

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Metropolitan Council Building, 390 North Robert Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

### TAB POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: May 10, 2012  
Metropolitan Council Chambers

Members Present: Russ Stark, Co-Chair, Gerry Butcher, Karl Drotning, Adam Duininck, Ethan Fawley, Steven Gallagher, Ron Have, Jennifer Janovy, Paul Krause, Scott McBride, Lisa Peilen, Sue Sanger, David Van Hattum.

Guests and Staff: Lance Brimhall, MnDOT  
Ann Braden, Metropolitan Council  
Arlene McCarthy, Metropolitan Council  
Libby Starling, Metropolitan Council  
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator

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#### **I. Call to Order.**

Co Chair Stark called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM.

#### **II. Adoption of the Agenda.**

Co-Chair Stark announced that Libby Starling from the Metropolitan Council is available to present information on the Council's 2040 forecasts and asked if there were any objections to adding it to the agenda as item c. Mr. Have moved, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, to amend the agenda to include the 2040 forecast presentation and adopt the amended agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **III. Approval of the Minutes from April 12, 2012.**

Mr. Butcher moved, seconded by Mr. Drotning, to adopt the minutes from the April 12, 2012 TAB Policy Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **IV. Information Items and Action Transmittals.**

##### **a. 2012-25: Transportation Planning and Programming Guide for the Twin Cities.**

Ms. Braden presented this item to the committee. Ms. Braden reviewed the purpose and layout of the Guide and described a number of changes made to the Guide in response to comments for the Policy Committee in March.

Ms. Braden answered questions from the committee. Mr. Fawley asked that dollar amounts be added to Figure 6 on page 18, either into the figure to show the flow of funds to the cities. The committee discussed this and generally agreed it was better to provide a link. Staff agreed to add the link.

Ms. Sanger asked for clarification of the comment from the TAC regarding the definition of the MPO and TAB. Mr. Roggenbuck explained that the TAB Bylaws describe the TAB and Met Council together as the certified MPO for the Twin Cities region and the definition of the TAB on page 6 does not state that. Committee members discussed this and asked that the TAB Bylaws language be added to the definition of the TAB on page 6 as well as the description of the Metropolitan Council as the designated MPO on page 4. Ms. McCarthy offered to rewrite this portion of the Guide and bring it back to the committee in June. The

committee preferred not to delay approval of the Guide and asked Council staff to prepare language and bring it to the TAB meeting on May 16.

Mr. Gallagher moved, seconded by Ms. Peilen, to recommend approval of the Transportation Planning and Programming Guide with the suggested revisions. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**b. Information: Guideway Status Report.**

Mr. Brimhall presented this item to the committee. Mr. Brimhall explained that the state legislature required MnDOT to collaborate with the Metropolitan Council to prepare the Guideway Status report, and described what the report accomplishes. Mr. Brimhall said the report provides a progress update on the transit guideways explains the planning and project development processes and creates a system-wide view of costs.

Mr. Brimhall answered questions about guideway funding formulas and said the report will be updated biennially.

**c. Information: 2040 Population and Employment Forecasts.**

Ms. Starling presented this item to the committee. Ms. Starling said the regional development framework update has been branded as *Thrive MSP 2040* and described the schedule to prepare the plan.

Ms. Starling described the preliminary population and household forecasts to 2040, explaining how the forecast models were used and the assumptions that went into the models. Ms. Starling said the models show that both population and employment is projected to increase by more than 30% to 2040, households will increase by more than 40% and the region is expected to become more ethnically diverse.

Mr. Fawley said the size of the projected increase is surprising. Ms. Starling said the Council took a middle of the road approach in the use of variables that influence the projections.

**V. Other Business.**

Members did not raise any other business.

**VI. Adjournment.**

Mr. Maluchnik adjourned the TAB Policy Committee meeting at 2:05 PM.

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