

MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | April 15, 2020

REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report – Hovland reported that the TAB Executive Committee meetings will be cancelled for the time being.
2. MnDOT Report – Barnes reported that construction has started early to take advantage of the lighter traffic. Here is the link to the [COVID-19 Impact to Minnesota Travel Patterns](#) report.

MPCA Report – Biewen reported that Craig McDonnell has been redeployed due to COVID-19. The draft Clean Cars Rule has been delayed because of the need for public participation. The Volkswagen Settlement is moving ahead with virtual stakeholder meetings. There has not yet been a change in air quality over the last few weeks – the air monitoring function is an essential service.

MAC Report – Crimmins reported that Crimmins reported that passenger traffic was down 95% last week from the prior year, only 20% of concessions are open, and parking is down 90%. This may help construction finish early. Hovland asked about tenants rent forbearance. Crimmins said the airport is working on stalling payments for the next three months. Projects are being evaluated to see what can be put off and what needs bonding.

Metropolitan Council Report - Barber reported that the Council is messaging that Transit is for essential travel only. Service hours have been reduced, similar to holiday schedules. Rear-door boarding and additional buses have been implemented. Metro Mobility has moved to single-ride trips instead of shared, delivery of groceries, food shelf delivery, and transportation of essential workers. There is a significant reduction in revenue and the CARES act will help address that. Parks and trails have seen an increase in use and social distancing has been encouraged.

BUSINESS

TAB approved the following items and they were forwarded to the Transportation Committee.

1. 2020-17: Streamlined 2020-2023 TIP Amendment: MnDOT 5310 Vehicles for Rise, Inc. (April 27, 2020, Transportation Committee)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended to the Council adoption of an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add a MnDOT purchase of transit vehicles for Rise, Inc. (SP # TRF-1767-21)

2. 2020-18: Modifications to the 2020 Regional Solicitation

The Transportation Advisory Board maintained the Regional Solicitation submission deadline as May 15, 2020 and extend the HSIP deadline from June 1 to July 1, 2020 and allow:

1. Required letters of support to be submitted by 9/1/2020,
2. Outreach meetings cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak be considered for points in the equity outreach scoring measure, and
3. Use of either use StreetLight Insights intersection turning movement count data or data older than three years be allowed in lieu of collecting data when atypical traffic patterns are present.

INFORMATION

1. 2040 TPP Update: Chapters

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning & Finance Deputy Director Amy Vennewitz presented this item.