

## MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | December 16, 2020  
12:30 PM

### REPORTS

1. Chair's Report – Hovland recognized outgoing TAB members.

- Randy Maluchnik (Carver County) – 12 years on TAB
- Jan Callison (Hennepin County alternate)
- Mary Hamann-Roland (Apple Valley)
- Dick Swanson (Blaine)
- Jeff Wosje (Suburban Transit Authority)
- Jerry McDonald (STA alternate)
- Lisa Freese (out-going TAC Chair)

Hovland asked Holberg to report on the Blue Ribbon Committee. Report will be sent to the Council in the next few weeks. The full report is 300+ pages.

Hovland reported that the TAB Executive Committee met prior to TAB. TAB Executive Committee members discussed the federal funds reallocation policy and recommendations for MTS staff to bring through the committee process for distribution of approximately \$4.5 M of CMAQ funds that will be returned from a previously funded Regional Solicitation project.

Executive Committee members discussed how equity discussion can be brought forward at future TAB meetings and within the community at large. Elaine Koutsoukos will send out the notes from two internal meetings.

2. MnDOT Report – Barnes reported that on several programs and plans.

1. MnDOT's [November 2020 Transportation Funds Forecast](#) & [November 2020 Financial Snapshot](#) have been released from MnDOT's Office of Finance with assistance from MMB.

2. [2020 MN Hwy Freight Program awards](#) have been released. Four projects in the Metro District received funding.

3. The draft MnDOT Statewide Pedestrian System Plan is available to read and review at [minnesotawalks.org/](http://minnesotawalks.org/). Please submit comments by January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

4. Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan info:

MnDOT is starting the update of the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan (SMTP). This happens every 5 years. The SMTP sets objectives, performance measures and strategies to help us advance the [MinnesotaGO](#) vision of a multimodal transportation system that maximizes the health of people, the environment and our economy over the next 20 years.

There are a few ways to be involved now.

1. [Share your transportation story](#) via a fun fill-in-the-blank “Mad-Libs” activity

2. [Help us select up to six focus areas by completing this survey](#) before January 8, 2021.
3. [Comment on the Public Participation Plan](#) before December 18, 2020.
4. [Request a virtual presentation](#). The SMTP team is happy to present to your councils, boards and commission on the SMTP update and will return to TAB during later phases of the plan.

[Sign up for our newsletter](#) to stay up do date on this and other statewide transportation planning efforts. Find out more about this effort at [www.minnesotago.org/](http://www.minnesotago.org/). Contact SMTP Project Manager Hally Turner at [hally.turner@state.mn.us](mailto:hally.turner@state.mn.us) if you'd like more information.

**MPCA Report** – Biewen reported that the Greenhouse gas inventory report will be available at the beginning of the year. It includes a section on how transportation impacts air quality.

Preparing to publish, that is, make available, the rule language on Clean Car Rulemaking. This will adopt language used by other states that allows other cars to be available in Minnesota. Allows options for dealerships to make additional vehicles available for purchase.

Ash would be willing to report on work he is doing.

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/sustainability/advisory-council.html>

Biewen would also be willing to report on the rulemaking.

**MAC Report** – Crimmins reported on the airport operations. There were 80,000 passengers the last week of November compared to 250,000 last year on a weekly basis. Aircraft operations are at 50% of the previous year. Parking is up. There are 318 departures per day compared to 483 daily departures in December 2019.

The Covid testing site at the airport is getting considerable use. Parking is free for the testing. Operations and security can provide information on how airlines will operate in the future, once vaccines are distributed. MAC is not aware whether a flight is or is not a vaccine flight. The MAC provides a safe and secure airport environment for all flights and will assist local, state and federal agencies as appropriate.

**Metropolitan Council Report** – Barber reported that Council passed the annual budget last week and were able pass the budget with zero percent increase in the Council levy. There will have a presentation on ABRT at Council meeting the same afternoon.

**TAC Chair Report** – Freese reported that TAC selected Jon Solberg, MnDOT, as the next TAC chair. Freese's three-year term ends in December.

## BUSINESS

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

1. 2020-40: Streamlined 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: MN 316 Reconstruction, (*January 11, 2021, Transportation Committee*)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to reduce the length, increase the cost, and change the scope of MnDOT's mill-and-overlay project on Minnesota Highway 316 (Red Wing Blvd) in Dakota County (SP# 1926-22).

2. 2020-41: Streamlined 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: US 10 in Elk River, MnDOT 7W (*January 11, 2021, Transportation Committee*)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to extend the length, increase the cost, and add to the scope of MnDOT's reconstruction project on US Highway 10 in Elk River (SP# 7102-135).

3. 2020-37: Metropolitan Airports Commission Capital Improvement Program (*January 11, 2021, Transportation Committee*)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended the approval of the MAC 2021-2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

4. 2020-39: Regional Solicitation Project Selection

Transportation Advisory Board recommended selection of 56 projects to be included in the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

5. 2020-38: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Project Selection

Transportation Advisory Board recommended selection of 26 projects, including 5% over-programming, for funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) solicitation and inclusion of all Urbanized Area projects in the draft 2022-2025 TIP.

## INFORMATION

1. Arterial BRT Tiers Update

Katie Roth presented this item. Metro Transit is seeking community input to prioritize future BRT lines. Community members are encouraged to take a survey by January 20, 2021. The survey link is on the website: <https://metro council.org/News-Events/Transportation/Newsletters/Network-Next-2020.aspx>

2. FHWA/FTA Listening Session on TMA Certification Review

Andrew Emanuele, FHWA, and Victor Austin, FTA, presented this item.

Public Comment Period for the region's Transportation Management Area Certification

- o Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – Jan 20<sup>th</sup>
- o Short presentation
- o Short survey w/ open-ended comments
- o Public comments will be summarized and inform final federal report

<https://metro council.org/News-Events/Transportation/Events/Transportation-Management-Area-Certification-2021.aspx>

A recommendation from the review will be to include measure on congestion mitigation for next Regional Solicitation.

Link to December 16, 2020, TAB agenda and materials - <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB.aspx>