

# Summary Report

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: January 17, 2024

## Reports

- 1. Chair's Report** – Windschitl welcomed new and reappointed members:
  - MnDOT – Khani Sahebjam
  - Council TAB District A – Doug Anderson, Samantha McKinney (alternate)
  - Council TAB District B – John Morast (replacing Randy Maluchnik)
  - Council TAB District C – Husniyah Bradley, Andy Lewis (alternate)
  - Council TAB District D – Glen Johnson, Brandon Wagenfeld (alternate)
  - Transit – Amity Foster, Timothy Marino (alternate)
  - Transit – Christopher Vaughan, Nathan Hemann (alternate)
  - Non-motorized – Brian Martinson, Alexander Ask (alternate)
  - Anoka County – Julie Jeppson, Mike Gamache (alternate)
  - Carver County – John Fahey (no alternate)
  - St. Paul – Hwajeong Kim, Saura Jost (alternate)
  - Minneapolis – Aurin Chowdhury, Katie Cashman (alternate)
- 2. MnDOT Report** – Sahebjam had no report.
- 3. MPCA** – Kohlasch reported that EPA announced that Minneapolis and St. Paul school districts received just under \$69 million for electric school bus implementation; it will bring about 198 electric buses. MPCA has posted their Climate Action Plan, [Climate Action Framework | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency \(state.mn.us\)](#), and it is available for public comment.
- 4. MAC Report** – Crimmins reported that they are bringing in a new navigation system for take-offs and landings at the airport. It is being introduced by the FAA. Noise Oversight Committee will meet January 31, agenda is available on the website, [NOC | Metropolitan Airports Commission \(metroairports.org\)](#). In-person and virtual meeting formats are available.
- 5. Metropolitan Council Report** – MTS Director Carlson reported on behalf of Barber that Metro Transit and Met Council leaders spent several days last week riding the train and stopping at stations to hear directly from riders about their experiences riding light rail. Leaders who participated in the light rail listening session tour included General Manager Lesley Kandaras, Metro Transit Police Chief Ernest Morales III, Chief Operating Officer Brian Funk, Met Council Chair Charlie Zelle, and Transportation Committee Chair Deb Barber. Riders said they appreciated the opportunity to be heard and to share their praise as well as their frustrations. Feedback gathered over the course of the tour will inform ongoing efforts to improve conditions through an expanded, onboard official presence and other strategies noted in Metro Transit's Safety & Security Action Plan.
- 6. Suburban Transit Association** – Hanson reported that Maple Grove Transit reports slow growth in express ridership, noted primarily during mid-week. MYRIDE microtransit service

remains strong, and progress is being made in procuring small buses. The agency is planning significant transit station maintenance and repair and considering digital information and signage enhancements this year. Minnesota Valley Transit Authority's 2023 ridership increased 27% overall compared to 2022 ridership. This includes a 34% increase in weekend ridership and a 212% increase in special service ridership due in large part to a significant increase in Renaissance Festival ridership. MVTA Connect microtransit service provided 110,000 rides in 2023 – a 25% increase over 2022. Plymouth Metrolink overall ridership increased 35% over 2022. Click and Ride (micro-transit) ridership increased 35% over 2022 and 26% over 2019 pre-pandemic ridership. To meet this demand, they are planning to add more Click and Ride services this year. Southwest Transit total ridership is up 20% over last year with Prime up 28% to a record 142,614 microtransit rides. Southwest's 494 corridor fixed route service is set to begin later this year.

## Business

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

1. 2024-06: Streamlined TIP Amendment Request – Three Project Adjustments (January 22, 2024, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council amend the 2024-2027 TIP as follows:

- Reduce the project length of MNDOT's MN 13 signs and catch basin reinforcement project in Savage and Burnsville (SP # 7001-134);
- Increase the cost of, and add transportation management services (TMS) to, MnDOT's MN 36 mill & overlay and auxiliary lane extensions project in Roseville, Maplewood, and Little Canada (SP # 6212-192);
- Remove the Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) designation and reduce the total project of MnDOT's districtwide bituminous pavement crack treatments project (SP # 8825-1132).

2. 2024-01: Selection of TAB Executive Committee for 2024

The Transportation Advisory Board approved the TAB Executive Committee for 2024.

The committee shall be composed of ten Board members as follows:

- the Board Chair – Jim Hovland
- the Member representing the MnDOT – Khani Sahebjam
- the Member representing the Metropolitan Council – Deb Barber
- two members representing the county Board members – Debbie Goettel (Hennepin County) and Mary Liz Holberg (Dakota County)
- one member representing the Board members from the cities of the first class – Aurin Chawdhury (Minneapolis)
- two members representing the Board members from the remaining cities – Mark Windschitl (Chaska) and Mark Steffenson (Maple Grove)
- one member representing the citizen Board members (Peter Dugan)
- one member representing the modal and remaining agency Board members – Brian Martinson (non-motorized)

3. 2024-02: Adoption of 2024 Safety Performance Targets (February 12, 2024, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of the 2024 safety performance targets of no more than, and with an ultimate goal of zero deaths:

- Number of all fatalities: 82
- Fatal injuries per 100 million VMT: 0.29



- Number of all serious injuries: 532
  - Serious injuries per 100 million VMT: 1.89
  - Pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and serious injuries: 131
4. 2024-03: Scope Change Request for South Saint Paul Marie Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility  

The Transportation Advisory Board approved South Saint Paul's scope change request to remove the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue improvements from its Marie Avenue bicycle and pedestrian facility (SP# 168-104-011) with no reduction in federal funds.
  5. 2024-04: Scope Change Request and TIP Amendment for Inver Grove Heights Curb Ramp Reconstruction (January 22, 2024, Transportation Committee)  

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council:

    - Approve Inver Grove Heights's scope change request to remove four curb ramps from its ADA curb ramp project (SP# 178-030-001) with no reduction in federal funds, and
    - Recommend approval of an amendment to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) reflecting the scope change.

## Information

### 1. 2024 Regional Solicitation Update

Steve Peterson, MTS, presented this item. The technical scoring committees have been formed and started meeting for 11 of the applications. Steve requested TAB members to volunteer for scoring the Unique Projects category.

### 2. Regional Solicitation Evaluation Work Group Structure

Steve Peterson, MTS, and Molly Stewart, SRF, presented this item. Members discussed the working group membership makeup and various decision points. TAB members are initially being recruited for the Policymaker Workgroup and the Active Transportation Workgroup.

Link to January 17, 2024, TAB agenda and materials, [011724 Agenda - Transportation Advisory Board \(metrocity.org\)](https://metrocity.org/011724-Agenda-Transportation-Advisory-Board).

