

**Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)**

Wednesday, April 19, 2017
Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James, Chair	McGuire, Mary Jo	Goins, William
Bigham, Karla	Wosje, Jeff	Parsons, Rolf	Reich, Kevin
Villella, Sam	Laufenburger, Denny	Giuliani Stephens, Mary	Maluchnik, Randy
Ulrich, Jon	Look, Matt	Sanger, Sue	Thornton, David
Dugan, Peter Fox, Nikolas (alt)	Christensen, Carrie	Tolbert, Chris	Rodriguez, Katie
Tabke, Brad	Anderson, Doug	Sandahl, Suzanne	Crimmins, Carl
Staples, Jamez	McBride, Scott	Gaylord, Kathleen	McKnight, Kenya
Petryk, Becky	Fawley, Ethan	Hansen, Gary	Callison, Jan Goettel, Debbie (alt)
Hamann-Roland, Mary	Swanson, Dick	Van Hattum, David	
ABSENT:			
No regular members were absent			
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator		

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:40 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Gaylord to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda.

Hovland stated that members of the public were present to speak about the project for the Minnesota Valley State Trail in Bloomington which is part of Action Item 2017-03 below. Although this was a deviation from the normal committee format, Hovland gave the public speakers each 2 minutes to speak on the project. He noted that there will also be opportunities to speak/write comments about this project when the TIP (which may include this project) is released to the public for public comment. The TIP will go out for public comment in the next few months.

IV. REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland reported that the TAB Executive Committee met prior to TAB. The committee reviewed the action items on today's TAB agenda. Hovland presented a plaque to Pat Bursaw-MnDOT, recognizing her 27 years of service to TAB serving on TAC committees and TAC.

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

MnDOT: Scott McBride – reported that 1 ½ years ago the Federal Government passed the FAST Act and MnDOT was given \$105M additional to spend on projects. The MN Legislature passed legislation authorizing the funding and it was signed by the governor. Projects will be let on April 21.

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MPCA: David Thornton – reported that the \$47 million settlement from Volkswagen is waiting for authorization from the MN Legislature authorizing MPCA to be eligible to receive and direct the funds.

MAC: Carl Crimmins – reported the Long-Term Comprehensive Plan for the Crystal Airport will be submitted to the Metro Council next month. MAC has received three awards for concrete apron work, bituminous work, and project of the year.

Two years ago, the FAA came out with a new landing procedure for aircraft called the Optimized Profile Descent. Aircraft use less fuel upon landing. MAC staff worked to quantify benefits of this procedure. Over 2 years time, there is a savings of 57,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. This is comparable to 12,000 less cars on the road per year. The FAA reviewed and approved MAC staff analysis and will share the information with other North American airports. Bridget Rief-MAC responded to questions about pick-up areas. Rief also suggested that interested members visit the MAC website to view MAC Commission meetings and presentations that are brought to those meetings: metroairports.org. Crimmins added that road work is scheduled to be complete prior to the Super Bowl and starting dates for work on new bids will be put off until after the Super Bowl.

Metropolitan Council: Katie Rodriguez – reported that the Metro Council proposal to raise transit fares has been released for public comment. The public comment period is open through June 26. There will be four public hearings, along with various other outreach efforts. Bigham asked whether the Council has identified specific routes targeted for 40% cuts, if necessary. Rodriguez answered that no, those decisions have not been made. Bigham suggested that, in the event that there are proposed route/schedule changes, that the Metro Council post these changes on social media to demonstrate the impact to the public. The committee discussed whether the TAB as board should be taking a formal action regarding transit funding. It was decided that the conversation about taking formal action about specific subjects or modes will be an agenda item for a future meeting.

3. TAB Bylaws Task Force

Task Force Chair Mary Hamann-Roland reported that the Bylaws Task Force held an initial meeting to discuss possible changes in language regarding representation of citizen members, Roberts Rules of Order, and composition of the TAB Executive Committee.

4. Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Report

TAC Chair Steve Albrecht reported that the TAC did not meet. He will address the action items later in the meeting as part of this agenda.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Reich and carried to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2017 TAB meeting, with the corrections to name spellings and attendance noted by Callison.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2017-09: TIP Amendment: Scott County Scope Change
TAC Chair Albrecht presented this item.
Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Crimmins:
That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2017-2020 TIP to adjust project cost and the description of the Scott County TH 169/TH 41/CSAH 78/CSAH 14 Intersection Improvement Project (SP # 070-596-013).
Motion passed.
2. 2017-03: 2016 Regional Solicitation Over-programming
TAC Chair Albrecht and Metropolitan Transportation Services Manager Highway Planning & TAB/TAC Process Steve Peterson presented this item. Members of the public attended the meeting and commented on the project for the Minnesota Valley State Trail in Bloomington. Members of the public

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were reminded that there will be additional opportunities to speak/write comments about this project when the TIP (which may include this project) is released to the public for public comment. The TIP will go out for public comment after TAB action on 6/21, the public comment period will end 8/26 with the final TIP and public comment report is scheduled to appear before TAB on 9/16.

Motion by Sandahl, seconded by Anderson:

That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the following:

1. Overprogram Regional Solicitation funds up to 8%.
2. Fund the following additional projects for the 2016 Regional Solicitation to be placed in the draft 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program:
 - Brooklyn Park roadway expansion project.
 - Minnetonka roadway reconstruction project.
 - Washington County roadway system management project.
 - Minnesota DNR multiuse trail project, and
 - St. Paul multiuse trail project.

Motion passed with a show-of-hands vote.

Hovland encouraged members to think about modifications or what they would like to see in the next Regional Solicitation. The TAB makes the philosophy and policy decisions. VanHattum said it would be helpful for members to have a “binder” including the items that guide the decisions and policy. He also asked that the tables with projects include projects at the margin/cut off. McGuire would like to look at whether the TAB would like to add the ability to fund more projects in specific modes, as funding seems to be in jeopardy in some areas more than others. Fawley suggested including overprogramming from the start in the Regional Solicitation package so that the TAB doesn’t have to come back and choose projects later. Hamann-Roland said that a matrix of the 2040 community designations would be helpful to look at regional balance. Rodriguez requested staff provide more metrics for measuring geographic balance. There was much discussion about the role of the TAB in critiquing projects that may be in a flood plain, trails that may not have a transportation function, checking on projects that have been funded to see how they have delivered and whether they have achieved claims that are made in the original Regional Solicitation application. Some members stated that there has been a process set in place for scoring projects, and it is not fundamentally “broken”, there is a process in place for a trusted recommendation from the TAC, sponsoring agencies should be going through the public process and making sure that projects are meritorious.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2016 Regional Solicitation Evaluation of Measures

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item.

2. TPP 2040 Update

Metropolitan Transportation Services Director Nick Thompson presented this item. He stated that the Draft TPP Update will be developed by the end of December this year to bring through the committee process beginning next year, with public hearings and adoption next year. Hovland stated that the TAB is very interested in helping to develop this update and would like opportunities for engagement and input sooner rather than later.

Thompson offered TPP opportunities for TAB members off-line, for those who were not part of the process last time, to cover background of what the TPP is, etc.

Thompson also offered educational sessions regarding Regional Solicitation scoring and technical issues, if TAB members are interested.

3. TPP Performance Based Planning and Performance Measures

Due to time constraints, this item was postponed to a later date.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

In an earlier conversation, VanHattum suggested that manuals be prepared for TAB members including the items that guide the decisions and policy. Staff will do so.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.