

Summary Report

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: April 20, 2022

Reports

1. **Chair's Report** – Hovland reported that the Executive Committee met prior to the TAB meeting and reviewed the materials on the TAB agenda.
2. **MnDOT Report** – Michael Barnes provided a report that the construction season is starting. Statewide list of projects is on the MnDOT website, [2022 Construction Season - MnDOT \(state.mn.us\)](https://www.mn.gov/2022-Construction-Season-MnDOT-state.mn.us). In addition to new projects, there are a few larger carryover projects; Third Avenue Bridge, I-35W stormwater storage, I-94/35 concrete work. A few projects that stand out are Hwy 10, Hwy. 55, TH 13 in Savage, and Hwy. 77 in Bloomington. To review the projects and timelines, view the website. Use 511 when travelling to determine where construction is. For an update on safety, as of last week, there were 80 traffic deaths across Minnesota, which is 18% lower than last year at the same time, but still higher than previous years. Speed is one of the bigger factors. Metro TZD workshop is next week at Earl Brown Center, [2022 Metro Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths Workshop | Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths \(minnesotatzd.org\)](https://www.metrotransit.org/2022-Metro-Minnesota-Toward-Zero-Deaths-Workshop-Minnesota-Toward-Zero-Deaths-minnesotatzd.org).
3. **MPCA Report** – Biewen reported that MPCA continues to move through VW settlement grants. Upcoming grants include heavy-duty off-road vehicles and equipment in spring 2022. Electric vehicle charging stations in public locations and high multiunit dwellings in Minnesota in summer 2022. Replace older diesel vehicles in winter 2022-2023. Information on VW grant opportunities: www.pca.state.mn.us/air/apply-grant. Climate action framework comment period closes on April 29, [Minnesota's Climate Action Framework | Our Minnesota Climate \(state.mn.us\)](https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/apply-grant).
4. **MAC Report** – Crimmins reported that airport activity picked up because of spring break, averaging 31,000 people going through security in March. FAA has approved the Noise Mitigation Plan for the next eight years. On April 18, TSA issued a directive that they will not enforce mask related security mandates. This does not preclude a transportation operator from imposing its own mask requirements. MAC received award from concrete institute for reconstruction of the roadways in and out of the airport. Question on transit trips versus parking at the airport.
5. **Metropolitan Council Report** – Barber reported on Blue Line extension milestones. Following last week's report release, public comment will be received until May 18, 2022. There are multiple ways to comment, www.BlueLineExt.org. Attached is the executive summary and the full report is available on the project's website for your reference: <https://metro council.org/Transportation/Projects/Light-Rail-Projects/METRO-Blue-Line-Extension.asp>. The Transportation Equity Policy Group that will be starting in late spring or summer. TAB members would be encouraged to join. The Regional Development Guide and the TPP are starting up the next cycle for 2050. A Policymaker work group will be formed to provide policy direction to staff, which will include 11 TAB members, four Council members, one Metro Transit, one Suburban Transit Association, one from Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee, and one from the Equity Advisory Committee.

6. **Suburban Transit Authority** - Kealey reported on ridership and expansions. Kealey also shared hiring opportunities.
7. **TAC Report** - Solberg reported the TAC meetings will remain remote until September when the TAC will review the decision again.

Business

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

1. **2022-14: Streamlined TIP Amendment: Minneapolis, HSIP Cost Increases** (April 25, 2022, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to increase the total cost of three City of Minneapolis Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) projects (SP # 141-020-123, 141-030-052, and 141-430-010).
2. **2022-16: Streamlined TIP Amendment: MnDOT, US169 Cable Median Barrier** (April 25, 2022, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to increase the total and federal cost and correct the length of MnDOT's US 169 cable median barrier installation (SP # 2750-97).
3. **2022-17: Streamlined TIP Amendment: Carver County, MN 5 Prelim Engineering** (April 25, 2022, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add a 2022 project allocating recently awarded federal funding to the TH 5 (Arboretum Boulevard) corridor in Carver County (SP # 010-596-015).
4. **2022-18: Streamlined TIP Amendment: St. Paul, Kellogg Bridge Reconstruction Cost Increase** (April 25, 2022, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to increase the cost of the City of Saint Paul's Kellogg Bridge replacement (SP # 164-158-025).
5. **2022-12: Transportation Addendum to the Metropolitan Council Public Engagement Plan** (April 25, 2022, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the draft Transportation Addendum to the Metropolitan Council Public Engagement Plan be released for public comment.
6. **2022-13: TIP Amendment: Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) Funding Increase** (April 25, 2022, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to increase the cost of the Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) 2022 project (SP # TRF-TCMT-22AG) by \$62.5 million (\$50 million federal).
7. **2022-15: TIP Amendment Public Comment: I-94 Auxiliary Lane in Oakdale and Woodbury** (May 23, 2022, Transportation Committee, after public comments)

The Transportation Advisory Board adopted an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add a project line funding a new auxiliary lane from I-494/I-694/I-94 in Oakdale to Washington County Highway 19 in Woodbury (SP # 8282-132F) and to add a guardrail and noisewall to MnDOT's associated I-94 maintenance project located between Oakdale and the St. Croix River (SP # 8282-132) for the purpose of release for public comment.



Information

1. Safe Systems Approach
Mark Doctor, FHWA, presented this item.
2. TMO and TDM Project Updates
Theresa Cain, Metro Transit Commuter Programs Manager, presented this item.
3. 2023-2026 TIP Development Schedule
Joe Barbeau, MTS, presented this item.

Link to April 20, 2022, TAB agenda and materials, [042022 Agenda - Metropolitan Council \(metrocity.org\)](https://metrocity.org/042022-Agenda-Metropolitan-Council).

