

MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | January 19, 2022
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REPORTS

1. **Chair's Report** – Hovland introduced new TAB members and alternates.
 - Ramsey Co – Trista MatasCastillo (Mary Jo McGuire, alternate)
 - Citizen District B – Randy Maluchnik – Randy replaced Frank Boyles
 - Citizen District C – Andy Lewis (Husniyah Bradley, alternate) – Andy was alternate to Sue Sanger
 - Transit – Evan Rowe, alternate for Mat Hollinshead
 - Transit – Stephanie Alexander, alternate for Amity Foster
 - Non-motorized – Brian Martinson (was previously alternate to Nick Fox)
2. **MnDOT Report** – Barnes reported on the increase in fatalities in the state and metrowide.
 - In 2021 statewide, speed was a contributing factor in 32.7% of the fatalities. In the Metro TZD region, speed contributed to 43.2% of the fatalities. That's a significant contrast that's increased over the past couple of years.
 - In 2021 statewide, speed-related fatalities increased 33.6% between 2020 and 2021. In the Metro TZD region, they increased by 75.5% in the same period.
 - Similarly, statewide pedestrian fatalities increased 28.9% between 2020 and 2021, but increased 95% in the Metro TZD. Motorcycle fatalities increased 4.7% statewide between 2020 and 2021, but 54.5% in the Metro.

MPCA Report – Biewen reported climate change framework will be out in the next couple months. Public comment period will be available on the framework. MPCA staff can present on the plan at TAB in the springtime.

MAC Report – Crimmins reported airport operating revenue in 2021 was down only 10.6 percent from 2019. Concessions are 83% open. COVID testing at the airport was walk-in, but the success was causing traffic backups, so now appointments are required. At one point there were almost 2,500 tests a day. Labor negotiations are progressing. The Teamsters and operating engineers are voting on a tentative agreement, and they are confident it will pass the membership. FTA and ATT have agreed to delay the rollout of 5G within 3 miles of the airport, because the 5G can interfere with radar. Geisler said the anecdotal review of Europe using 5G around airports is that they use different transmission towers that are lower powered and angled (directed) more in a downward angle which keeps the signals from reaching higher into the air and the airspace around the runways.

Metropolitan Council Report – Barber reported on the Metropolitan Council wastewater tracking of COVID-19. Barber reported the hiring for operators and mechanics. The Council received a Circle award for pandemic service with the mobile vaccine sites. Barber reported on the TPP Public Hearing as well. Will come back to TAB as information on February 16.

BUSINESS

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

1. **2022-01:** Selection of TAB Executive Committee

Peter Dugan and Jon Ulrich removed their names from the slate for consideration. Transportation Advisory Board approved the slate of members to serve on the TAB Executive Committee for 2022.

1. TAB Chair – James Hovland, MC-Edina
2. MnDOT – Michael Barnes
3. Metropolitan Council – Deb Barber, District 4
4. County – Debbie Goettel, Hennepin County
5. County – Stan Karwoski, Washington County
6. City of First Class – Mitra Jilali, St. Paul
7. City – Mark Windschitl, Chaska
8. City – Mark Steffenson, Maple Grove
9. Citizen – Chris Geisler, TAB District E (Council Districts 9 and 10)
10. Modal – Mat Hollinshead

2. **2022-02:** 2022 Regional Safety Performance Measure Targets (*January 24 Transportation Committee*)

TAB members had a lot of discussion and would like to see more information about why the numbers are increasing despite current investments. They would also like more details about the context for crashes, such as weather or location, and if there is a relationship between transit ridership and fatality rates. TAB members were interested in participating in the work group that was recommended to review funding criteria and weightings. The safety study that will begin later in 2022 is being scoped now, and that project may incorporate some of this work. The Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council adopt the 2022 safety performance targets.

3. **2022-03:** Scope Change Request for Hennepin County CSAH 158 (Vernon Ave) Bridge Replacement

Transportation Advisory Board approved Hennepin County's scope change request to amend its CSAH 158 (Vernon Ave) bridge replacement (SP # 027-758-006) to increase the project length, remove a channelized right-turn island, reconstruct the southbound MN 100 ramp, and install a noise wall with no reduction in federal funds.

4. **2022-04:** Program Year Extension Request: Blaine 99th Avenue / Baltimore Street Roundabout

Transportation Advisory Board approved Blaine's program year extension request to move its 99th Avenue / Baltimore Street roundabout installation (SP# 106-101-010) from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023.

5. **2022-05:** Scope Change / TIP Amendment Request for Hennepin County CSAH 42 and CSAH 3 Signal Revisions and Pedestrian Improvements (TIP Amendment, *January 24 Transportation Committee*)

Transportation Advisory Board approved Hennepin County's request to remove BRT station underground and flatwork along with one intersection from Hennepin County's CSAH 42 / CSAH 3 signal revisions and pedestrian improvements project (S.P. # 027-030-050) while retaining all its original federal funding and recommended that the Council approve an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP reflecting this change.

6. **2022-06:** Approval for RBTN and Regional Bicycle Barriers Maps for 2022 Regional Solicitation

Transportation Advisory Board approved the RBTN and regional bicycle barrier final maps for the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

7. **2022-07:** Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP Amendment for MnDOT: US 61 Bridge Wearing Course Replacement in Hastings (*January 24 Transportation Committee*)

Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add a new MnDOT-sponsored project replacing the wearing course on US 61 Bridge # 19004 over Mississippi River in Hastings (SP # 1913-110).

II INFORMATION

1. Electric Vehicle Planning Study Result

Tony Fischer, MTS, introduced the item and presenter. Brendan Jordan, Great Plains Institute presented information the results from the Electric Vehicle Planning Study.

There was comment on the local impact on motor vehicles being driven in urban areas. Jordan responded to a question on road funding and said EVs typically cost more and this offsets lost gas tax revenue. However, it is an issue for the long-term. It was noted that policy changes will be required.

2. Twin Cities Highway Mobility Needs Analysis

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

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