

Summary Report

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: August 21, 2024

Reports

1. **Chair's Report** – Hovland reported that the TAB Executive Committee met prior to the TAB meeting and reviewed the agenda materials.
2. **MnDOT Report** – Sahebjam reported on the groundbreaking for Hwy. 212. Hwy. 212 is a heavy truck route. Carver County is delivering the project. MnDOT is preparing for winter maintenance. In the past there were 440 maintenance workers and they are down to 330. For snowplowing, they have 216 plows out at a time. The low snow amount last year saved money and MnDOT was able to update equipment. Statewide there have been 271 fatalities. This is an increase over the 234 fatalities at the same time in 2023.
3. **MPCA** – Biewen reported that MPCA received a \$200 million grant from the Climate Pollution Reduction Act. As a transportation focus, \$20 million will be focused on food delivery equipment. The Climate Action Framework has been in place for a couple years. MPCA will be updating the Framework and is recruiting for participants for the advisory groups. Anyone interested in serving on an advisory group, can sign up on the website, [Climate Action Framework | Our Minnesota Climate \(state.mn.us\)](https://state.mn.us/climate-action-framework).
4. **MAC Report** – Hovland reported on Crimmins behalf. With the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) planning a 2025 update to procedures airplanes use to navigate as they depart MSP Airport. The organization hosted two virtual public meetings on August 14 and 15 to share more information and gather community input on the proposed updates.

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) and the Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) have been working with the FAA to ensure that information is shared with surrounding communities about the proposed updates to flight procedures. As the sole authority over where and how aircraft fly, the FAA is fully managing and implementing the planned update to the departure flight procedures, which are anticipated to be finalized in February 2025 and go into effect in August 2025. Members of the community can provide public comments on the proposed procedures. More information is available on the FAA website: [Community Engagement — Minneapolis-St. Paul | Federal Aviation Administration \(faa.gov\)](https://www.faa.gov/community-engagement/minneapolis-st-paul).

Crimmins provided comments regarding the Riverview streetcar plan in St. Paul.

- The Riverview streetcar plan is projected to cost approximately 1 billion dollars.
- The Riverview streetcar plan as it stands today could limit access to the airport.
- Bus-rapid transit would be more affordable and should not affect airport access.
- As of now there is no plan to subsidize business owners on the Riverview route for disruption.

5. **Metropolitan Council Report** – Barber reported that the 2050 Regional Development Guide was released for public comment on August 15 through October 7, [Imagine 2050 -](#)

[Metropolitan Council \(metro council.org\)](https://metro council.org). On August 17, LRT service frequency was increased to 12 minutes. Metro Transit is providing bus service to the State Fair from park-and-rides in the metro area.

- 6. Suburban Transit Association** – Hanson reported that suburban transit providers' ridership continues to increase. After a three-year absence, Maple Grove Transit State Fair bus service is returning on weekends and Labor Day from the Maple Grove Transit Station. Minnesota Valley Transit Authority has received delivery of five electric vehicles – the first in MVTA's fleet. These vehicles will operate primarily as part of Connect microtransit service and are expected to go into service during the fourth quarter of this year. MVTA again is offering service to the Renaissance Festival throughout the entirety of the festival and to all 12 days of the Minnesota State Fair. SouthWest Transit also is offering State Fair and Renaissance Festival service, except on Labor Day.

Business

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

- 1. 2024-35: Streamlined TIP Amendment Request – MnDOT, MN 47 (University Avenue) Improvements Project in Fridley and Blaine (August 26, 2024, Transportation Committee)**

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP to adjust MnDOT's MN 47 (University Avenue) improvement project in Fridley and Blaine.
- 2. 2024-36: Streamlined TIP Amendment Request – MnDOT MN 3 (Robert Street) Video Analytics Pilot Project (August 26, 2024, Transportation Committee)**

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP to add MnDOT's MN 3 (Robert Street) video analytics pilot project.
- 3. 2024-27: Adoption of the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (August 26, 2024, Transportation Committee)**

The Transportation Advisory Board accepted the TIP Public Comment report and recommended that the Metropolitan Council adopt the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which includes the changes made in response to public comment.

Information

- 1. Regional Safety Action Plan**

Heidi Schallberg, MTS; Renae Kuehl and Nicole Bitzan, SRF Consulting; Jessica Schoner, Safe Streets Research + Consulting; presented the item. Plan components include:

- Work with Technical Advisory Group
- Public engagement
- State of the practice review
- Trend summaries by mode
- Create high injury streets identification (including pedestrians)
- Crash Risk Index analysis
- Crash rate analysis
- Review TPP policies and actions for revisions
- Corridor recommendations for further work
- High-level countermeasures
- Programmatic recommendations

- Final report

TAB members requested additional analysis on functional classification by county. TAB members requested a future presentation on analysis on key roads.

2. EV Spot Network – Evie Carshare Program

Russ Stark and Erin Kayser, City of Saint Paul; Joe Laurin, City of Minneapolis; and Paul Schroeder, CEO of HOURCAR; presented the item. TAB members requested a breakdown of costs of the program; i.e., subsidies (TAB, cities), user charges, etc.

Link to August 21, 2024, TAB agenda and materials, [08212024 Agenda - Transportation Advisory Board \(metrocouncil.org\)](https://www.metrocouncil.org/Agenda/08212024/08212024%20Agenda%20-%20Transportation%20Advisory%20Board).

