

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
 390 North Robert St., St. Paul MN 55101
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Wednesday, April 18, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hargis, William, Chair	Stark, Russ	Butcher, Gerry
Janovy, Jennifer	Westerberg, Andy	Van Hattum, David	Isaacs, Aaron
Hovland, James	Petryk, Becky	Lilligren, Robert	Maluchnik, Randy
Ulrich, Jon	McBride, Scott	Heffelfinger, Thomas	Duininck, Adam
Gallagher, Steven	Sanger, Sue	Krause, Paul	Bennett, Tony
Donahoe, Margaret	Siddiqui, AJ	Fawley, Ethan	Peilen, Lisa
Whalen, Julia	Callison, Jan		
ABSENT:	Rossbach, Will	Thornton, David	Drotning, Karl
	Have, Ron	Tjornhom, Bethany	Hegberg, Dennis
		Swanson, Dick	McKnight, Kenya
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator		

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the April 18, 2012 TAB meeting to order at 1:30 pm, Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Whalen, to adopt the agenda for the April 18, 2012 TAB meeting.
 Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Callison, seconded by Whalen, to approve the minutes from March 21, 2012 TAB meeting.
 Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. Public comment on the agenda items has occurred at the respective TAB subcommittee meetings.

There were no members of the public present to address the TAB at today's meeting.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technical Advisory Committee

Pat Bursaw reported that the TAC met on April 4, 2012 and discussed the following:

1. Serge Phillips-MnDOT gave an update on the Federal Highway Reauthorization, the Senate & House bills, MnDOT's position and the state's role.
2. Kirby Becker and Lyn Bly presented to the TAC on the Statewide Multimodal Plan: the extensive outreach efforts, schedule, etc.
3. Discussed the TAC bylaws which will come before the TAB in May as an information item.

TAC has formed a Federal Program Delivery Issues work group that has met three times to discuss sunset date and scope change issues, focusing on three areas:

- a. Policy/process. Discussion about eliminating automatic sunset dates but retain the extension process.
- b. Incentives/disincentives for on-time project delivery.
- c. Establishing a regular monitoring process for the status of projects.

The work group is also discussing definitions of scope changes.

TAC also discussed federal funds distribution.

Policy Committee

Randy Maluchnik reported that the Policy Committee heard reports on the following:

- a. Regional Governance at the State Legislature
An update on bills and discussions at the State Legislature affecting regional governance.
- b. Extension and Reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU
A report on the most recent extension of SAFETEA-LU and the prospects for continued extensions or reauthorizations.
- c. MnDOT Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan
Wrap up on the MN GO! Vision and introduction to the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan, presented by Kirby Becker and Mark Nelson-MnDOT.

Programming Committee

Robert Lilligren reported that the Programming Committee met and discussed the following items:

- a. Update on the 2011 Regional Solicitation
TAB Coordinator Kevin Roggenbuck presented to the Programming Committee. He stated that the Regional Solicitation has reached the interactive process, where applicants can discuss the scoring and evaluation of their projects with the scoring committee. The TAB will need to decide whether to go forward and allocate funds in the 2011 Regional Solicitation; the Executive Committee will discuss this at their meeting on 5/10/12.

Lilligren stated that the Programming Committee voted in favor of, and is forwarding Action Items 2012-15, 2012-16 and 2012-17 as consent items.

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by McBride, to approve Consent Items 2012-15, 2012-16 and 2012-17 (motions follow). Motion passed unanimously.

- b. 2012-15: Motion - That the TAB approves a scope change to change the lane configuration on Eagan SP#195-010-010: TH 149 reconstruction from TH 55 to I-494, and adopt an amendment to the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program reflecting the new scope.
- c. 2012-16: Motion - That the TAB adopts an amendment to the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program that adds MnDOT SP#s 13-00001, 27-00306, 27-00307, 62-00206, 62-00207: Rail Crossing Equipment Replacement.
- d. 2012-17: Motion - That the TAB adopts an amendment to the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program that increases the total cost for SP#138-010-018: TH 36 and English Street Interchange; and includes SP#6211-090, Reconstruct TH 36.

The following items were not part of the consent list:

- e. 2012-18: 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program Adoption Schedule: TAC recommendation to adopt the development schedule for the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

Pat Bursaw-MnDOT addressed the committee with this item. Hargis stated that the “theme” that he has been hearing from members is that they would like a better understanding of the process that MnDOT goes through in selecting projects. Sanger added that she would like a better understanding of MnDOT’s decisions to change/add/delete projects. Fawley asked how the Statewide Plan is evolving, and its relation to the TIP. Stark would like examples of what trends (type of projects, etc.) are in this TIP compared to past TIPs.

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Butcher:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopts the 2013-2016 TIP development schedule.

Motion passed unanimously.

f. 2012-19: Allocation of Additional FY 2012 Federal Funds: TAC recommendation to approve the allocation of \$5.6 million in additional federal funds from non-earmarks as directed by the TAB. This item was presented by Pat Bursaw-MnDOT, and Greg Coughlin-MnDOT Metro State and Federal Aid was present to answer specific project questions. Bursaw stated that broad parameters for selecting projects were established at a meeting 2/02/12. Bursaw explained how the \$5.6M figure was determined. Factors used to consider the distribution of funds included: project delivery in 2012, program/modal/geographic equity, low cost/high benefit, and job creation potential. It was the TAB's direction to apply these funds equitably to existing projects, rather than to one project. MnDOT will make the determination on allocating \$30M project funds to Greater Minnesota.

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Ulrich:

That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the distribution of additional FFY 2012 federal funds as recommended by MnDOT's Metro State Aid Office.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. SPECIAL AGENDA

Statewide Multi Modal Plan

Kirby Becker-MnDOT presented on the Statewide Multi Modal Plan and answered questions from members about how the plan differs from the TPP, addressing prioritization during periods of low funding for projects, MnDOT decision making on preservation vs. expansion, risk assessment. Becker stated that this plan is not project specific for a 50-year period, but looks at what the objectives are. TAB members stated that prioritization methods are needed, and also a look at trends in the next 50 years (population, age, work force, transportation modes, accessibility).

Transit and Transitway Expansion Plans

Metro Transit Director Service Development John Levin presented on the bus system, the Transit Master Study, expansion and growth of the system, the Regional Service Improvement Plan (RSIP), public involvement, and capital facility expansion planning.

MTS Senior Planner Cole Hiniker presented on transitway development, the definition of transitway, status and types of various transitways.

VII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

None.

VIII. AGENCY REPORTS

None.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hargis adjourned the regular meeting of TAB at 3:10 pm on Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

Respectfully submitted: LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary