

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
 390 North Robert St., St. Paul MN 55101
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Wednesday, December 19, 2012

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the December 19, 2012 TAB meeting to order at 12:35 pm, Metropolitan Council Chambers, St. Paul, Minnesota.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Have, seconded by Rossbach, to adopt the agenda for the, December 19, 2012 TAB meeting. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mary Hamann-Roland noted the correct spelling of her name as an amendment to the 11/28/12 minutes. Motion was made by Swanson and seconded by Hamann-Roland to approve the amended minutes from November 28, 2012 TAB meeting. Motion passed.

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. REPORTS

a. TAB Chair's Report

Chair Bill Hargis reported on the following:

i Report on the cost and accessibility of audio streaming and recording TAB meetings.

This information is summarized in a memo from Kevin Roggenbuck dated 12/12/12 and provided in the TAB information packet. Members discussed. The original purpose of recording TAB minutes was to be for member use; there was also discussion about video-streaming meetings for the public use. Members from cities and counties noted that their meetings are video-streamed for the public and noted that this adds to the transparency of government decisions. Callison stated that there has been a fair amount of discussion about this, and that she would like to set aside the subject for now. TAB members agreed. At Bennett's suggestion, member Duininck said that he would take the suggestion of possibly video-streaming the meetings to the Metropolitan Council for their input.

ii. Hargis welcomed new TAB member Mary Hamann-Roland, who addressed the committee and said a few words about her background.

iii. Hargis recognized outgoing TAB members. Those present said a few parting words about their time serving on the TAB.

Present: Dennis Hegberg – Washington County, Tony Bennett – Ramsey County, Thomas Heffelfinger – Citizen B

Not present: Andy Westerberg – Anoka County, A.J. Siddiqui – Citizen E

b. Agency Reports (MnDOT, MPCA, MAC and Metropolitan Council)

There were no agency reports at the TAB meeting today.

c. Technical Advisory Committee Report – Pat Bursaw

Bursaw reported on the December 5, 2012 TAC meeting. The TAC heard information on the Statewide Roadway Jurisdictional Alignment Study from Greg Coughlin-MnDOT. This was also presented to the TAB at the 11/28/12 meeting.

The TAC also took action on 10 items, all of which are on the TAB agenda today.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Chair Hargis began discussion on the following action items.

a. TAB Action 2012-30: Transportation Policy Plan Amendment: Hennepin County

Report on Golden Valley's position on the Bottineau Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA); recommendation to amend the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan to include the Bottineau Transitway LPA and Arterial Transitway Corridor Study Results.

Joe Gladke, Hennepin County and Mary Karlsson, Metropolitan Transportation Services, presented this item. Golden Valley passed a resolution of support for the project on 12/18/12. Gladke answered questions from TAB members about the differences between this resolution and the initial resolution that was not passed by Golden Valley. Isaacs stated that it is unfortunate that more consideration was not given to the alignment that goes to Maple Grove (Maple Grove Transit Center) and expressed desire to leave the door open for discussion of a future branch to LRT so that express buses do not compete with rail. Callison noted a correction needed on Page 5, Amendment 4: "A draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) was published for Southwest in **Summer** 2012" should read "**Fall**" 2012. Karlsson also noted that in Amendments 1, 2, 3 on Page 4 – the dates "**December 2102**" will be changed to a placeholder "[insert date]", to be replaced with the specific dates as they occur.

Motion by Callison, seconded by Hovland:

That the TAB recommend adoption of amendments to the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan to specify light rail transit (LRT) on the West Broadway in Brooklyn Park – Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corridor – Olson Memorial Highway alignment (Alternative B-C-D1) as the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Bottineau Transitway and to reflect results of the recently completed Arterial Transitways Corridors Study.

(Amendments made by TAB as noted above will be made to the document.)

Motion passed.

b. TAB Action 2012-48: Metropolitan Airports Commission 2013-2019 Capital Improvement Program Recommendation to accept the findings and recommend approval of the 2013-2019 CIP to the Metropolitan Council.

Pat Bursaw, TAC Chair, presented this item. Robert Vorpahl and Bridget Rief, Metropolitan Airports Commission, were present to answer questions from TAB members. MAC took action on 12/13/12 with the revision that Terminal C improvements will show up as a 2013 project. Vorpahl responded to a request from Hovland to explain the sources (and percentages) of funding. In response to Heffelfinger, Vorpahl explained

the public participation process that was followed. In response to Isaacs, Vorpahl said that the MAC continues to look at the possibility of making Terminal 2 (Lindbergh) accessible by bicycle, although this is difficult from a safety standpoint.

Motion by Maluchnik, seconded by Swanson:

That the Transportation Advisory Board review and approve the findings below concerning the MAC 2013-2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and forward any comments and recommendations to the Metropolitan Council for its consideration.

Motion passed.

Pat Bursaw, TAC Chair, presented the following two items (2012-34 & 2012-35) and Tim Mayasich, chair-Federal Program Delivery Work Group, was present to give background and to answer questions from committee members.

c. TAB Action 2012-34: New Program Year Policy: Federal Program Delivery Work Group
Recommendation to approve a new program year policy to replace the existing sunset date policy.
Motion by Swanson, seconded by Callison:
That the TAB adopt the Regional Program Year Policy.

Discussion followed regarding MAP-21 requirements for performance based projects, the region's need to take a more managerial role in project delivery, how MAP-21 may affect the Regional Solicitation process. MAP-21 may create new work for smaller local governments to monitor project readiness, management decisions on performance measures. The committee also discussed small vs large and more difficult projects and that there may be reasons outside of the proposer's control for a project not being delivered on time.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to call the question and vote on the action.

