

MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | February 16, 2022
12:30 PM

REPORTS

1. **Chair's Report** – Hovland introduced new TAB member and alternate for Minneapolis, Emily Koski and Elliot Payne. Windschitl reported on the selection of Debbie Goettel as first vice-chair and Mark Windschitl as second vice-char for 2022. Peter Dugan was selected to continue as TAB Liaison to the Council's Transportation Committee for 2022.
2. **MnDOT Report** – Barnes reported that fatalities are showing a downward trend in 2022. Keep emphasis on. MnDOT plans to prepare a quarterly summary for the metro area and present to TAB. MnDOT has scheduled eight Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) Regional Workshops. The Metro TZD Workshop is scheduled for April 27 at the Earl Brown Center. Registration will open at the end of March and will determine at that time whether to hold in-person.

MPCA Report – Biewen reported that 2022 is year five of the 10-year VW settlement for distributing \$47 million of funding for grants targeted at cleaner equipment, such as school buses and heavy-duty construction equipment, cleaner fuels, and EV charging. The MPCA VW webpage has information regarding upcoming grants; <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/apply-grant>. All of the grant programs are open for public entities to apply. The climate action framework has been released and there is an open comment period. MPCA can bring staff in the next few months to report at TAB.

MAC Report – Crimmins reported that the staff has come to agreements with Teamsters responsible for snow plowing and the engineers. The maintenance contract is next. MAC has reached an agreement with 75-85% of the contracts. Covid testing continues by appointment only. Covid vaccinations are still available. Infrastructure was put off the past couple years. They are behind by \$300 million because of covid and fewer people flying. Staff is now working on prioritizing projects as travel is increasing.

Metropolitan Council Report – Barber presented year end ridership reports.

TAC Report – Solberg reported on the updates to the TAC Bylaws.

BUSINESS

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

1. **2022-11:** Streamlined TIP Amendment: MnDOT US 52 Median Crossovers (*February 28 Transportation Committee*)
2. **2022-08:** Program Year Extension Request: Washington County CSAH 15 Safety Improvements

The Transportation Advisory Board approved Washington County's program year extension request to move its CSAH 15 rumble-strip and striping project (SP# 082-615-045) from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023.

3. **2022-09:** Program Year Extension and 2022-2025 TIP Amendment Request: Dakota County North Creek Greenway (*TIP Amendment will be forwarded to February 28 Transportation Committee*)

Transportation Advisory Board approved Dakota County's program year extension request to move its North Creek Greenway project (SP# 019-090-023) from 2022 to 2023. TAB recommended that the Council approve an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP reflecting this change along with a cost increase and technical corrections.

INFORMATION

1. Update on Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Amendment
Steve Peterson and Cole Hiniker, MTS, presented information the public comments received on the freight projects and arterial bus rapid transit corridors and the recommendation to add American Boulevard corridor to continue to be shown in the Increased Revenue Scenario as a transitway to be studied.
2. Twin Cities Highway Mobility Needs Analysis
This item was presented by Steve Peterson, MTS, and Paul Czech, MnDOT.
3. Corridors of Commerce
Patrick Weidemann, MnDOT, presented this item.
4. MnDOT Metro District CRRSAA Funding
Molly McCartney, MnDOT, presented this item.

TAB Member Report

Two bills of note at the Legislature were mentioned; House file 2874 - Repeal of the Dan Patch gag order and House file 2873 - Allow Rail Transitway Feasibility Study.

Link to February 16, 2022, TAB agenda and materials - [021622 Agenda - Transportation Advisory Board \(metrocouncil.org\)](https://www.metrocouncil.org/021622-Agenda-Transportation-Advisory-Board).