

Summary Report

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: November 15, 2023

Reports

1. **Chair's Report** – Hovland reported on the Met Council Governance Task Force. Legislators have received backgrounding on the existing Council structure and are now looking at alternative models around the country.

Hovland requested TAB members you are interested in serving on the TAB Executive Committee in 2024. Positions are two County, one Minneapolis/St. Paul, two city, one citizen, and one modal or remaining Agencies.

We are in the second half of the IIJA bill. There is \$216 million in IIJA money available in discretionary funding. MnDOT will match up to \$10 million per project. We have had 93 projects in the state that have some IIJA grant funding attached to them. The US Conference of Mayors had a discussion on the activity in the first two years in conjunction with Bloomberg Philanthropies. Bloomberg Philanthropies held a webinar on Reconnecting Rondo with a Reconnecting Communities grant that they received to discuss the land bridge. They are hoping to overlay an African American Cultural Enterprise District. People thinking about what the seven and half mile stretch will become. Center for Transportation Studies held a panel on better path in the public realm on Nov. 3.

2. **MnDOT Report** – Kauppi reported that MnDOT is continuing to work on filling the position previously held by Michael Barnes. April Crockett is leaving MnDOT for a consulting firm. Fatality update; 332 fatalities on the roadways so far. A Toward Zero Deaths conference was held in Rochester. MnDOT is hiring snowplow drivers.
3. **MPCA** – Kohlasch reported on the inaugural board meeting on the Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority, which is a green bank for Minnesota and it includes opportunities to electrify and reduce emissions from the transportation sector. MPCA as the lead agency for the Governors Climate Subcabinet is working on the climate reduction planning grant. MPCA is working with MnDOT, Department of Commerce, and the Department of Agriculture on a Clean Transportation Fuel Standard. A report will be completed in February 2024. The MPCA is looking at ways to jumpstart decarbonization in Minnesota. The MPCA has a grant opportunity open under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act. Grant recipients of funds for EV Charging stations are required to maintain the chargers for five years. The plan for covering the level 3 charging station is hindered by the cost. The VW settlement funds are limited to 15 percent of the funds.
4. **MAC Report** – Crimmins reported that MAC and Delta airlines are jointly renovating concourses and 75 Delta gate areas in Terminal 1. With the joint police presence with the Met Council and MAC, they are seeing a reduction in activity. They will continue to watch as the weather changes.
5. **Metropolitan Council Report** – Barber reported that hiring of bus operators is improving. Hiring is still down for maintenance workers. Service hours have increased 10 percent.
6. **Suburban Transit Association** – Burkhart reported that MVTA will be having a “Stuff

the bus” events at grocery stores and items will be delivered to CAP agencies. On demand service for each of the providers continues to grow and are adding vehicles.

Business

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

1. 2023-51: Streamlined TIP Amendment – Four Projects, MnDOT (November 27, 2023, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP as follows:

- Add signal replacement and local funding to Dakota County’s CSAH 32 (Cliff Rd) resurfacing project in Eagan (SP# 019-632-049);
- Add local funding to Three Rivers Park District’s Rush Creek Trail underpass project at West River Road in Brooklyn Park (SP# 091-090-089);
- Add a trail and an overhead rapid rectangle flashing beacon (RRFB) and increase the federal and state funding for MnDOT’s MN 101 (W 192nd Ave) mill and overlay project in Chanhassen and Eden Prairie (SP# 2736-46); and
- Remove Hennepin County’s CSAH 158(Vernon Ave) bridge replacement as a stand-alone project (SP# 027-758-006) and combine its project elements with Edina’s CSAH 158 (Vernon Avenue) reconstruction (SP# 120-020-044) project (SP# 120-020-044) to be managed by Edina.

2. 2023-52: TIP Amendment for Approval of Regionally Significant Projects (November 27, 2023, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board accepted the public comment report and recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP to add two regionally significant projects:

- Lane additions on I-94 from Albertville to Monticello in Wright County (SP# 8680-189) and
- New interchange at US 169 and CSAH 59 in Scott County (SP# 070-659-001)

Information

1. Intersection Mobility and Safety Study

Steve Peterson, MTS; Michael Corbett, MnDOT; and Paul Morris, SRF presented this item.

2. Regional Solicitation Ties to 2050 TPP

Steve Peterson, MTS, presented this item.

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