

Minutes

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting date: November 15, 2023

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

Chair, James Hovland
1st Vice Chair, Mark Windschitl
2nd Vice Chair, Trista Martinson
~~Doug Anderson~~
Myron Bailey
Deb Barber
Sheila Kauppi
Carl Crimmins
Peter Dugan
Amity Foster
Chris Geisler
Debbie Goettel
~~Gary Hansen~~ (Kevin Burkart)
Mary Liz Holberg
Mathews Hollinshead

~~Mitra Jalali~~
Mark Jenkins
Julie Jeppson
Glen Johnson
Stan Karwoski
Frank Kohlasch
~~Emily Koski~~ (Elliot Payne)
Andy Lewis
William Lindeke
Randy Maluchnik
Brian Martinson
Becky Petryk

Jess Robertson
George Schember
Mark Steffenson
Jon Ulrich
~~Jeffery Weisense~~
Janet Williams
~~Tom Workman~~

Staff

Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB
Jeni Hager, TAC
Charles Carlson, MTS Director

Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:33 p.m.

Agenda approved

It was moved by Maluchnik, seconded by Goettel to approve the agenda. Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

There were no members of the public who wished to address the TAB.

Reports

1. TAB Chair's Report – Jim Hovland

Hovland reported on the Met Council Governance Task Force. Legislators have received backgrounding on the existing Council structure and are now looking at alternative models around the country. Hovland requested TAB members you are interested in serving on the TAB Executive Committee in 2024. Positions are two County, one Minneapolis/St. Paul, two city, one citizen, and one modal or remaining Agencies. We are in the second half of the IJA bill. There is \$216 million in IJA money available in discretionary funding. MnDOT will match up to \$10 million per project. We have had 93 projects in the state that have some IJA grant funding attached to them. The US Conference of Mayors had a discussion on the activity in the first two years in conjunction with Bloomberg Philanthropies. Bloomberg Philanthropies

held a webinar on Reconnecting Rondo with a Reconnecting Communities grant that they received to discuss the land bridge. They are hoping to overlay an African American Cultural Enterprise District. People thinking about what the seven and half mile stretch will become. Center for Transportation Studies held a panel on better path in the public realm on Nov. 3.

2. Agency Reports – MnDOT, MPCA, MAC, Metropolitan Council, and STA

MnDOT

Kauppi reported on a few key positions MnDOT is currently working to fill. The fatality numbers continue to grow, the TZD conference took place this week. Kauppi added that MnDOT is supporting the IJA applications.

MPCA

Kohlasch reported on the inaugural board meeting on the Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority, which is a green bank for Minnesota and it includes opportunities to electrify and reduce emissions from the transportation sector. MPCA as the lead agency for the Governors Climate Subcabinet is working on the climate reduction planning grant. MPCA is working with MnDOT, Department of Commerce, and the Department of Agriculture on a Clean Transportation Fuel Standard. A report will be completed in February 2024. The MPCA is looking at ways to jumpstart decarbonization in Minnesota. The MPCA has a grant opportunity open under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act. Grant recipients of funds for EV Charging stations are required to maintain the chargers for five years. The plan for covering the level 3 charging station is hindered by the cost. The VW settlement funds are limited to 15 percent of the funds. Members asked about grant and funding specifics.

MAC

Crimmins reported that the MAC and Delta have started the largest interior concourse renovations since the opening of the airport. Crimmins and Barber expounded on the joint security between the MAC and the Met Council.

Metropolitan Council

Barber reported that hiring of bus operators is improving. Hiring is still down for maintenance workers. Service hours have increased 10 percent.

STA

Burkart reported that MVTA is having a “Stuff the Bus” event at local grocery stores. Several providers are providing concert services and the on-demand services continue to grow.

3. TAC Report – Jeni Hager, TAC Chair

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Lewis, seconded by Goettel to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2023, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. **2023-51:** Streamlined TIP Amendment – Four Projects, MnDOT

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Windschitl.

TAB Members had no comments or questions.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. **2023-52:** TIP Amendment Approval of Regionally Significant Projects (Joe Barbeau, MTS)



- Public Comments on 2040 TPP Amendment
- Public Comments on 2024-2027 TIP Amendment

It was moved by Ulrich, seconded by Steffenson, that the Transportation Advisory Board accept the public comment report and recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2024-2027 TIP to add two regionally significant projects:

- Lane additions on I-94 from Albertville to Monticello in Wright County (SP# 8680-189) and
- New interchange at US 169 and CSAH 59 in Scott County (SP# 070-659-001)

Motion carried.

Information

1. Intersection Mobility and Safety Study (Steve Peterson, MTS; Michael Corbett, MnDOT; Paul Morris, SRF)

TAB Members asked for clarification of data shown, specifically regarding performance measures. TAB Members also asked about the top scoring locations.

2. Regional Solicitation Ties to 2050 TPP (Steve Peterson, MTS)

TAB Members discussed measurements, and potential amendments.

Items of TAB members

Other business

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

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