

## MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | June 16, 2021  
12:30 PM

### REPORTS

1. **Chair's Report** – Hovland reported that the July TAB meeting will start at noon on July 21. Hovland reported that the TAB Unique Projects Work Group discussed priorities and criteria for evaluating applications. The criteria that recommended are:

- Reduce Environmental Impacts
- Improve Racial Equity
- Support Multimodal Communities
- Innovation
- Regional Significance/Scalability
- Partnerships/Collaboration

The criteria will be reviewed by a technical work group to develop measures for each of the criteria. The TAB Unique Projects Work Group will meet on July 9 to review the recommended measures.

2. **Agency Reports**

**MnDOT Report** – Kauppi reported on a couple upcoming deadlines:

1. Raise Grants are Due July 12th. [RAISE Discretionary Grants | US Department of Transportation](#)
2. TED Letters of interest are due June 25th. [Funding Solicitation for State Highway Construction Projects in Calendar Years 2022 through 2024 - MnDOT](#)

MnDOT is working through Contingency Planning Agency for a potential state government shutdown that could occur on July 1st. We are hopeful current negotiations will result in passing of a transportation bill and that the planning will be a good effort that was not fully necessary to implement due to a resolution of all parties. MnDOT remains hopeful given the uncertainty. If construction projects are on state owned right-of-way, the state would not be able inspect or manage the projects, so the projects must be stopped, equipment moved off site, and then the projects would need to be restarted again.

**MPCA Report** – Biewen reported on

#### **VW Settlement Program:**

- Now Open  
**Heavy-duty on-road vehicles and electric equipment.** Funding is split into two pools:
  - \$3.5 million will support organizations making the switch to electric vehicles/equipment
  - \$1.7 million will fund new vehicles powered by diesel, propane, natural gas, and fuel/electric hybrids
- Grants expected Spring 2021

**School bus replacements (non-electric).** The MPCA intends to issue a grant RFP for the replacement of eligible diesel Class 4-8 school buses. Eligible replacement fuel types include diesel, propane, and natural gas.

There was discussion on the charging stations that are being installed around the state and the type that they are. There is concern that slow-charging stations will be installed and not used because of the time needed to charge a vehicle.

**MAC Report** – Crimmins reported that numbers at the airport are steadily increasing. Weekly TSA input was 116,000. Average flights in June were 404 daily departures and predicting 424 in July.

This compares to average departures in the mid-500s in 2019. Covid testing available in terminal 2 pre-security and in terminal 1 post-security.

Metropolitan Council Report – Barber reported that the Council selected Mary Bogie as the new Regional Administrator. Nick Thompson will be leaving his position as Director of Metropolitan Transportation Services for a position at Metro Transit as Deputy General Manager of Capital Programs. Metro Transit Chief Operating Officer Vince Pellegrin is retiring.

TAC Chair Report – Solberg reported the TAC has been working on all the Regional Solicitation items that are before TAB and received information on Twin Cities Region Complete Streets Leadership Academy.

## **BUSINESS**

There were no business items.

## **INFORMATION**

### 1. FHWA-FTA TMA Certification Results

Andrew Emanuele, FHWA, and Bill Wheeler, FTA, presented this item. The Council received four commendations, twelve recommendations, and zero corrective actions. The report has been attached to the TAB agenda linked below. The next TMA Certification is due March 19, 2025.

### 2. Post-Pandemic City

Tom Fisher, University of Minnesota, presented this item. The presentation can be viewed on the video of the TAB meeting beginning at 56:00 in the meeting link below.

### 3. Pedestrian Safety Project Overview

Heidi Schallberg, MTS, presented this item.

### 4. Regional Solicitation Before and After Study Phase II

David Burns, MTS, and Lance Bernard, HKGi, presented this item. The report has been attached to the agenda linked below.

### 5. 2022 Regional Solicitation Update

Amy Vennewitz and Joe Barbeau, MTS, presented items on modal funding ranges, application categories, maximum and minimum application limits, policies, qualifying criteria, and eligibility. TAB members discussed the modal funding ranges and weighting of categories. TAB will continue the discussion at the July TAB meeting.

Link to June 16, 2021, TAB agenda and materials - <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB.aspx>