

MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | February 19, 2020
Metropolitan Council, Chambers | 12:30 PM
390 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55101

REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report – TAB Executive Committee selected Mary Hamann-Roland as first vice-chair and Doug Anderson as second vice-chair for 2020. Hovland welcomed new and reappointed TAB representatives.
 - City – Mayor Mark Steffenson, Maple Grove
 - Freight – George Schember, VP of Cargill Transportation & Logistics
 - Alternate MnDOT – Sheila Kauppi, Metro Deputy District Engineer
 - District A – Doug Anderson (reappointed)
 - District B – Frank Boyles (reappointed)
 - Alternate District B – John Morast
 - District C – Susan Sanger
 - Alternate District C – Andrew Lewis
 - District D – Ashwat Narayanan
 - Alternate District D – Glen Johnson
 - Transit Representative – Amity Foster (reappointed)
 - Transit Representative – Mathews Hollinshead (reappointed)
 - Transit Alternate for both Transit Representatives – Kyle Olson
 - Nonmotorized Representative – Nickolas Fox (reappointed)
 - Alternate Nonmotorized – Brian Martinson

Hovland presented a certificate to Bill Goins for his five years of service on TAB as the freight representative.

2. Agency Reports –

MnDOT – Michael Barnes reported that MnDOT is gearing up for the construction season.

MPCA – Todd Biewen reported that applications are open for MN GreenCorps. MPCA is accepting applications from organizations interested in becoming host sites for 2020-2021. AmeriCorps members are placed with eligible host sites around the state to spend a year of service addressing critical environmental issues, while gaining experience and learning valuable job skills. MPCA is working on Clean Car Minnesota rule and expect to complete in March to release for public comment. MPCA is entering Phase 2 of the VW settlement. In Phase 2 (2020-2023), MPCA has earmarked 65% of available funds to support electrifying our transportation sector. MPCA will invest approximately \$7 million in eligible heavy-duty EVs like trucks and transit buses, \$4.7 million in electric school buses, and \$3.5 million in EV charging stations.

MAC – Bridget Rief reported that improvements ticketing and baggage claim areas are continuing. The restaurant and retail shops replacements are winding down.

Metropolitan Council – Deb Barber reported that Metropolitan Council officially opened the new Mall of America Transit Station, approved the E Line alignment, made improvements to the customer real-time application, and started construction on the Minneapolis bus garage.

BUSINESS

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

1. 2020-05: Streamlined TIP Amendment Process

Transportation Advisory Board approved updates to the Streamlined TIP Amendment Process. With the change, Streamlined TIP amendments will begin at the Technical Advisory Committee and then on the TAB agenda as consent items. The definition of “regionally significant” was removed and a reference made to the definition in the Transportation Policy Plan.

2. 2020-09: Streamlined TIP Amendment: Anoka Co (TC 2-24-2020)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment into the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add a multi-use trail to Anoka County’s CSAH 8 4-to-3 lane conversion (SP# 002-608-012).

3. 2020-10: Streamlined TIP Amendment: MnDOT (TC 2-24-2020)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment into the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add a project upgrading signals at the intersection of the Blue Line and E. 35th St. in Minneapolis (SP# 27-00328).

4. 2020-06: Program Year Extension – St. Louis Park

Transportation Advisory Board approved St. Louis Park’s program year extension request to move its CSAH 25 / Beltline Pedestrian Improvements project (SP# 163-291-008) from fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2021.

5. 2020-07: Program Year Extension – Richfield

Transportation Advisory Board approved Richfield’s program year extension request to move its 77th Street extension / MN 77 bridge project (SP# 157-108-035) from fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2021.

6. 2020-08: Program Year Extension – Dakota County

Transportation Advisory Board approved Dakota County’s program year extension request to move its CSAH 86 reconstruction (SP# 019-686-018) from fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2021.

INFORMATION

TAB heard presentations on:

1. Air Quality Conformity – Jonathan Ehrlich, MTS, presented on this item.
2. 2040 Update Work – Chapter 14: Work Program – Amy Vennewitz, MTS presented this item.

Link to February 19, 2020, TAB agenda and materials - <https://metrocouncil.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB.aspx>