

Summary Report

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: June 15, 2022

Reports

1. **Chair's Report** – Jim Hovland reported that there are no action items pending for the July TAB meeting and the July meeting will be cancelled.
2. **MnDOT Report** – Barnes reported on the new MnDOT Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger and appointment of Deputy Commissioner and Chief Engineer Jean Wallace, the IJJA funds, and the Corridors of Commerce program. The matching funds for the IJJA did not pass by the end of session.
3. **MPCA Report** – Biewen reported on grant opportunities, that can be found on the MPCA website. Deadline for heavy-duty diesel conversions is August 31. Deadline for changes to government buildings, etc. to green buildings is July 27. They will target pollutants with highest risks and environmental justice.
4. **MAC Report** – Crimmins reported that the MN National Air Guard has had an increase in their takeoffs and landings, Sun Country is launching a Canadian route to Vancouver, COVID testing is no longer required to enter the country, international travel is expected to increase by 12% by removing this restriction. Crimmins reported on recent awards and positive ratings. Condor is now coming back to MSP as an international carrier. Spirit is postponing the merger between JetBlue and Frontier until the end of June to see the final offers. The flight numbers are now within 5% of previous flight numbers. Goettel asked about job fairs, Crimmins noted there is a list of jobs available and job fair information on the website.
5. **Metropolitan Council Report** – Barber reported on negotiations with the BNSF railway. For the Blue Line, the route was chosen on West Broadway. Barber also reported that the final corridor plan has been approved by the Transportation Committee for the E Line. Barber shared recent ridership data, noting there is an increase in commuter ridership.
6. **Suburban Transit Authority** – Heidi Scholl, MVTA, reported on behalf of Dan Kealey. On-Demand service is strong; SWT Prime has surpassed pre-covid levels. Commuter ridership is up. MVTA expects substantial completion of Phase I of the Burnsville Bus Garage by November 2022. SWT procured two on-demand electric vehicles. Hovland reported that Rotary clubs are working with Afghan refugees and have a meeting set up with MVTA, SWT, and Metro Transit to devise a strategy to assist refugees to getting to meetings.

Business

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

1. 2022-27: Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP Amendment – MnDOT I-35W / I-494 Interchange Bridge, and Reconstruction (June 27, 2022, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add four new projects and corrected the amounts in the action transmittal for the

MVTA project.

2. 2022-26: Program Year Extension Request: Hennepin County University Avenue / 4th St. Bikeway

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to increase the cost of three projects.

Information

1. Overview of 2050 Regional Development Guide and Transportation Policy Plan Development

Dan Marckel and Michael Larson, Community Development; and Cole Hiniker, MTS, presented this item.

2. Regional Traffic Safety Update

Heidi Schallberg, MTS, and Derek Leuer and Eric DeVoe, MnDOT, presented this item.

3. Regional Solicitation Grant Awards Project Update

Heidi Scholl, MVTA, presented the item.

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