

MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | June 17, 2020
12:30 PM

REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report – Hovland reported that the TAB Executive Committee met to discuss priority of information items to have at future TAB meetings. Discussed having small town meetings in north and south Minneapolis and St. Paul and how to do them so that everyone can participate.

TAB Executive Committee discussed whether there should be exceptions to the Program Year Extension Policy. In January 2019, TAB approved a two-year program year extension at the request of Brooklyn Center and MnDOT to shift two projects from 2021 to 2023 because of the timing of the Corridor of Commerce projects. This was an exception to the policy for shifting projects only one year. MnDOT has now started an EIS on Highway 252 in anticipation of there being a lawsuit and having to be required to do it and will delay the projects another two years. The Program Year Extension policy only allows a project sponsor to request an extension one time. With this policy, staff is not able to process a request. According to the policy, the project sponsor must construct the project in the new program year or withdraw the project and return funds. This would create a complication for the Corridors of Commerce funds and Freight funds applied for and received for the remainder of the Highway 252 project. As this request moves through the committees and TAB, TAB should have a discussion on whether to modify the Program Year Extension Policy to consider extenuating circumstances.

There are no action items for the July TAB meeting and the July TAB meeting is cancelled.

2. MnDOT Report – Kauppi reported that construction projects continue. There had been some delay with the protests, but they are proceeding now.

MPCA Report – Hovland reported on information that Biewen submitted for sharing at TAB.

- **VW Settlement updates:**
 - The 1,110 miles of electric vehicle corridors from VW phase 1 are estimated to be complete by September of 2020.
 - An additional 2,540 miles of EV charging corridors have been proposed in the VW Phase 2 plan. (Phase 2 is from 2020 to 2023) This grant is expected to open this summer and will focus on travel across greater Minnesota. The map of the corridors is available in the VW Phase 2 plan, and installation of all chargers is expected by 2023. <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/aq-mvp2-36.pdf>
 - This amounts to an estimated 21 fast charging stations added in Phase 1 and an additional 42 in Phase 2.

<https://www.plugshare.com/> is best tool to locate charging stations

www.pca.state.mn.us/air/minnesotas-plan

MAC Report – Crimmins reported that number of flights are increasing; 134 daily flights by next week and 230 flights by August. In May 2019, there were 544 flights. Airlines will fly at 60 percent capacity. Delta Airlines is operating 70 percent of flights. Concessionaires will be brought on as traffic increases.

Metropolitan Council Report - Barber reported that Metro Transit shut down for five days. Now back up and running. Met Mo is providing rides to essential workers. Operators received positive feedback from riders who were appreciative of transit service.

Restructuring how will be doing service development plan. Network Next work will extend

into 2021. The ABRT portion will be separated from Network Next so that it can still be part of the Regional Solicitation.

BUSINESS

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

1. 2020-25: Streamlined 2020-2023 TIP Amendment: Anoka US 10/169 Interchange. (June 22, 2020, Transportation Committee)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Council adopt an approval of an amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add right-of-way acquisition to Anoka's US10/169 interchange project (SP # 103-010-018F and 103-010-020).

2. 2020-24: Recommend Release of Draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Public Comment

Transportation Advisory Board recommended the release of Draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for public comment. In addition to receiving comments by mail and email, the Council will hold a public meeting via Webex on July 13, 2020.

INFORMATION

1. Freeway System Interchange Study

Metropolitan Transportation Services staff Tony Fischer presented this item.

2. Travel Behavior Inventory COVID Survey Results

Metropolitan Transportation Services staff Ashley Asmus presented this item.

Link to June 17, 2020, TAB agenda and materials - <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB.aspx>