

MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | October 20, 2021
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REPORTS

1. **Chair's Report** – Hovland reported that the Executive Committee had a discussion on the items on the TAB agenda. TAB will continue to meet remotely to the end of the year.
2. **MnDOT Report** – Barnes reported that MnDOT is wrapping up construction on bigger projects.

MPCA Report – McDonnell reported that MPCA has a Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Act open until December 1, 2021, <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/minnesota-clean-diesel-off-road-dera-grant>. The state Climate Subcabinet has a website, Our Minnesota Climate, <https://climate.state.mn.us/>, which has a toolkit for members of the public to hold climate conversations.

MAC Report – Crimmins reported that departures for October are projected to be 389. Allegiant Airlines began flying out of MSP to warm destinations. Sun Country Airlines added 17 flights and now have more flights than they had pre-pandemic. For MEA break, on Thursday, TSA is expecting 32,000 to go through security. Passenger levels are up to 70 percent pre-pandemic levels. Covid testing sites will stay in place at the airports until the end of November. Pop-up vaccination sites will remain until the end of the year. Seventy-five percent of concessions are open, with all expected to be open by the end of the year. For vehicle parking, in September there were 8,700 vehicles parked at the airport compared to 6,000 in June. TSA has a vaccination mandate due November 8; a large percentage are vaccinated. Unvaccinated will not be able to work past November 8.

Metropolitan Council Report – Barber reported that the Council approved the final corridor plan for the B Line. Adopted the Network Next Arterial BRT candidate corridors. It will come before TAB for approval as the routes will be amended into the TPP. Metro Transit will host two summits on November 3 and 4, respectively, to receive input from the public regarding the Zero Emissions Bus Transition Plan. At the summits, the status of the ZEBTP process will be shared, initial feedback on priorities will be recorded, and Metro Transit will share its efforts to electrify its fleet and facilities. All are encouraged to participate and spread the word regarding the summits. An informational item on the Zero Emissions Bus Transition Plan is expected to be presented at the October 20 Metropolitan Council Meeting.

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Thursday, November 4, 5:30 – 7:00 PM: Register by clicking [here](#)

BUSINESS

TAB approved the following items (*forwarded to the Transportation Committee*).

1. **2021-39:** Streamlined 2021-2024 and 2022-2025 TIP Amendment Request: Addition of Three Clean Transportation Grants Projects (October 25, 2021, *Transportation Committee*)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 and 2022-2025 TIPs to add three Clean Transportation Grant projects (SP# 8825-963, 8825-964, and TRS-TCMT-22G).

2. **2021-40:** Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP Amendment Request: Addition of Orange Line SSGA funds and retaining wall CRRSAA funds (*future date, Transportation Committee*)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add two projects (SP# TRF-TCMT-22B and 6219-09).

3. **2021-41:** Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP Amendment Request for Ramsey County: Lexington Parkway Extension (*future date, Transportation Committee*)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to change a terminus and add a trail and roundabout to the project description of Ramsey County's Lexington Parkway extension (062-651-067).

4. **2021-42:** Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP Amendment Request for MnDOT: MN 3 Trail Construction in Farmington (*future date, Transportation Committee*)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to change the scope of MnDOT's MN 3 project (SP# 1921-110) to reflect the construction of a trail.

5. **2021-43:** Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP Amendment Request for MnDOT: Two Project Cost Changes (*future date, Transportation Committee*)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP change the cost of two MnDOT-sponsored projects (SP # 0215-76 and 2770-05).

6. **2021-07:** Federal Funds Redistribution Amount for Metro Transit's I-94 / Manning Avenue Park-and-Ride Lot

Transportation Advisory Board recommended allowing Metro Transit to retain \$2,235,600 in federal funds from a 2013 CMAQ award for the purchase of four buses used for express service in the I-94 East and return of the remaining \$5,044,400 in federal funds for redistribution. TAB requested that an audit occur for the other projects in the pipeline for Metro Transit to guarantee that other projects are not slipping in their completion.

IIINFORMATION

1. Allocation of \$20 Million of CRRSAA Federal Funds

Steve Peterson, MTS, presented options for TAB to recommend to the technical committees to consider for determining how to allocate the \$20 million CRRSAA funds. Most members voiced support for Option 1 of allocating for transportation revenue loss to counties and cities using the state-aid formula, but no poll was taken. There was a request for more information regarding transit funding in the federal bills and if this covers COVID losses for transit. The total amount coming to the region for transit is approximately \$725 million from federal stimulus funds. Determination of distribution of ARP funds will be made in February 2022. TAB will vote on the allocation of funds at the November meeting.

2. Major Projects presentations

Steve Peterson, MTS, Jon Haukaas, Blaine, Sheila Kauppi, MnDOT, and Lisa Freese, Scott County, presented information on major projects completed, in process, and in the planning stages.

3. MnDOT Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan Update

The item was tabled.

4. Twin Cities Highway Mobility Analysis

The item was tabled.

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