

Summary Report

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: February 15, 2023

Reports

1. **Chair's Report** – Chair Hovland reported that the Executive Committee discussed IJJA and grant opportunities that we can take advantage of as a region and will try to get a consultant that is helping MnDOT to present on the opportunities. We may want to set aside some of the Regional Solicitation funds, similar to the setting aside of innovation funds, for grant opportunities, and, if not used, roll back into the Regional Solicitation.

Chair Hovland welcomed new TAB members and alternates:

- Mark Jenkins, Citizen Representative TAB District F
- Torin Gustafson, Citizen Representative TAB District F alternate
- Jessica (Jess) Robertson, Blaine
- Tom Newland, Blaine alternate
- Judy Hanson, Maple Grove alternate
- Karl Drotning, TAB District H alternate

Chair Hovland announced the first vice-chair Mark Windschitl and second vice-chair Trista MatasCastillo, and TAB Liaison, Peter Dugan who were selected at the TAB Executive Committee meeting.

Hovland reported on the US Conference of Mayors he attended last month in Washington DC. Hovland is the vice-chair of Transportation and Communications. Met with Pete Buttigieg. He is concentrating on Vision Zero, reducing traffic deaths across the US. Hovland made a presentation on Twin Cities regional effort on transportation equity since 2014.

2. **MnDOT Report** – Barnes reported on Corridors of Commerce funding. The packages submitted are getting their final cost estimates and support letters, which are due March 1. The projects will be evaluated, and announcements made in May for the \$200M in funding, with half for the metro area. There have been about twenty fatalities this year which is a couple fewer than last year at this time.
3. **MPCA** – No report
4. **MAC Report** – Crimmins reported on airport numbers. In 2022 there were 31,240,000 passengers at MSP. For international passengers, there was a large increase; 740,800 in 2021 to 2,039,809 in 2022. Daily flights increased from 741 to 756. MSP was ranked #3 out of 20 largest airports by the Wall Street Journal. Terminal 1 will be upgraded and modernized which will be a three-year project due to the desire to avoid interrupting flights. Delta will be the construction managers of the project as they have 71% of the flights in Terminal 1.
5. **Metropolitan Council Report** – Barber reported that the Met Council has begun listening sessions in the community for the Transportation Policy Plan. Barber also provided an update on ridership and noted that rides have been increasing. Council Member finalists have been forwarded to the governor for appointment by March 6th.

6. **Suburban Transit Association** – Hansen reported that SWT is partnering with Lyft to provide on-demand service within an app environment, and it is nearing implementation. MVTA is finalizing a RAISE grant application for a Burnsville Transit Station mobility hub project. They have kicked off discussions with Dakota County Technical College around a dedicated route concept, a workforce development partnership, and onsite electric bus infrastructure. The STA hosted a legislative breakfast at the Capitol to share priorities for this legislative session.
7. **TAC Report** – Jenifer Hager reported that the Funding and Programming Committee will be reviewing the Scope Change Policy, which was last updated 10 years ago, to see if any updates are needed.

Business

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

1. 2023:07: Adoption of PM2 (Pavement and Bridge Reliability) and PM3 (System Reliability and CMAQ) Performance Targets (February 27, 2023, Transportation Committee)
The Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of the PM2, PM3 and CMAQ performance measure targets.
2. 2023-13: Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment – Three New Projects (February 27, 2023, Transportation Committee)
The Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to add three projects.:
3. 2023-14: Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment – Three Scope and Cost Changes (February 27, 2023, Transportation Committee)
The Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council adopt 2023 safety performance targets in the following table.
4. 2023-08: Hennepin County Midtown Greenway Program Year Extension Request
The Transportation Advisory Board approved Hennepin County's requested extension of its Midtown Greenway ADA access project (SP# 027-090-026) from fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2024.
5. 2023-09: Hennepin County Vernon Avenue Bridge Program Year Extension Request
The Transportation Advisory Board approved Hennepin County's requested extension of its CSAH 158 (Vernon Avenue) bridge over the Canadian Pacific Railway (SP# 027-758-006) from fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2024.
6. 2023-10: Saint Paul Kellogg Bridge Replacement Program Year Extension Request
The Transportation Advisory Board approved Saint Paul's request to extend its Kellogg Bridge replacement (SP# 164-158-028) from fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2024.
7. 2023-11: Scope Change for MnDOT TH 13 Cable Barrier Median
The Transportation Advisory Board approved MnDOT's scope change request reduce the project length of its Trunk Highway 13 cable median barrier project in Burnsville (SP # 1901-186) with retention of the full federal award.
8. 2023-12: Scope Change for Saint Paul Fish Hatchery Trail
The Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP change the cost and scope of three projects.

Information

1. Transportation Policy Program Update



Cole Hiniker, MTS, presented the item.

MatasCastillo asked about the integration of performance measures. Hovland noted the importance of engaging the private sector. Barber gave an overview of the moving pieces. Crimmins mentioned that 236,450 metric tons moved out of MSP, which had to move through the roads to get to MSP.

2. Regional Solicitation Update

Steve Peterson presented the item.

Holberg asked about constituent needs. Martinson brought up the need for a theory of change and mechanisms presented. Geisler asked for scoring metrics to be presented with their relevant connection. Hiniker said the analysis is happening and can be brought forward. Hovland shared the funding amount the TAB has to work with. Holberg asked that staff look at the minimal performance standard. Barber noted that the scoring was not so different between the two cycles, but the funding scenarios were different. Barnes explored possible solutions with funding, Hovland encouraged creativity. Koutsoukos will send out the information in the Information section of the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

Items of TAB members

Johnson asked if TAB has a position to lobby for a change to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law. Bailey said the assumption was that the League of Minnesota Cities would be the sponsor and others would sign on.

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