

Minutes

TAB TAC Funding and Planning Committee



Meeting Date: January 20, 2022

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Virtual

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Michael Thompson, Plymouth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cole Hiniker, Met Council | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack Forslund, Anoka Co |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karl Keel, Bloomington | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Janowiak, Metro Transit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angie Stenson, Carver Co |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Oehme, Lakeville | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Sass, Dakota Co |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Ellis, Eden Prairie | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Molly McCartney, MnDOT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Pieper, Hennepin Co |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Kosluchar, Fridley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colleen Brown, MnDOT Metro District State Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> John Mazzitello, Ramsey Co |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Ashfeld, Maple Grove | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Samuelson MnDOT Bike & Pedestrian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Jenson, Scott Co |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nathan Koster, Minneapolis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Innocent Eyoh, MPCA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Ayers-Johnson, Washington Co |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Weber, St. Paul | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nancy Spooner-Mueller, DNR | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aaron Bartling, MVTA | |

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Thompson called the regular meeting of the TAC Funding and Planning Committee to order at 1:31 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved without a vote. A vote is only needed if changes are made to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ellis and seconded by Spooner-Mueller to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021, regular meeting of the TAC Funding and Planning Committee. **Motion carried** unanimously via roll call.

TAB Report

Koutsoukos reported on the December 19, 2022, TAB meeting. Charles Carlson, the new Executive Director of MTS introduced himself.

Business

1. 2022-08: Program Year Extension Request: Washington County CSAH 15 Safety Improvements

Joe Barbeau from MTS said that Washington County received \$111,657 from the 2020 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Solicitation to install rumble-strips and wet-reflective striping along County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15 from CSAH 12 to 240th Street North in 2022. The county is requesting an extension of the program year to 2023 to enable the rumble-strips to be placed one year after a recently planned 2022 resurfacing of segments of CSAH 15. MnDOT Metro State Aid scored the project above the required minimum in the Program Year Policy scoresheet.

It was moved by Keel and seconded by Brown to recommend approval of Washington County's

program year extension request to move its CSAH 15 rumble-strip and striping project from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023. **Motion carried** unanimously.

2. 2022-09: Program Year Extension Request: Dakota County North Creek Greenway

Barbeau said that Dakota County received \$480,000 from the 2018 Regional Solicitation to construct a 2.1-mile multi-use trail. in program year 2022. The county is requesting an extension of the program year to 2023 to account for delays likely to occur due to the more extensive site work (versus expected) that is needed. MnDOT Metro State Aid scored the project above the required minimum in the Program Year Policy scoresheet. While most program year extension requests do not require a TIP amendment, a TIP amendment is included with this request to reflect a cost increase that is due to a need for more extensive site work and longer bridge spans than originally estimated. Along with the cost increase and program year change, the proposed TIP amendment corrects minor errors in the project description.

Doug Abere from Dakota County discussed the project, citing the need to address bridges.

Thompson asked whether the county can cover the cost increase, to which Abere replied in the affirmative and said that the funding is covered in the county's CIP.

It was moved by Oehme and seconded by Kosluchar to recommend approval of Dakota County's program year extension request to move its North Creek Greenway project from 2022 to 2023 and an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP reflecting this change along with a cost increase and technical corrections. **Motion carried** unanimously.

Information

1. Corridors of Commerce (Patrick Weidemann, MnDOT)

Patrick Weidemann from MnDOT, discussed the [proposed changes for the Corridors of Commerce program](#).

Keel asked how applications will be objectively scored by the Council. Weidemann replied TAB can screen the projects as it wishes. The hope is that locals do not score projects the same way that MnDOT does. Keel replied that the process could be like another regional Solicitation process, which should be avoided. Peterson said that staff is waiting to see how MnDOT's proposal plays out with the Legislature.

Hiniker asked about the public outreach process. Weidemann said that this is a publicly recommended set of proposals. He added that this is not a MnDOT process; it is a legislative process administered by MnDOT.

Stenson asked how many applications from Metro District should be scored, suggesting that perhaps a number closer to 20 would be preferred to 10. Weidemann said that Greater Minnesota participants would prefer more applications as well and that MnDOT would be open to discussion but an increase would necessitate more project development. Keel suggested that the local process could include a qualifying criterion.

McCartney said that projects already in the STIP are not eligible and therefore asked whether there is a leapfrog affect in creating new projects that do not address immediate needs.

Thompson asked whether the ineligibility of projects in the STIP is legislatively driven, to which Weidemann replied in the affirmative.

Hiniker asked whether the eight criteria need to be equal in weight, to which Weidemann replied in the affirmative. Hiniker asked whether there has been any consideration for smaller Metro projects, to which Weidemann said there has not been. McCartney suggested that this could be a topic for TAB.



2. Electric Vehicle Planning Study Results (Tony Fischer, Metropolitan Council)

Tony Fischer from MTS presented on [this topic](#).

Eyoh asked whether it is possible to create a market for used electric vehicles, as many lower-income people cannot afford new vehicles. Fischer replied that MnDOT has suggested incentives for used vehicles and income-based incentives at the state level but that the Council did not include that in its strategy.

3. MnDOT Metro District CRRSAA Funding Discussion

McCartney presented on [this topic](#).

Brown said that MnDOT Metro District State Aid received approval on January 18 to authorize Coronavirus Response and Relief supplemental apportionment Act (CRSSAA) funds and will contact cities and counties soon. Steve Peterson from MTS added that elected officials and staff engineers will each be contacted.

4. TAC Bylaws Update

Barbeau provided an update on [this topic](#).

Bartling said that the TAC Planning Membership does not show the suburban transit member. Barbeau replied that he will bring this up with staff and correct it if needed.

Stenson cautioned that a larger committee can be cumbersome and suggested that new additions be non-voting members. She added that the purpose of MPOs is to represent local agencies. Thompson said that city and county members have not expressed concern. Stenson question whether 55% membership from local agencies is enough representation.

Stenson asked whether bicycle and pedestrian members will have term limits and what types of members will be selected. Barbeau replied that neither topic has been addressed, adding that other members do not have term limits. Koutsoukos said that the non-motorized member used to be appointed by a state board that no longer exists.

Hiniker said that the technical committees should provide direction to the technical working groups.

Other Business

Koutsoukos said that a Regional Solicitation workshop will be held on January 21, 2022.

Adjournment

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the TAC Funding and Planning Committee meeting of January 20, 2022.

Approved this 17th of March 2022.

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