REPORTS

1. TAB Chair’s Report – Hovland reported that the technical committees are discussing a change to the Streamlined TIP Amendments process so that the amendments start at the TAC Committee and would then appear on the TAB agenda as consent items. In January, TAB selects the Executive Committee members for the year. If TAB members are interested in serving on the Executive Committee, notify Elaine Koutsoukos by the end of December. Positions available are for two county members, one member a city of first-class, two other city members, one community member, and one member representing modal and remaining agency members.

2. Agency Reports –

MnDOT – Michael Barnes reported that MnDOT Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer Sue Mulvihill is retiring. MnDOT is wrapping up construction.

MPCA – Craig McDonnell reported that MPCA release Phase II Draft Plan for public comment. Funding of $23.5 million is available over the next four years. The closing date for public comments is December 20. Public meetings will be held throughout the state. The draft plan and meeting dates and locations can be found at the following link: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/vw-phase-2. Public comments are continuing for Clean Cars MN, https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/clean-cars-mn-engage. The purpose is having more electric vehicles for sale in Minnesota. Public comment period ends December 6.

MAC – Bridget Rief reported that the MAC Capital Improvements Plan is going through the approval process. The CIP will be at TAB in December. MAC soft-launched pre-booking of parking. They will be adding park assist in ramps, similar to the Mall of America parking ramp, which indicates open spaces. Upgrades to the ticketing and baggage claim areas will continue through 2023.

Metropolitan Council – Deb Barber reported that Metropolitan Council chair resigned. Molly Cummings is serving as the acting chair. The governor is accepting applications. The terms are expiring for community representatives for District A, B, C, D, and for the transit and non-motorized representatives. Applications are open on the Council website, https://metrocouncil.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Current-Committee-Vacancies.aspx?source=child.

3. TAC Report – Lisa Freese reported that MnDOT is holding training workshop on functional classification. MnDOT is working on the functional class review study over the next several months.

BUSINESS

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

Transportation Advisory Board approved an amendment into the 2019-2022 and 2020-2023 TIPs to change the type and number of buses for SouthWest Transit’s Eden Prairie to Mall of America Connector Service (SP# TRS-TCMT-20B).


   Transportation Advisory Board approved an amendment into the 2019-2022 TIP to add Hennepin County’s project replacing the CSAH 15 Bridge in Orono (SP# 027-615-025).


   Transportation Advisory Board approved an amendment into the 2019-2022 TIP to add Carver County’s construction of a roundabout in Norwood Young America (SP# 010-633-047).


   Transportation Advisory Board approved an amendment into the 2019-2022 and 2020-2023 TIPs to add mill and overlay work to St. Paul’s Johnson Parkway Trail project (SP# 164-129-013).


   Transportation Advisory Board approved an amendment into the 2019-2022 TIP to remove the auxiliary lane from Dayton’s Brockton interchange project (SP# 229-112-002), as the auxiliary lane will be completed at the same time with a concurrent MnDOT project.


   Transportation Advisory Board approved the release of the 2022-2023 HSIP Solicitation for the Metro District.

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INFORMATION

TAB heard presentations on:

1. Bridge Analysis Feedback – Joe Barbeau reported back on TAC feedback per the request of TAB to review the Bridge application results to determine whether the worst bridges were being funded. TAC did not express any concern with the distribution of weighting, as it pertains to the ability to fund the worst bridges. However, TAC commented that the current measure, bridge sufficiency rating, is starting to be replaced by other measures to best determine bridge condition. Members agreed to convene a work group to determine the best way to determine infrastructure condition. A meeting with county and city bridge engineers is scheduled on November 26. The recommendations will be presented at the December 4 TAB meeting.

2. Regional Solicitation Public Comment Report – TAB reviewed the public comments received from 12 agencies. The technical committees will review the comments and provide feedback to TAB in December for action.

3. Public Transit and Human Services Coordinated Action Plan – Heidi Schallberg presented information on the draft plan. The draft plan was released for public review and comments on November 12.