

MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | March 20, 2019
Metropolitan Council, Chambers | 12:30 PM
390 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55101

REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report – Introduced new TAB alternates who were in attendance.
2. Agency Reports –
 - MnDOT – Amr Jabr reported that the Governor released the transportation budget. Jon Solberg starts on April 3 as the Director – Office of Planning, Program Management & Transit. The new Metro District Engineer will be announced within a few days.
 - MPCA – Todd Biewen reported that the new MPCA TAB representative, Craig McDonnell, will start after he goes through TAB orientation. Biewen provided an update on the VW settlement; some grants are underway in replacing vehicles, other projects will start soon. A new small grant was released for replacing high emissions emitting vehicles. MPCA is currently reviewing the applications.
 - MAC – Carl Crimmins reported that the MSP airport has received several more awards; two for the budget, best airport bar in N America, best retail store design in N America, best airport concession team, tied for best airport of its size (3rd year to receive award).
 - Metropolitan Council – Deb Barber reported that the new Council members were seated. There are vacancies available on several Council advisory committees, including TAB. Application deadline is March 29. The Council Chair, Council members, the Regional Administrator, and Council staff have been visiting the districts and view housing and transportation projects.
 - TAC Report – Lisa Freese, TAC Chair, reported on the changes to the TAC Bylaws.

BUSINESS

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

1. 2019-12: ITS Infrastructure (TC 3-25-2019)

ITS architecture is a requirement under federal planning law. MnDOT is requests that all Minnesota MPOs adopt the updated statewide ITS architecture for planning and project implementation purposes.
2. 2019-09: Scope Change: St. Paul Safe Routes to School

Transportation Advisory Board approved the City of St. Paul's scope change request for its Washington Technology School Safe Routes to School project (SP # 164-591-003) to eliminate the Arlington Avenue on-street separated bike lane and add ADA ramps with no federal funds reduction. TAB asked for follow-up with the city on whether a bike lance will be added later when the road is redone.
3. 2019-11: Scope Change Consultation and Evaluation Policy

Transportation Advisory Board approved revisions to the scope change policy. TAB added language to the policy that the project sponsor requesting the scope change should attend the committee and TAB meetings to respond to questions.

4. 2019-13: Federal Funds Reallocation Policy
Transportation Advisory Board approved revisions to the Federal Funds Management Process
5. 2019-15: TIP Amendment: US 212 RCI (TC 4-08-2019)
Transportation Advisory Board approved an amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change the scope and cost of MnDOT's US 212 reduced conflict intersection project (SP # 1013-90 and 1013-90S).
6. 2019-16: TIP Amendment: I-94 TH101-TH610 (TC 4-08-2019)
Transportation Advisory Board approved of an amendment to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change the cost and description of MnDOT's I-94 concrete overlay project (SP # 2780-97) and to add an associated project for temporary widening and cross overs (SP # 2780-99).
7. 2019-17: Program Year Change Request – Metro Transit
Transportation Advisory Board approved Metro Transit's request to change the program years of four of its projects.
8. 2019-18: Streamlined TIP Amend: MnDOT, I-94/I-394 (TC 4-08-2019)
Transportation Advisory Board adopted an amendment into the 2019-2022 TIP to add a project (SP # 2770-04) installing wrong-way vehicle detection and alerting systems at I-94's eastbound exit ramp to 4th Street N and 2nd Avenue N and I-394's eastbound exit to 6th Avenue N and 2nd Avenue N.
9. 2019-19: Streamlined TIP Amend: MnDOT, I-35W Construction (TC 4-08-2019)
Transportation Advisory Board adopted an amendment into the 2019-2022 TIP to add a project (SP # 2782-354) constructing a soil nail wall and establishing a construction site on I-35W in Minneapolis.
10. 2019-20: Streamlined TIP Amend: MnDOT, Stone Arch Bridge (TC 4-08-2019)
Transportation Advisory Board adopted an amendment into the 2019-2022 TIP to add a project (SP # 2726-80) repairing the Stone Arch Bridge in Minneapolis. The work includes tuckpointing and looking at the substructure. MnDOT owns the bridge, even though it is not on the TH system.
11. 2019-21: Streamlined TIP Amend: MnDOT, I-394 Bridge Rehab (TC 4-08-2019)
Transportation Advisory Board adopted an amendment into the 2019-2022 TIP to change the cost and add a fifth bridge to repair for MnDOT's I-394 bridge repair project (SP # 2789-151).

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