

Summary Report

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: June 18, 2025

Reports

1. **Chair's Report** – Goettel reported the 2025 state legislative session included changes to the Corridors of Commerce Program regarding the geographic balance targets for this funding source. MnDOT was in the middle of a solicitation process for \$22M in Readiness grants and an action was originally on the TAB agenda for today. Based on the new legislative language, the process will need to restart to allow for “Metro Projects” (those touching the I-494/694 Beltway and inward) a chance to apply. Given the percentages in the law, the “Metro Projects” area will be awarded between 25% and 27.5% of the \$22M available for Corridors of Commerce Readiness funding or between \$5.5M and \$6.05M. This funding can be used on planning and engineering type activities on future projects. Item 2025-20 that was removed from the agenda will come back to TAB in August or September. TAB Executive Committee met prior to TAB and discussed what was happening at the federal level and the reduction of staff. There will be continued monitoring to see if this impacts approvals that are submitted.
2. **MnDOT Report** – Sahebjam provided an update on safety trends; to date there were 140 fatalities statewide compared to 188 in 2024. Metro area has 40 percent of the fatalities. There have been 16 pedestrian fatalities, 12 in the metro area; 10 motorcycle fatalities, 4 in metro area; and 5 bike fatalities, 1 in the metro area. Sahebjam provided a summary of legislation and projects funded. Sahebjam reported the Metro portion of the Corridors of Commerce Readiness Advancement nomination process is now open for nominations. All information, including an updated program schedule, can be found at [Readiness Advancement - Corridors of Commerce - MnDOT](#).
3. **MPCA** – Kohlasch reported that in late May, there was a Congressional Review Act Resolution to revoke California's Clean Air Act Waivers for Advanced Clean Cars II, Advanced Clean Trucks, and Omnibus NOx Rule; no state can use the standards to reduce GHG. Litigation likely as to whether the CRA can apply to these waivers (GAO and Senate Parliamentarian said they are not subject to the CRA). MPCA is tracking Proposed Reconciliation Bill Recissions. There is a proposal to revert to previous more lenient emissions standards.
Proposed Reconciliation Bill Recissions
 - Model Year 2027 and later light and medium-duty vehicles
 - Model Year 2030 and later heavy-duty vehicles
 - Unobligated funds across nearly all Inflation Reduction Act programs
 - Clean Heavy Duty Vehicles grant program
 - Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA)
 - New and used EV purchase tax credits
 - SAF production, blending, and storage grant programs
 - Alternative Fuel Refueling Tax credit (E85, \leq B20, Electricity)
 - Clean Hydrogen production tax credits
 - Carbon Sequestration tax credits

- Early phase-out of Investment Tax Credit and Production Tax Credits + Federal Entity Of Concern (FEOC) conditions
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grants
- Environmental Justice Block Grants
- Funding for new pathway review under the federal Renewable Fuel Standard
- 3 Tax credit programs for residential energy efficiency

Proposed rule to repeal all GHG emission regulations for new and existing coal, natural gas, and oil power plants; repeals 2024 and 2015 rules.

Tracking U.S. House markup on the federal fiscal year 2026 budget for EPA and the significant cuts proposed by the administration's budget proposal.

MPCA is continuing the Climate Action Framework Update: next round of public engagement opportunities will begin next week with sector-based conversations.

Climate-Smart Food System Grant (Climate Pollution Reduction Grant) continues to move forward, as well as Electric School Bus grant from EPA and VW Settlement Funding Round 3 of projects.

4. **MAC Report** – Crimmins reported that MAC received seven Telly awards out of 13,000 submissions; (the Telly Awards honor excellence in video and television across all screens [Winners - Telly Awards](#)). We are in peak summer travel; there were 468 average daily departures. Passenger levels are flat compared to 2024. There is one runway down for construction, so they are receiving noise complaints from areas they usually don't hear from. The construction should be completed around August. There are a lot of summer events planned; several were held over Fathers Day at reliever airports. Upcoming event include the following:
 - June 23 – Discover St. Paul Airport at 4:30 pm
 - July 6 – Pan-O-Prog at Airlake
 - July 12 – Air Fair, 9 am – 4 pm, at Flying Cloud
 - August 20 – Airport Tenant BBQ, 11 am – 1 pm, at Flying Cloud
 - September 8 – Airport Tenant BBQ, 4:30-6:30 pm, at Anoka Blaine
 - September 17 – Airport Tenant BBQ, 11 am – 1 pm, at St. Paul
 - September 20 – Girls in Aviation Days, 10 am – 3 pm, at Flying Cloud
 - October 6 – Airport Tenant BBQ, 4:30-6:30 pm, at Airlake
5. **Metropolitan Council Report** – Barber reported that Metro Transit launched the B Line on June 14. The Council's Committee of the Whole meeting is on the road and will meet in Chaska today.
6. **Suburban Transit Association** – Hansen reported Maple Grove Transit is installing bike lockers at its transit stations to help promote active transportation. Final recommendations from their joint transit needs assessment study with Plymouth Metrolink are being formulated for anticipated implementation of service changes this summer. SouthWest Transit's new 494 corridor service essentially converted microtransit service into a fixed route, doubling ridership and reducing ride time while removing transit vehicles from the road. Southwest's autonomous vehicle service booked nearly 1,700 riders in May. Minnesota Valley Transit Authority is organizing a business council to foster strategic collaboration between MVTA and regional employers; obtain data and support business needs related to workforce commuting, access, and talent retention; provide regular updates on transit service enhancements and infrastructure investments; and create a two-way communication channel for business-driven transit planning.



Business

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

1. 2025-21: Streamlined 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Request – Two HSIP Project Adjustments (June 23, 2025, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended adoption of an amendment to the 2025-2028 TIP to reduce the project cost of two MnDOT safety projects (SP# 019-686-022 and 019-686-021) and add two STBG Program-funded roundabout projects (SP# 1920-53 and 1911-30).

2. 2025-22: Streamlined 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Request – MnDOT MN 280 Pavement and Bridge Rehabilitation (June 23, 2025, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended approval of an amendment to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program to reduce the length of, add a bridge to, and increase the cost of MnDOT's Minnesota Highway 280 pavement and bridge rehabilitation project.

3. 2025-17: Recommending of 2050 Transportation Policy Plan Amendment 1: Blue and Gold Line Extensions (June 23, 2025, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council release the draft 2050 TPP Amendment 1 for public comment.

Information

1. TMA Certification Results

Scott Mareck, FHWA, presented this item.

2. Regional Solicitation Evaluation Updates

Johnson updated on the Active Transportation Work Group. The legislature allocated \$2 million of the TAB's Active Transportation funding to the Washington Avenue bridge project. For the projects selected for funding in 2024, four projects have grant agreements executed and one project is under construction in Jordan. Two projects have rescinded their awards; one of the projects received other funding. The next Active Transportation Work Group meeting will be at the end of July.

Peterson provided an update on the work of the Special Issue Work Groups. The work groups have had two workshops and are discussing the criteria and measures. The Policymaker Work Group will meet on July 16 before TAB.

3. Aviation System Plan Update

Joe Widing, MTS Planning, presented this item.

Link to June 18, 2025, TAB agenda and materials, [061825 Agenda - Transportation Advisory Board](#).

