

MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | September 15, 2021
12:00 PM

REPORTS

1. **Chair's Report** – Hovland reported that the Executive Committee had a discussion on the items on the TAB agenda.
2. **MnDOT Report** – Solberg reported that the Deputy of State Aid is heading to Hennepin County.

MPCA Report – Biewen reported that several state agencies are on the climate change sub-cabinet. For TAB members, MPCA is seeking input, <https://climate.state.mn.us/>.

MAC Report – Crimmins reported that the state vaccination sites are open to September 23, unless extended. Third week of August had 185,000 people pass through TSA checkpoints. They had 1.4 million passengers in July 2021, compared to 1.9 million passengers in July 2019. They are seeing a slowdown in traffic, but don't know if it is due to the delta variant or school starting. For cars parked at the airport, they had 1,000 vehicles parked in April 2020 and 9,000 parked in August 2021. At the south checkpoint at the airport, an increase from six lanes to nine lanes, added two baggage carousels, and remodeled all the existing carousels on the baggage level. For year 2022, the capital improvement budget draft is \$260 million for infrastructure construction at the airport. Air Canada has resumed service to Toronto and Delta has resumed service to Winnipeg. All six reliever airports are doing better now than 2019. It is assumed that people want to fly with less people. St. Paul airport has increased a lot; the main part of their travel is business.

Metropolitan Council Report – Barber reported that the Transit Onboard Survey will be kicking off this fall. This is done every five years to survey customers on trip purposes or origins/destinations, etc. The data is used in the regional travel model. The Orange Line Lake Street Station was completed on September 10, along with MnDOT's 35W at 94 project. Station will open with service on October 18 for local and connecting express service. Orange Line connecting all stations, including Lake Street and downtown is on track to open on December 4 with all day service connecting Burnsville, Bloomington, and Minneapolis. Metro Transit is offering a promotional fare for the months of September and October as they build their ridership back up. Riders are being offered for a dollar on bus and rail lines.

BUSINESS

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

1. **2021-38:** Streamlined TIP Amendment: MnDOT Security Gate (October 11, 2021, *Transportation Committee*)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council adopt 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Metropolitan Council and accept the 2022-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Public Comment Report.
2. **2021-37:** Scope Change/TIP Amendment Request for Hennepin County Signal Revisions and Pedestrian Improvements (*future date, Transportation Committee*)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council approve Hennepin County's request to remove planned improvements at the CSAH 35 (Portland Ave) and American Blvd intersection from its CSAH 35 / CSAH 52 Signal Revisions and Pedestrian Improvements project (S.P. 027-635-038), along with recommending the corresponding amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP.

3. **2021-29:** 2022 Regional Solicitation: Application Categories
Transportation Advisory Board approved the 13 application categories for the 2022 Regional Solicitation.
4. **2021-31:** 2022 Regional Solicitation: Weighting of Criteria and Measures
Transportation Advisory Board adopted the weighting of the criteria and measures for the 2022 Regional Solicitation.
5. **2021-33:** 2022 Regional Solicitation: Project Selection Guarantees
Transportation Advisory Board approved funding at least one roadway project in each functional classification, fund the \$25M ABRT project, fund at least one new market transit project, and maintain the \$10M Bridge target.
6. **2021-34:** 2022 Regional Solicitation: Qualifying Criteria and Eligibility
Transportation Advisory Board adopted the policies, qualifying criteria, and project eligibility for the 2022 Regional Solicitation.
7. **2021-24:** Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) and Regional Bicycle Barriers Updates
Transportation Advisory Board accepted the updated RBTN and regional bicycle barriers and release for public comment as part of the 2022 Regional Solicitation packet.
8. **2021-27:** 2022 Regional Solicitation: Unique Projects
Transportation Advisory Board adopted the Unique Projects category details and evaluation criteria for inclusion in the 2022 Regional Solicitation package.
9. **2021-28:** 2022 Regional Solicitation: Modal Funding Ranges
Transportation Advisory Board adopted modal funding ranges for the 2022 Regional Solicitation.
10. **2021-30:** 2022 Regional Solicitation: Funding Category Minimum and Maximum Funding Amounts)
Transportation Advisory Board adopted minimum and maximum federal funding amounts for the 2022 Regional Solicitation.
11. **2021-32:** 2022 Regional Solicitation: Measures and Scoring Guidance
Transportation Advisory Board approved the measures and scoring guidance for each application category for the 2022 Regional Solicitation.
12. **2021-35:** 2022 Regional Solicitation: Release for Public Comment
Transportation Advisory Board approved the draft 2022 Regional Solicitation for release for public comment.
13. **2021-36:** 2022 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Application: Release for Public Comment
Transportation Advisory Board approved the draft 2022 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) application for release for public comment.
14. **2021-23:** 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (*September 27, 2021, Transportation Committee*)
Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council adopt the 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
15. **2021-25:** MnDOT Functional Classification System Changes (*September 27, 2021, Transportation Committee*)
Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council:
 1. Administratively modify the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan to:
 - A. Include MnDOT's recommended systemwide changes to the Minor Arterial system;

- B. Upgrade Dakota County State Aid Highway (CSAH 23) from an A-Minor Arterial Expander to a Principal Arterial from CSAH 42 to CSAH 70.
 - C. Upgrade Dakota County CSAH 70 from an A-Minor Arterial Expander to a Principal Arterial from CSAH 23 to Interstate 35.
2. Recommend that the MnDOT Commissioner submit all of the changes from the functional classification study to the Federal Highway Administration for approval.

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