

Summary Report TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

TAB Chair's Report – TAB Chair Jim Hovland gave an update of the Executive Committee meeting. TAB Executive Committee review the materials for the February meeting and upcoming items for the March meeting. We will invite Brian Isaacson of MnDOT and Thomas Fisher of U of M to present information on Autonomous Future at the March or April TAB meeting.

Hovland introduced new TAB members:

Stan Karwoski – Washington County
Bruce Gorecki – Rogers
Matt Hollinshead – Transit representative
Amity Foster – Transit representative
Todd Biewen – MPCA alternate
Tim Huebsch – TAB District A alternate
Erika Dani – TAB District D alternate

Agency Reports

MnDOT – Brian Isaacson reported that the Corridors of Commerce projects are listed online. Over 300 requests were submitted to MnDOT, which covered over 150 projects, 75 of which are in the metro area.

MPCA – Biewen reported the Volkswagen Settlement Beneficiary Mitigation Draft Plan is available online and MPCA is seeking input on the plan through March 19. MPCA is currently updating their Strategic Plan which covers five years. The Strategic Plan will set targets to work towards, across the state.

MAC – Bridget Rief reported that Sun Country is out-sourcing its ground operations. Sun Country will work with their employees to be employed by the new company. Jet Blue will be starting operations in March with first flights to Chicago.

Met Council – Elkins reported that a summit is planned on March 2 on the D-Line BRT. Met Council is seeking \$200 million funding from the bonding bill. Federal funding for the Blue Line extension is not in the President's Infrastructure bill.

TAC REPORT

Lisa Freese, TAC Chair, reported that the Funding & Programming Committee established a working group to review the Scope Change Policy.

Ted Schoenecker has been appointed by Ramsey County to the TAC. He will serve as the Vice-Chair on TAC.

ACTION ITEMS

1. 2018-21 Streamlined UPWP Amendment – approved an amendment to add the System to System Interchange Study into the project list (February 26 TC)
2. 2018-18 Streamlined TIP Amendment: Traffic Management System, MnDOT – approve the increase in the cost of a legislature funded project, as the result of adding state-funded project elements. Add a second legislature funded project. (February 26 TC)
3. 2018-19 Streamlined TIP Amendment: Water Resources Projects, MnDOT – approved adding two water resources projects funded by NHPP funds. (February 26 TC)

4. 2018-20 Streamlined TIP Amendment: Travel Behavior Inventory, Metropolitan Council – approved moving the federal funding of the project from 2017 to 2018 (February 26 TC)
5. 2018-10 Scope Change: 6th Street Overhead Signal Additions Project, HSIP, Minneapolis – approved the scope change request to remove specific elements and add other elements to the project. There was discussion on what is included in details in a project application that creates a need for a scope change. Some applicants submit very detailed applications that require a scope change request. Other applicants have general description of elements and can make changes without having to go through the scope change request process.
6. 2018-11 TIP Amendment: Scope Change, 6th Street Overhead Signal Additions Project, HSIP, Minneapolis – approved the amendment to reflect the scope change. (March 12 TC)
7. 2018-12 Scope Change: U of M Protected Bikeways Project, Minneapolis – approved the scope change request to remove the bridge elements in the project that are being funded with another project and extended the original project three blocks.
8. 2018-13 TIP Amendment: Scope Change, U of M Protected Bikeways Project, Minneapolis – approved the amendment to reflect the scope change. (March 12 TC)

TAB recommended that the working group review the policy and identify problems that need to be address by changing the policy, rather than changing the policy to address items that have come up. TAB recognizes that policies cannot predict every instance. TAB doesn't think that the decisions made by TAB at this meeting violate the existing policy. As a policy body, TAB can make decisions that make sense in specific instances.

9. 2018-15 Program Year Extension: Washington Tech Safe Routes to Schools, St. Paul – approved moving the program year for the project from 2018 to 2019.
10. 2018-16 Airlake Airport 2035 Long Term Comprehensive Plan – recommended to the Council that the Airlake LTCP conforms to the Council systems and is consistent with Council policies. (March 12 TC)

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Draft Congestion Management Process (CMP) Plan Scope of Work – David Burns, MTS, presented information on the scope of work developed by an Advisory Group, MnDOT, and FHWA.

Link to February 21, 2018, TAB agenda and materials - <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB.aspx>