

MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | November 21, 2018
Metropolitan Council, Chambers | 12:30 PM
390 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55101

REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report – Chair Hovland reported that TAB Executive Committee members will be selected at the January 2019 TAB meeting. Members interested in serving on the Executive Committee in 2019 should submit an email to Elaine Koutsoukos by the end of December. Chair Hovland reported on the Dr. Kasarda Aerotropolis presentation on December 14 to TAB and Metropolitan Council members. Dr. Kasarda also visited with the Metropolitan Airports Commission, the University of Minnesota, and Greater MSP.
2. Agency Reports –

MPCA – Todd Biewen reported that David Thornton is retiring on December 4. Chair Hovland presented a certificate of appreciation for Biewen to present to Thornton. The new MPCA Commissioner appointed by the governor will appoint an assistant of air quality, who will serve on TAB.

MAC – Carl Crimmins reported that construction is ongoing at the airport. Thirty new restaurants will open. Crimmins requested that MAC staff present the State of the Airport at a future TAB meeting. New artwork is coming to the airport, including a 37-foot sculpture. The baggage area improvements will be completed by 2020.

Metropolitan Council – Katie Rodriguez reported that Council member applications are open. SWLRT received federal approval to proceed. The groundbreaking is scheduled on Friday, November 30, at 2:30 pm in Hopkins.

BUSINESS

TAB approved the following items and they will be forwarded to the Transportation Committee on the dates indicated.

1. 2018-47: TPP Amendment: Riverview Modern Streetcar
Mike Rogers, Ramsey County, presented information on Riverview Modern Streetcar selected as the Locally Preferred Alternative and Cole Hiniker, MTS, presented information on the amendment to the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan to add the Riverview Modern Streetcar project as the Locally Preferred Alternative and release for public comment.
(TC 11-26-2018)
2. 2018-49: TIP Amendment: TH 212/CSAH 44 Interchange, City of Chaska.
The Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$10.5 M to the project for right-of-way, engineering, and construction. TAB approved the release of the TIP amendment for public comment. An action item will return to TAB for final approval December 19. (TC 1-14-2019)
3. 2018-50: TIP Amendment: CSAH 14, Anoka County
The amendment will change the cost, year, and project description. The project scope reduced from four-lane to two-lane construction. TAB approved the release of the TIP amendment for public comment. An action item will return to TAB for final approval December 19. (TC 1-14-2019)

4. 2018-48: TIP Amendment: I-94, Corridors of Commerce project (7W)
The project will reconstruct and expand I-94 I Wright County. Five public comments were received. TAB accepted the public comments and approved the TIP amendment.
(TC 11-26-2018)
5. 2018-51: TIP Amendment: I-94, NHPP (7W).
The amendment will add a project for replacement of two bridges on I-94 in Wright County.
(TC 11-26-2018)
6. 2018-52: Streamlined TIP Amendment: FTA Section 5310 projects, MnDOT
The FTA Section 5310 projects selected by MnDOT will be added to the TIP. (TC 11-26-2018)

INFORMATION

1. Regional Solicitation Before and After Study – Katie White, MTS, presented information on the study that is underway. The study will look at the results of completed projects that received regional solicitation funding. Roadway projects will look at safety and congestion benefits; transit projects will look at increased transit ridership; and bicycle/pedestrian projects will look at safety, miles and connectivity, density of destinations; HSIP projects will focus on reactive projects and look at safety.
2. Regional Solicitation Employment Flows – This item was tabled.
3. Unique Projects – Steve Peterson, MTS, presented the information that St. Paul submitted in response to questions TAB members had on the Electric Vehicle Community Mobility Proposal. TAB will continue to discuss the project at the December TAB meeting, with the regional solicitation funding decision in January.
4. Regional Solicitation Scores and Funding Options – Steve Peterson, MTS, presented information on the final scores of the 2018 Regional Solicitation applications. Peterson presented the initial scenarios for base, base with expansion-heavy, and bicycle/pedestrian heavy. TAB requested that a scenario be added for base with reconstruction/modernization heavy. TAB will discuss the scenarios in December, with selection of projects in January.

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