

MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | October 16, 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. Governor Walz issued a directive for interconnectivity with tribes across the state. TAB Executive members discussed working through the Council to request the legislature consider adding a TAB representative for the tribes. Hovland requested that the Council consider having a per diem for TAB members for attending the meetings. Hovland attend a meeting of the Council of Mayors in Detroit. They toured the Michigan Central Station that Ford has acquired and redeveloping into a mobility-focused campus.

2. Agency Reports –

MnDOT – Michael Barnes reported that MnDOT had a bid letting for I-94 (Maple Grove to Rogers) and received a best proposal for \$127 million, just over the estimated cost of \$125 million. The construction season is ending, with some projects carrying over. MnDOT is developing proposals to address Hwy 252 and I-94.

MPCA – Todd Biewen reported that Gov. Walz introduced the promotion of Cleaner Cars Standard to adopt a rule that is already in place in other states. They are gathering public input over the next year. MPCA will be starting on Phase II of the VW settlement for distribution of \$23 million.

MAC – Bridget Rief reported that both security checkpoints are fully back in use at MSP. They are seeing increased passenger numbers. They expect to surpass 39 million riders in 2019.

Metropolitan Council – Deb Barber reported outreach has begun on Network Next. The Council is hosting two open houses for the new Northtown Transit Center. The remodeled Mall of America Station has opened.

3. TAC Report – Lisa Freese presented information on the Streamlined TIP Amendment process. There is a delay of federal approval of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as they conduct a thorough review of project selection processes. This will result in an increase of TIP amendments to the current 2019-2022. The amendments will be streamlined to add 2020 projects that are in the Council approved 2020-2023 TIP, waiting federal approval, so that the projects can begin late 2019 and early 2020. This type of amendment should only be needed no later than January 2020.

BUSINESS

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

1. 2019-49: Streamlined TIP Amendment: Advanced Traffic Management System, Hennepin County (TC 10-28-2019)

Transportation Advisory Board approved an amendment to the 2019-2022 and 2020-2023 TIPs to change the termini of Hennepin County's traffic management system project (SP#

027-030-047). The termini of the underground cable are shifting. Additional costs will be locally funded.

2. 2019-50: Streamlined TIP Amendment: Hennepin Avenue Reconstruction, Minneapolis (TC 10-28-2019)

Transportation Advisory Board approved an amendment to the 2019-2022 and 2020-2023 TIPs to add enhanced bus stops to Minneapolis's Hennepin Avenue reconstruction project. (SP# 141-313-016). TAB member Foster commented that staff should consider lowering the ceilings of shelters with heaters for better efficiency and to consider adding movable seating.

3. 2019-51: Streamlined TIP Amendment: Como Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail, St. Paul (TC 10-28-2019)

Transportation Advisory Board approved an amendment to the 2019-2022 and 2020-2023 TIPs to add roadway mill and overlay work to the adjacent roadway alongside St. Paul's Como Avenue bikeway project (SP# 164-020-142).

4. 2019-52: Streamlined TIP Amendment: Lake Marion Greenway, Burnsville (TC 10-28-2019)

Transportation Advisory Board approved an amendment to the 2019-2022 and 2020-2023 TIPs to add a sidewalk parallel to Burnsville's Lake Marion Greenway project (SP# 179-090-005).

INFORMATION

TAB heard presentations on Accessibility and Behavior Impacts of Bus-Highway System Interactions, presented by Center for Transportation Studies; Regional Solicitation: Bridge Funding Analysis; and an overview of the Transportation Planning and Programming Guide.

Link to October 16, 2019, TAB agenda and materials - <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB.aspx>