the TAB members for discussion in January.

IX. Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.