

# Summary Report

Transportation Advisory Board



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**Meeting Date:** May 18, 2022

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## Reports

1. **Chair's Report** – Jim Hovland reported TAB is meeting back in person due to Minnesota Statute. Council staff will continue to work the Legal staff to determine whether there is a way for TAB to meet hybrid.
2. **MnDOT Report** – Solberg provided a report on behalf of Barnes. The TCD conference, and shared updated fatality data, and traffic and construction data. Narayanan shared the announcement of safe streets funds, [President Biden and U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg Announce Availability of \\$1 Billion for Local Communities to Ensure Safe Streets and Roads for All, Address National Roadway Safety Crisis | US Department of Transportation](#).
3. **MPCA Report** – Biewen reported that the Climate Action Framework is an information item on the agenda.
4. **MAC Report** – Hovland presented on behalf of Crimmins. 2022 Passenger activity is 17% below the 2019 level. 2021 Passenger activity was 47% below the 2019 level. 2022 flight operations are projected to be 108,906 total ops. 2021 total ops were 95,152. Parking in April 2021 was 11,618 and parking in April 2022 was 17,028. Concessions continue to expand their open hours while passenger activity increases.
5. **Metropolitan Council Report** – Barber reported on the Northstar Commuter Rail Study, an update on Metro Mobility, and ridership. Metro Transit has provided a zero-emissions bus plan to the legislature. The Orange Line is off to a good start. The council is continuing to monitor covid cases.
6. **Suburban Transit Authority** – Burkart reported on ridership data. Lindeke asked if STA had pre-pandemic ridership numbers. Burkart said it was in the 25-30% range of pre-pandemic levels and would like to get back to 60%.
7. **TAC Report** - Solberg reported on the items on the consent agenda and shared grant award information and project updates.

## Business

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

1. 2022-20: Streamlined TIP Amendment: Four New Projects (May 23, 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. 2022-21: Streamlined TIP Amendment: Three Cost Increases (May 23, 2022, Transportation Committee)

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

3. 2022-22: Streamlined TIP Amendment: Three Termini Changes (May 23, 2022, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to change the termini of three MnDOT projects.

4. 2022-19: St. Paul Vento Elementary SRTS Scope Change)

The Transportation Advisory Board approved the City of Saint Paul's scope change request to remove the connection from the Gateway State Trail to Arkwright Street on its Bruce Vento Elementary School Safe Routes to School project (SP # 164-591-004). TAB recommended reviewing the Scope Change Policy to clarify the parameters for when a project sponsor can keep funds. TAB has approved project sponsors keeping the funds when a small amount is removed from the project and the full scope of the project is completed with other funding.

2022-15: I-94 Eastbound Lanes TIP Amendment (May 23, 2022, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board accepted the public comments and recommended adoption of 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).

5. 2022-23: Release 2023-2026 TIP for Public Comment

The Transportation Advisory Board released the draft 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for public comment.

## Information

1. Minnesota Climate Action Framework

Amanda Jarrett Smith, presented this item.

2. Transit On-Board Survey

Ashley Asmus, MTA and Eric Lind, Strategic Initiatives/Metro Transit, presented this item.

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

Cole Hiniker announced that they are looking for additional TAB member volunteers.

Link to May 18, 2022, TAB agenda and materials, [051822 Agenda - Transportation Advisory Board \(metrocouncil.org\)](https://www.metrocouncil.org/051822-Agenda-Transportation-Advisory-Board).