

MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | January 20, 2021
12:30 PM

REPORTS

1. Chair's Report – Hovland welcomed incoming TAB members.
 - o Carver County – Tom Workman, Matt Udermann (alt)
 - o Hennepin County – Kevin Anderson (alt)
 - o STA – Dan Kealey (Burnsville), Kevin Burkhart (Prior Lake) (alt)
 - o Blaine – Julie Jeppson
 - o Savage – Mayor Janet Williams

Hovland reported that CARES Act funding is coming to the region and there will be discussion on how to distribute the funds at a future meeting.

2. MnDOT Report – Barnes reported that approximately \$160 million of CARES Act funding will be coming to the state. Of the \$160 million, approximately \$50 million will go to the metro area. There is a four-year window for spending the funds and there is flexibility of funding to go to operations and maintenance. More information will be coming out.

MPCA Report – Biewen reported that VW settlement working in continuing. Projects funded include trucks, school buses, charging stations, etc. The amount distributed so far is \$10 M; with \$33 M left to distribute. There has been 35 million tons of greenhouse gas reduced with the purchase of the new vehicles. The Clean Cars Rulemaking comment period will run through March 15, 2021. Information can be found at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/clean-cars-mn-rulemaking>.

MAC Report – Crimmins reported that the MSP airport is still receiving awards; they received two awards for cleanliness. MN Natl Guard also presented an award to MAC for employer of year – a patriot award.

Passengers are down 66% since 2019; this is an increase from 83% down. They are projecting to be fully back by 2024. All employees required to wear masks through August 2021.

Metropolitan Council Report – Barber reported that Regional Solicitation will go to Council on January 27 for concurrence. Covid stimulus funds have been awarded for \$185 M for transit. The Council is making effort to facilitate vaccinations for transit workers, as part of group 1b.

TAC Chair Report – Isaacson reported thanked the outgoing chairs of the technical committees, Lisa Freese (TAC Chair), Paul Oehme (TAC Funding and Programming Committee), Jan Lucke and Kevin Roggenbuck (shared TAC Planning Committee). New chairs of the technical committees Jon Solberg (TAC Chair), Brian Isaacson (TAC Vice-Chair), Michael Thompson (TAC Funding and Programming Committee), and Emily Jorgensen (TAC Planning Committee).

BUSINESS

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

1. 2021-02: Streamlined 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: MnDOT FTA Section 5310 Transit Projects, (*January 25, 2021, Transportation Committee*)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to include funding for 12 “Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities” projects, sponsored by MnDOT.

2. 2020-03: Streamlined 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: CSAH 13 Roundabout, Sherburne County (*January 25, 2021, Transportation Committee*)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to the 2021-2024 TIP to extend the project limits of MnDOT’s CSAH 13 roundabout project at Line Avenue in Elk River (SP# 071-613-012).

3. 2021-01: Selection of TAB Executive Committee

Transportation Advisory Board recommended the approval of the TAB Executive Committee for 2021.

1. TAB Chair – James Hovland, MC-Edina
2. MnDOT – Michael Barnes
3. Metropolitan Council – Deb Barber, District 4

County Board members (2)

- Debbie Goettel, Hennepin County
- Stan Karwoski, Washington County

Board members from the cities of the first class (1)

- Kevin Reich, Minneapolis

Board members from the remaining cities (2)

- Mark Windschitl, Chaska
- Mark Steffenson, Maple Grove

Member representing the citizen Board members (1)

- Christopher Geisler, Citizen member, TAB District E (Council Districts 9 & 10)

Member representing the modal and remaining agency Board members (1)

- Mat Hollinshead, Transit Representative

INFORMATION

1. Functional Classification Metro Review

Joe Widing, MnDOT, presented this item.

Link to January 20, 2021, TAB agenda and materials - <https://metrocouncil.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB.aspx>