

MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | August 21, 2019
Metropolitan Council, Chambers | 12:30 PM
390 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55101

REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report – Hovland reported that the TAB Executive Committee met before the TAB meeting and reviewed the materials for the TAB meeting.

2. Agency Reports –

MnDOT – Michael Barnes reported that MnDOT won an award for community engagement on the Highbridge project. MnDOT is working on a Functional Classification Study.

MPCA – Craig McDonnell reported MPCA is working through the public comment process for the next phase of the VW Settlement. MPCA has an online survey available. MPCA is preparing for the MN State Fair and encourage everyone to visit the Eco Experience exhibit.

MAC – Carl Crimmins reported that TSA is improving the security at the South checkpoint at MSP airport, with completion by December. Until then, the north checkpoint will have long lines. MAC is working with MnDOT on communications for the construction on Highway 5 beginning April 2020.

Metropolitan Council – Deb Barber reported that there are 17 park-and-rides with service to the State Fair. Cash fare for a round trip ticket is \$6 and online or app fare is \$5.

3. TAC Report – Lisa Freese reported that TAC Planning will not be considering functional classification change requests until MnDOT complete the Functional Classification Study.

BUSINESS

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

1. 2019-35: 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Public Comments
Transportation Advisory Board accepted the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Public Comment Report.
2. 2019-36: 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Adoption (TC 8-09-2019)
Transportation Advisory Board adopted the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) inclusive of changes approved in the public comment report.
3. 2019-29: Anoka County Defederalization Request (TC 8-09-2019)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended approval of Anoka County's federal funding exchange request with the following stipulations:

- All projects will be delivered in their current program year and subject to the Council's Program Year Policy.
- All projects will be completed as proposed in their original applications and subject to the Council's Scope Change Policy.

- Should either or both of the defederalized projects not be completed, Anoka County will reimburse the region the amount of federal funding assigned to the project(s) at the time of defederalization.
- The county will work with MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council to satisfy the vacated Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements.
- The county will complete a resolution agreeing to the above.

TAB will determine what to do going forward to make recommendations for counties for establishing a DBE program. TAB recommended that staff put together a work group for TAB to have continuing discussion.

4. 2019-34: 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (TC 8-09-2019)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of the 2020 Unified Planning Work Program.

MTS staff will return to TAB in October to present information on the consultant studies in the 2020 UPWP.

INFORMATION

TAB heard a presentation on the Regional Solicitation recommendations from the TAB Policy Work Group and technical committees. TAB requested that staff bring back technical feedback that reviews recommendations on ways to have two tiers for funding trail projects, such as size and cost of projects or tiers based on barrier types. TAB members recommended setting up another policy Work Group meeting to further discuss the BRT category.

Link to August 21, 2019, TAB agenda and materials - <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB.aspx>