

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 Robert Street North, Saint Paul

Committee Members Present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James (Chair)	Boyles, Frank	Barber, Deb
Barnes, Michael	Anderson, Doug	Crimmins, Carl	Ulrich, Jon
Karwoski, Stan	Fox, Nick	Wosje, Jeff	Lindeke, William
Reich, Kevin	Windschitl, Mark	Staples, Jamez	Goins, William
Bailey, Myron	Hollinshead, Mathews	Goettel, Debbie	Geisler, Christopher
Giuliani Stephens, Mary	Foster, Amity	Swanson, Dick	Gaylord, Kathleen
Look, Matt	Dugan, Peter	Tolbert, Chris	Maluchnik, Randy
Hamann-Roland, Mary	Hansen, Gary		
McGuire, Mary Jo (MatasCastillo, Trista)	McDonnell, Craig (Biewen, Todd)	Sandahl, Suzanne (Sanger, Sue)	
ABSENT:	Gorecki, Bruce	Petryk, Becky	
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 12:08 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hamann-Roland, to approve the agenda of the December 18, 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 from the TAB Executive Committee meeting and discussed upcoming appointments. Hovland mentioned the event that took place on Monday – How Strategic Investments in Transportation Forge Regional Economic Vitality: Lessons Learned from Monday hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

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

MnDOT, Michael Barnes:
Barnes had nothing to report.

MPCA, Todd Biewen:
Biewen reported on Clean Car Minnesota and Phase II of the Volkswagen Settlement and noted the high level of interest.

MAC, Carl Crimmins:
Crimmins reported on the security checkpoint at the hotel reopening.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:
Barber reported on openings for the Council-appointed TAB members. Metro Transit will be offering free rides on New Year's Eve.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2019

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Goettel, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2019, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Non-Consent

1. 2019-54 Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

Sanger expressed concern for making the best use of resources as the population ages and becomes disabled. Sanger said there are barriers to regular transit that should be addressed such as safety. Sanger said some feedback about Metro Mobility has been that the timing on the system should be addressed as well as how overloaded it appears to be. Sanger commented on situations with wheelchair users. Sanger asked about subsidizing Lyft or Uber. Gaylord said Dakota County subsidizes Lyft/Uber. Hovland asked Sanger to submit her comments in writing. Barber shared there is a proposal out for a TNC to work with Metro Mobility in 2020. Barber also commented that when an individual in a wheelchair is not able to board regular transit because the seat is taken, the driver calls ahead to the next bus. Metropolitan Transportation Services Director Nick Thompson said these comments expressed by member Sanger will fit in well with the Network Next process. Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Heidi Schallberg addressed travel training and transit ambassadors. Schallberg said the reason this process is being done differently than others is because it is more focused so the intent was to streamline the process. Goettel said she would prefer to wait for comments to come back. Thompson said there is no TAB action but this item can be deferred if the TAB prefers.

It was moved by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Goettel, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board defer this item until the January TAB meeting. **Motion carried.**

2. 2019-64 Metropolitan Airports Commission Capital Improvement Program

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

Goins asked how this works in line with the long-range comp plan. MAC Planning & Development Vice President Bridget Rief said the CIP is seven years and the outer four years will shuffle and come into alignment. Look said there is a need in the Anoka County airport because the business aircraft are not able to fuel appropriately because of the length of the runway. Rief said a study is being done right now to examine gaps in the system, but state law is impeding the 5,000 ft runway length and a classification change would have to happen as well. Swanson commented on jurisdiction disagreement between Anoka and Blaine. Hollinshead asked to what extent the MAC

collects data on ridership and to what extent an effort is made to shift modes. Rief said historically there has not been modal recordkeeping but as part of the long-term plan there will be surveys to help with planning moving forward. Hollinshead said it may be useful for MAC to develop a policy to prioritize non-auto travel to and from the airport.

