

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 Robert Street North, Saint Paul

Committee Members Present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James (Chair)	Look, Matt	Barber, Deb
Barnes, Michael	Petryk, Becky	Boyles, Frank	Ulrich, Jon
Karwoski, Stan	Anderson, Doug	Sandahl, Suzanne	Lindeke, William
Foster, Amity	Fox, Nick	Dugan, Peter	Goins, William
Reich, Kevin	Windschitl, Mark	Crimmins, Carl	Geisler, Christopher
Bailey, Myron	McGuire, Mary Jo	Staples, Jamez	Maluchnik, Randy
Tolbert, Chris	Gorecki, Bruce	Hansen, Gary	Hamann-Roland, Mary
Goettel, Debbie	McDonnell, Craig		
ABSENT:	Hollinshead, Mathews	Giuliani Stephens, Mary	Gaylord, Kathleen
	Wosje, Jeff	Swanson, Dick	
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Koutsoukos, Elaine TAB Coordinator	Freese, Lisa TAC Chair	Thompson, Nick MTS Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:33 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2019.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Bailey, seconded by Hamann-Roland, to approve the agenda of the July 17, 2019, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

III. PUBLIC FORUM

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. There was no one in the audience who wished to speak on items not on the agenda.

IV. REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland reported that the Regional Solicitation Policy Work Group has been meeting and will bring the results to TAB.

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

MnDOT, Michael Barnes:

Barnes reported that MnDOT is submitting applications for the BUILD grants and the Commissioner has also submitted letters of support.

MPCA, Craig McDonnell:

McDonnell reported on the Volkswagen Settlement. MPCA closed the RFP for diesel on-road truck and transit bus replacement grant. MPCA received 48 applications for the \$3.7 million available funds. A heavy-duty electric vehicle grant program will open this summer. This round will fund electric alternatives to heavy-duty vehicles and equipment or their engines. A Minnesota Clean Diesel off-road DERA grant will open this summer/fall. This round will continue to fund off-road

projects from industries such as locomotive, marine, and construction, <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/diesel-replacement-program-grant-opportunities>. MPCA is holding a public comment period for Phase 2 of the settlement. A plan will be drafted in the fall and shared for additional input. <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/vw-phase-2>.

MAC, Carl Crimmins:

Crimmins reported that Rick King was appointed Chair of the MAC board. Bridget Rief reported that the airport received two international awards. The final food courts will be open by the end of the year. In mid-September there will be a new exit to baggage claim from concourse G. MAC is working with MnDOT to notify passengers of the construction on Highway 5 from April through November 2020. The construction will impact travel times to the airport. The construction will also impact Route 54 bus.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber reported on the groundbreaking for the Orange Line this morning. Barber added that the Transit Values Workshops are July 23rd and 24th. Foster asked if there was an update on D Line funding. Barber said next year is a bonding year so it will continue to be a high priority for the Council.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from June 19, 2019

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by McGuire, to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2019, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board, including Hansen as present.

Motion carried.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2019-33 Streamlined TIP Amendment: MnDOT TH 21 Reconstruct

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

There were no questions or comments from TAB members.

It was moved by Maluchnik, seconded by Ulrich, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment into the 2019-2022 TIP to change the description and cost of MnDOT's MN 21 bridge replacement and reconstruction project (SP # 7002-48) **Motion carried.**

2. 2019-30 Scope Change Request for the City of Burnsville's Lake Marion Greenway

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

Geisler commented on the safety aspect and only a point difference for the road shift.

It was moved by Ulrich, seconded by Hansen, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board approve the City of Burnsville's request to change the scope of its Lake Marion Greenway project (SP # 179-090-005) to shift some of the off-road trail to an on-road facility, including a \$40,400 reduction in federal funds. **Motion carried.**

3. 2019-31 Scope Change Request for Hennepin County's CSAH 81 Bridge Replacement

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

There were no questions or comments from TAB members.

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Reich, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board approve Hennepin County's request to change the scope of its CSAH 81 bridge replacement project (SP # 027-681-038) to replace a third bridge and move the bicycle and pedestrian access. **Motion carried.**

4. 2019-32 TIP Amendment for Hennepin County's CSAH 81 Bridge Replacement

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

There were no questions or comments from TAB members.

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Karwoski, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board approve an amendment to the 2020-2023 TIP to add to the project scope and cost for Hennepin County's CSAH 81 bridge replacement project (SP 027-681-038). **Motion carried.**

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Regional Bicycle Barriers Study

Metropolitan Transportation Services Multimodal Planning Manager Cole Hiniker presented this item.

Lindeke asked about traffic count, Hiniker said he would follow-up. Geisler asked about point assignment. Hiniker said both quantitative and qualitative ways are being discussed as possibilities. Hiniker said Steve Elmer is the project manager. Boyles asked if this is inclusive of all trails, bike lanes, etc. Hiniker said local government documentation of a bicycle facility is what was included. Karwoski asked if challenges to existing trails are being identified or if this is new trail identification only. Hiniker said the qualitative nature was not necessarily looked at but local governments were worked with. Barber asked if there is a plan to look back in the future and incorporate this analysis. Hiniker said it wouldn't be updated more than every two years most likely but there isn't a timeline yet.

2. 2020 Regional Solicitation

Metropolitan Transportation Services Highway Planning & TAB/TAC Process Manager Steve Peterson and Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item.

Ulrich asked about the \$10 million set-aside money for bridges. Hamann-Roland asked about a hybrid option for trails projects, if the TAC had thought about it. TAB Coordinator Koutsoukos added that every large project would think they had a large project and it wouldn't be any different. Karwoski said he would like to see trails reduced so that road projects don't get passed up but have a special category if a project goes through multiple cities. Geisler asked to see the Average and Median. Geisler also added that lowering an amount creates piecemealing of projects and dragging out project completion. Tolbert said lowering to \$3.5 million will limit what projects get done. Lindeke said ridership numbers will help show impact because a downtown project is expensive but serves a high number of people. Goettel said Hennepin County could compromise on \$4 million. Maluchnik concurred. Reich asked about tiering for projects with barriers and those without. Ulrich commented

on the compact scoring and the viability of the projects under the line. Barbeau said it has been this way the last three times. Tolbert said the TAC should be asked to explore a tiered system or two categories as possible options. Windschitl said some projects may never be able to make the jump over the line if two categories aren't created. Koutsoukos said sometimes the measures change so the applicants sometimes reapply. Karwoski asked to see how usage is determined. Barbeau said the term is "potential usage" and it's not based on counting. Barbeau said safety and other criteria should be factors as well. Reich commented that historical data could be used as well to validate data. Maluchnik asked to see the local contribution percentage.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

Goins mentioned the passing of Richard Murphy Jr.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Jenna Ernst
Recording Secretary