

### MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | September 19, 2018  
Metropolitan Council, Chambers | 12:30 PM  
390 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55101

#### REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report – Mary Hamann-Roland, Vice-Chair, reported Ethan Fawley took a position with the city of Minneapolis and stepped down as a TAB representative. The non-motorized transportation representative will be filled by the alternate, Matt Privratsky.
2. Agency Reports –
  - MnDOT – Lynne Bly reported that on Thursday, September 27, 4:45-7:30 pm, there will be the close-out report of the Rethinking I-94 Phase 1 at Wilder. The event will be hosted by Reconnect Rondo as Phase II begins.
  - MPCA – Todd Biewen reported on the first phase of the \$47 million Volkswagen Settlement, which will include a \$11.75 million distribution between 2018 and 2019.
  - Metropolitan Council – Katie Rodriguez reported that in response to the national shortage of bus drivers, Metro Transit has started an apprenticeship program funded by the Minnesota Departments of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and Labor and Industry (DLI) to assist in filling operator positions. Rodriguez added that Metro Transit has a similar mechanic apprenticeship program that has been beneficial in helping teach technical and soft skills.

#### BUSINESS

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

1. 2018-45: Regional Solicitation Qualifying Review. TAB reviewed a project submitted by St. Paul/HourCar in the Transit Expansion category. TAC Funding & Programming Committee referred the project to TAB to determine whether the project qualified as a unique project. The Transportation Advisory Board assigned the EV Community Mobility Project to the Unique Project category, and, in view of its significant value to the region, TAB requested that TAC Funding & Programming include the project in funding proposals presented to TAB after the scoring of other projects is complete. TAB directed staff to bring back to TAB a plan for how to make this a more formal process with the unique projects.
2. 2018-46: TPP Public Comments, Responses, Information and Recommendation for Final Approval (TC – 10/08/2018). The Transportation Advisory Board recommended the update of the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan for final adoption by the Metropolitan Council.

#### INFORMATION

1. Regional Solicitation Update – Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator, reported on the number of applications received in each of the application categories and the funding amounts requested per category.

Link to September 19, 2018, TAB agenda and materials - <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB.aspx>