

## MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday | March 16, 2022  
12:30 PM

### REPORTS

1. **Chair's Report** – First Vice-Chair Debbie Goettel chaired the meeting. In Hovland's absence, there was no Chair's report.
2. **MnDOT Report** – Barnes reported that the president signed federal funding bill, which will be covered in the Information Item. Construction kickoff will start in a few weeks. Bids on larger projects are coming in pretty good and about 10% higher for small projects. Traffic fatalities are at 54 so far this year compared to 60 at this time in 2021. Numbers are still higher than prior years.

**MAC Report** – Crimmins reported that COVID testing is still being done at the airport by appointment. Passenger levels are 110% over 2020. Job fairs are ongoing.

**Metropolitan Council Report** – Barber reported that Council meetings will be going back to in-person meetings at the end of April. May will likely be an in-person meeting for TAB. The TPP amendment that revised the bus arterial network and added six freight corridors has moved through the Transportation Committee and the full Council. Work on the Regional Development Guide has begun. Several TAB members participated in scenario planning workshops. The work is currently in the vision and values section. There will be additional opportunities for TAB members to be involved going forward going into the goals and outcomes and then policies.

**STA Report** – Kealey provided an update on work of the transit providers in the Suburban Transit Association. Post-pandemic ridership is growing. Microtransit and click to ride services are growing with month over month ridership records. SouthWest has completed its Agency Sustainability Action Plan providing a roadmap that will make SWT a Net Zero Energy operation by 2050. MVTA will begin the development of a Sustainability Plan and Zero Emission Bus plan in 2022. Plymouth Metrolink is in the process of developing a former strip mall site into a transit-oriented development with new transit facility.

### INFORMATION

1. Mobility Hub Planning Guide

Meredith Klekotka, Metro Transit, presented information on the Mobility Hub Planning Guide. The Guide is a toolkit for transit systems and communities for locating and designing mobility hubs. The Guide will be uploaded to the following webpage, <https://metrocouncil.org/Transportation/Performance/Emerging-Trends/Mobility-Hub-Planning-Guide.aspx>

2. IIJA Funding Scenario

This item was presented by Joshua Knatterud-Hubringer and Brian Gage, MnDOT. The IIJA provides five years of apportionment for FFY 2022 to FFY2026. Current Continuing Resolution provided appropriations through March 2022. State Legislative action is still required for MnDOT to use additional funds. Over five years, there will be \$630M additional for existing programs and \$570M for new programs.

Link to March 16, 2022, TAB agenda and materials - [031622 Agenda - Transportation Advisory Board \(metrocouncil.org\)](#).