

MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | December 18, 2019
Metropolitan Council, Chambers | 12:00 PM
390 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55101

REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report – Hovland reported from the TAB Executive Committee meeting and discussed upcoming appointments to the Executive Committee members at the January TAB meeting. Hovland mentioned the event that took place on Monday – How Strategic Investments in Transportation Forge Regional Economic Vitality: Lessons Learned from Monday hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.
2. Agency Reports –
 - MnDOT – Michael Barnes had nothing to report.
 - MPCA – Todd Biewen reported on Clean Car Minnesota and Phase II of the Volkswagen Settlement and noted the high level of interest.
 - MAC – Carl Crimmins reported on the TSA security checkpoint at the hotel reopening.
 - Metropolitan Council – Deb Barber reported on openings for the Council-appointed TAB members. Metro Transit will be offering free rides on New Year's Eve.

BUSINESS

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

1. 2019-54: Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan
Transportation Advisory Board deferred this item until December after the public comment period closes.
2. 2019-64: Metropolitan Airports Commission Capital Improvement Program (TC 1-13-2020)
Transportation Advisory Board recommended acceptance of the staff analysis of the MAC 2020-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and forward these comments to the Metropolitan Council for its consideration.
3. 2019-55: Functional Class Map for Regional Solicitation
Transportation Advisory Board adopted the Roadway Functional Classification Map for the Seven-County Twin Cities Region.
4. 2019-56: Regional Bicycle Transportation Network Changes and Map for Regional Solicitation
Transportation Advisory Board adopted the RBTN Map incorporating agency-requested administrative changes or corrections for use in the 2020 Regional Solicitation, inclusive of Washington County's Gold Line BRT parallel bikeway as a new RBTN Tier 1 alignment.

5. 2019-62: Public Comment Report for the 2020 Regional Solicitation

Transportation Advisory Board accepted the public comment report and approved the following changes:

The TAB considered establishing a competitive scoring process in 2022 so all BRT project types can compete for the \$25M maximum award.

Insert language into the qualifying criterion that states transit operators must have the funds to cover the project: "...and certify that they will provide funding, if the service or facility project continues beyond the initial three-year funding period for transit operating funds."

Changed the maximum federal award in the Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities category back to \$5.5 million.

Added a \$10 million "target" in the Bridge category to replace the \$10 million funding minimum.

Replaced bridge Sufficiency Rating with National Bridge Inventory (NBI) Condition rating in the bridge qualifying requirements and the 300-point measure within the Infrastructure Condition criterion of the Bridge application.

Council staff shall prepare a schedule and process for updating studies used to score Regional Solicitation measures in future solicitations.

Consider comments made on Roadways categories as part of the evaluation prior to the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

6. 2019-63: Adopt 2020 Regional Solicitation Packet for Release (TC 1-13-2020)

The Transportation Advisory Board released the 2020 Regional Solicitation for Transportation Project inclusive of the changes votes on in 2019-62 by the TAB on December 19, 2019.

INFORMATION

TAB heard presentations on:

1. Draft Statewide Highway Safety Plan – Brad Utecht, MnDOT, presented on this item.
2. Air Quality Conformity – MTS Travel Modeling a& Research Manager Jonathan Ehrlich was present for this item. The item was deferred to a future TAB meeting.

Link to December 18, 2019, TAB agenda and materials - <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB.aspx>