With Swanson/Callison approval, Hovland made an amendment to the motion to add to the Process and Roles: The aggrieved party has the right to appeal the decision of the TAC to the full TAB to determine the final decision on a program year extension.

The original motion with the amendment by Hovland was passed.

Motion was made by Lilligren, seconded by Drotning to direct the TAC and staff to return to the TAB with a formal appeals process to the Regional Program Year Policy. Motion passed.

d. TAB Action 2012-35: Scope Change Consultation Process: Federal Program Delivery Work Group
Recommendation to approve a scope change consultation process for regionally-selected projects.
Motion by Hovland, seconded by Hamann-Roland:
To recommend approval of the Scope Change Consultation Process to assist with the management and delivery of transportation projects awarded federal funds through the TAB's Regional Solicitation Process
The committee discussed scope changes/new projects; committees that make decisions need clear definitions of scope changes in order to make those decisions.
Motion by Callison, seconded by Lilligren to table this item for consideration at another time. Motion passed.

e. TAB Action 2012-41: CMAQ TDM Solicitation : Metropolitan Council
Recommendation to defer the CMAQ solicitation for new Travel Demand Management projects.
Pat Bursaw, TAC Chair, presented this item. Isaacs commented that now is a good time to look at the set-aside for TDM activities, as MAP-21 has fewer funds than SAFETEA-LU. Members Isaacs, Hovland and Lilligren requested future discussion and information on what activities, beyond Rideshare, are being done by TMOs with the TDM money, and the outcomes of those activities.
Motion by Isaacs, seconded by Peilen:
That the TAB accept the Metropolitan Council's TDM funding recommendation to defer \$1.2 million from the \$7.0 million biennial regional CMAQ allocation previously designated by the TAB for new and innovative TDM projects and that the TAB reconsider solicitation for new projects in 2014.
Motion passed.

In the interest of time, Pat Bursaw, TAC Chair briefly explained the following action items (2012-42 and 2012-43)

There was no further discussion by the TAB members.

f. TAB Action 2012-42: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment: MN Department of Transportation (Highway Safety Improvement Program funds, MnDOT)

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Ulrich:

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the attached list of the 16 projects as the 2015-2016 allocation of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding: delete 999880M-SHL-15, which was a placeholder for HSIP funding for 2015; and modify the budget for 999880M-SHL-16, which serves as a placeholder for the remainder of HSIP funding in 2016.

Motion passed.

g. TAB Action 2012-43: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment: MN Department of Transportation (National Highway Performance Program funds, MnDOT)

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Drotning:

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add SP#7080-51, Unbonded concrete overlay on I-35 from CSAH 2 to the I-35E/I-35W split and SP#0285-65, mill and overlay of I-694 from the I-94/I-694 split to east of I-35W.

Motion passed.

Pat Bursaw gave a background of action items 2012-44 and 2012-45. Following discussion regarding cost increases, action items 2012-44 and 2012 45 were acted on in one motion as noted below.

h. TAB Action 2012-44: Scope Change Robert Street Improvements: West St. Paul (Surface Transportation Program funds, 2009 Regional Solicitation)

Motion:

Recommend that the TAB approve a scope change for the Robert Street Improvements project (SP#173-010-007) with a \$300,000 reduction in STP-UG funding.

Motion passed.

i. TAB Action 2012-45: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment Robert Street Improvements: West St. Paul (Surface Transportation Program funds, 2009 Regional Solicitation)

Motion:

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the scope and costs for the Robert Street Improvements Project (SP#173-010-007) and reduce the STP-UG funding by \$300,000 to \$6,980,000 and modify the scope for MnDOT's project #1908-84.

Motion by Bennet, seconded by Rossbach:

Motion to approve action items 2012-44 and 2012-45 as noted above passed.

Pat Bursaw gave a background of action items 2012-46 and 2012-47. Kate Garwood, Anoka County, was present to answer questions from TAB members. She responded to a question from Isaacs that the ridership had not been double-counted. Stark commented that the action transmittal for 2012-46 is not clear how much consultation was done with Metro Transit. Action items 2012-46 and 2012 47 were acted on in one motion as noted below.

j. TAB Action 2012-46: Scope Change TH 65 Transit Service: Anoka County (Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program funds, 2009 Regional Solicitation)

Motion:

Recommend that TAB approve the requested scope change for SP# TRS-TCMT-13F to increase the number of buses purchased from six to seven; and for SP# TRS-TCMT-13G to extend the transit service route to East Bethel and Ham Lake.

k. TAB Action 2012-47: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment: Anoka County
(Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program funds, 2009 Regional Solicitation)

Motion:

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to revise the scope and costs SP# TRS-TCMT-13F, SP# TRS-TCMT-13G, SP# 002-596-016 and SP# 002-596-018 (the four components of the Anoka County TH 65 Transit Service project).

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Maluchnik:

Motion to approve action items 2012-46 and 2012-47 as noted above passed.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. No information items were scheduled for this TAB meeting.

VIII. SPECIAL AGENDA

Due to time constraints, the following special agenda item was not addressed at today's TAB meeting.

a. MAP-21 Impact on the Current 2013-2016 TIP and Future Programming Directions.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

Ulrich noted that a ribbon cutting for I-494/TH 169 was held on 11/29/12 and attended by Hovland and McBride.

Bennett noted that the grand opening of the Union Depot held on 12/15/12 was attended by 25,000 people, and encouraged members to also visit the Union Depot.

Swanson requested that the Executive Committee look at the order of agenda items in the future, so that action items are not rushed through without adequate opportunity for discussion.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hargis adjourned the regular meeting of TAB at 2:50 pm on Wednesday, December 19, 2012.