

Summary Report

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: November 16, 2022

Reports

- 1. Chair's Report** – Hovland reported that the Executive Committee met and reviewed the TAB materials. For the Regional Solicitation, TAB members will consider over-programming up to 12 percent and request that members think about regional priorities rather than individual projects when selecting a funding scenario. Hovland introduced new TAB alternates Reva Chamblis for Deb Barber and Richard Holst for Bill Lindeke. TAB selects membership on the TAB Executive Committee annually in January. Members interested in serving on TAB Executive Committee in 2023 can send an email to Elaine Koutsoukos by end of December to be placed on slate for consideration.
- 2. MnDOT Report** – Barnes reported that the Corridors of Commerce solicitation is open and ends at the end of November. There is \$200 million available statewide, with half to the metro area. Barnes provided an updated fatality report; through November 13 395 traffic deaths on Minnesota roadways, which is 10 percent less than this time last year, but 23 percent higher than pre-covid. Speed related deaths are 33 percent less than last year, but 20 percent higher than pre-covid. Motorcycle deaths are 20 percent higher than last year, but 86 percent higher than pre-covid. Pedestrian deaths are 37 percent lower so far this year and lower than previous years.
- 3. MPCA** – Biewen reported that MPCA primary TAB member Craig McDonnell is moving to a position with Fresh Energy. MPCA will appoint a new TAB member. MPCA is completing their biennial report on greenhouse gas emissions in Minnesota for all sectors and that will be ready in early 2023.
- 4. MAC Report** – Crimmins reported that Delta Airlines and their pilots are still negotiating. The pilots are authorized to strike but will have to give a 30-day notice before they do. They have not had new contract since 2016. Issues with light rail are working out.
- 5. Metropolitan Council Report** – Chablis reported that the D Line will launch on December 3. The D Line is an 18-mile BRT line connecting the Mall of America and Brooklyn Center Transit Center. Funding from several Regional Solicitations, totaling \$35 million, helped implement this project.
- 6. Suburban Transit Association** – Burkhart reported that ridership is hovering around 40 percent for most of the system compared to pre-covid levels. They are seeing growth in the on-demand service.
- 7. TAC Report** – Solberg reported that TAC will be voting in December for a new TAC Chair for the next two years starting in January 2023.

Business

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

1. 2022-44: Maple Grove Program Year Extension Request

The Transportation Advisory Board approved Maple Grove's Rush Creek Boulevard/I-94/TH 610 Interchange Construction and MN 610 Extension (SP# 189-143-001) be extended from fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2024.

2. 2022-45: Regional Solicitation Project Selection (November 28, 2022, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Council select a program of projects to receive funding through the 2022 Regional Solicitation and to be included in the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or amended into the 2023-2026 TIP. The TAB approved awarding funding up to 12 percent over-programming. TAB selected projects in scenario B1 that was presented, which included projects in the Trails and Pedestrian modal category above the midpoint range, with a 17 to 15 vote.

3. 2022-46: Carbon Reduction Project Selection (November 28, 2022, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Council select projects to receive 2023 and 2024 Carbon Reduction funding and to be included in the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amended into the 2023-2026 TIP. The TAB also recommended awarding \$5.5 million of 2025 Carbon Reduction funding to an additional trail project, Three Rivers Park District Bryan Lake Regional Trail Construction project, which tied the project above it that was funded. TAB historically does not split funding only one project of tied projects.

4. 2022-47: Highway Safety Investment Plan Project Selection (November 28, 2022, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Council approve 38 projects for funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) solicitation and inclusion of all Urbanized Area projects in the draft 2024-2027 TIP.

Information

1. Congestion Management Process: Twin Cities Congestion Analysis Handbook

This item was tabled.

Link to November 16, 2022, TAB agenda and materials, [111622 Agenda - Transportation Advisory Board \(metro council.org\)](#).