It was moved by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Gaylord, that:
The Transportation Advisory Board recommend acceptance of the staff analysis of the MAC 2020-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and forward these comments to the Metropolitan Council for its consideration. **Motion carried.**

3. 2019-55 Functional Class Map for Regional Solicitation

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

There were no questions or comments from TAB members.

It was moved by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Goins, that:
The Transportation Advisory Board adopt the Roadway Functional Classification Map for the Seven-County Twin Cities Region. **Motion carried.**

4. 2019-56 Regional Bicycle Transportation Network Changes and Map for Regional Solicitation

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

Goettel said there could be other counties in addition to Washington County with changes because of the lack of process. Freese said if investments are going to align with the Gold Line it would be optimal for them to be able to apply in this round. Goettel expressed concern with the lack of process. Karwoski said this is time sensitive and would make for a better product. Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, and Barber commented on making a reasonable exception but the need for a process.

It was moved by Maluchnik, seconded by Hamann-Roland, that:
The Transportation Advisory Board adopt the RBTN Map incorporating agency-requested administrative changes or corrections for use in the 2020 Regional Solicitation, inclusive of Washington County's Gold Line BRT parallel bikeway as a new RBTN Tier 1 alignment and direct staff to create a process to update the RBTN. **Motion carried.**

5. 2019-62 Public Comment Report for the 2020 Regional Solicitation

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

Goettel voiced support for \$5.5 maximum. Maluchnik and Hamann-Roland said they would also support the TAC recommendation. Goettel asked if the bridge target will be a requirement. Peterson said it will be around \$10 million and language will be added to the application if this is approved. Freese said inspections are required to be done consistently at the state and national level.

It was moved by Ulrich, seconded by Wosje, that:
The TAB consider establishing a competitive scoring process in 2022 so all BRT project types can compete for the \$25M maximum award. **Motion carried.**

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

Insert language into the qualifying criterion that states transit operators must have the funds to cover the project: "...and certify that they will provide funding, if the service or facility project continues beyond the initial three-year funding period for transit operating funds." **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Goettel, that:
Change the maximum federal award in the Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities category to \$5.5 million. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Maluchnik, seconded by Reich, that:
Add a \$10 million "target" in the Bridge category to replace the \$10 million funding minimum. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Reich, seconded by MatasCastillo, that:
Replace bridge Sufficiency Rating with National Bridge Inventory (NBI) Condition rating in the bridge qualifying requirements and the 300-point measure within the Infrastructure Condition criterion of the Bridge application. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Dugan, that:
Council staff shall prepare a schedule and process for updating studies used to score Regional Solicitation measures. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Reich, that:
The Transportation Advisory Board accept the public comments for the 2020 Regional Solicitation for Transportation Projects. **Motion carried.**

Consider comments made on Roadways categories (comments 24-31) as part of the evaluation prior to the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

6. 2019-63 Adopt 2020 Regional Solicitation Packet for Release

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

There were no questions or comments from TAB members.

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Karwoski, that:
The Transportation Advisory Board release the 2020 Regional Solicitation for Transportation Projects inclusive of the changes voted on in 2019-62 by the TAB on December 18, 2019. **Motion carried.**

VII. INFORMATION

1. Draft Statewide Highway Safety Plan

Minnesota Department of Transportation Investment Planning Director Brad Utecht presented this item.

Goettel asked about the definition of impairment and the factor of weather. Foster asked about the definition of pedestrian in this data. Look asked if the diversion of \$4M out of roadways will help or hurt this plan. Utecht said this includes everything about transportation: enforcement, education, etc. Lindeke asked for future breakdowns of bicycle/pedestrian fatalities. Geisler said combination

incidents would be helpful data to see. Utecht commented that the unlicensed factor was often those who have had their license revoked.

2. Air Quality Conformity

Metropolitan Transportation Services Travel Modeling & Research Manager Jonathan Ehrlich was present for this item.

This item was deferred to a future TAB meeting.

VIII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Jenna Ernst
Recording Secretary