

Minutes

TAB Technical Advisory Committee



Meeting Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Virtual

Members Present:

- Jenifer Hager, Chair, Minneapolis
- Joe MacPherson, Anoka Co
- Lyndon Robjent, Carver Co
- Erin Laberee, Dakota Co
- Brian Isaacson, Ramsey Co
- Chad Ellos, Hennepin Co
- Craig Jenson, Scott Co
- Lyssa Leitner, Washington Co
- Andrew Witter, 7W

- Karl Keel, Bloomington
- Charlie Howley, Chanhassen
- Carter Schulze, Eden Prairie
- Jim Kosluchar, Fridley
- Paul Oehme, Lakeville
- Dan Ruiz, Brooklyn Park
- Chris Hartzell, Woodbury
- Michael Thompson, Plymouth
- Kathleen Mayell, Minneapolis
- Nick Peterson, Saint Paul
- Bill Dermody, Saint Paul
- Aaron Tag, MnDOT

- Steve Peterson, Council MTS
- Michael Larson, Council CD
- Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB
- Innocent Eyoh, MPCA
- Bridget Rief, MAC
- Matt Fyten, STA
- Adam Harrington, Metro Transit
- Shelly Meyer, Freight
- Colleen Eddy, DEED
- Vacant, MN DNR
- Kyle Sobota, Bicycle
- Mackenzie Turner Bargaen, Pedestrian
- Josh Pearson, FHWA (ex-officio)

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Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Hager called the regular meeting of the TAB Technical Advisory Committee to order just after 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with no changes. Therefore, no vote was needed.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Eyoh and seconded by Nick Peterson to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2024, regular meeting of the TAB Technical Advisory. **Motion carried.**

Chair Hager welcomed new member Chris Hartzell to TAC.

Public Comment on Committee Business

None.

TAB Report

Koutsoukos reported on the January 17, 2024, Transportation Advisory Board meeting.

Business – Committee Reports

Executive Committee (Jenifer Hager, Chair)

Chair Hager reported that the TAC Executive Committee met prior to the meeting. She said that the first meeting of the Active Transportation funding committee will meet on February 14.

1. [2024-12: Streamlined 2024-2027 TIP Amendment Request – Four Project Adjustments](#)

Barbeau said that three actions are included with the request. The proposed changes are: 1) a MnDOT and Carver County request of an amendment to their CSAH 10 and MN 41 intersection projects. The CSAH 10 project was funded through the Regional Solicitation and an informal scope change was approved to change this intersection from a signalized intersection to a roundabout. This causes the MnDOT-funded MN 41 project, which crosses the same intersection, to need to be changed to accommodate the roundabout. All additional funding is local. 2) a MnDOT requests of a cost increase to its pier repair project on US 952A. 3) a MnDOT request of a cost decrease to its I-694 drainage project. The reason for this decrease is that field investigation results showed that a less elaborate improvement was sufficient.

Motion by Leitner and seconded by Ellis to recommended adoption of an amendment to 2024-2027 TIP as follows:

- Increase the cost and change the intersection treatment from a signalized intersection to a roundabout at for Carver County and MnDOT's CSAH 10 and CSAH 41 intersection projects;
- Decrease the cost of MnDOT's I-694 drainage project and;
- Increase the cost of MnDOT's pier repair project on US 952A.

Motion carried.

Planning Committee/TPP Technical Working Group (Gina Mitteco, Chair)

Mitteco said that at its January meeting, the TAC Planning Committee reviewed the 2040 MSP Long Term Comprehensive Plan. The Committee discussed environmental reviews and air quality impacts and recommended approval of the plan. The February TAC Planning Committee meeting has been cancelled. The TPP Technical Working Group has been reviewing chapters and discussed comments received on the Highway and Finance chapters in January.

1. [2024-07: Review of Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport \(MSP\) 2040 Long Term Comprehensive Plan \(LTCP\)](#)

Joe Widing, MTS, provided [presentation](#) on the topic.

Issacson asked about MAC's role in identifying needs and facilitating various modes to get travelers to MSP. Widing said that off-site airport parking is likely to be removed and that MAC is working to accommodate the demand. Rief added that the two parking ramps closest to the terminal will reach their ends-of-life in the 2030s and that MSP will be addressing this along with enhancing all modes of transportation. This includes maintaining existing transit routes and increasing time-availability of those routes. Widing said that the Council sent a comment to MAC about the Riverview Corridor, which is currently identified as a tram but a shift to another form of transit could lead to the need for different accommodations.

Motion by Dermody and seconded by Leitner to find that the final Draft MSP International Airport 2040 LTCP has a multi-city impact as well as confirms to the Council systems and is consistent with Council policies. **Motion carried.**

Funding & Programming (Michael Thompson, Chair)

Thompson said the Committee met in January and had a few action items.

1. [2024-08: Program Year Extension Request: Oakdale's Greenway Avenue North Sidewalk Project](#)

Thompson said that Oakdale requests a program year extension from 2024 to 2025 to ensure that pedestrian facility construction on Greenway Avenue North better aligns with construction of the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit. While the Program Year Policy was written to allow for a one-time extension for traditional project delays, this request is made to integrate this smaller project into the larger Gold Line project. The TAC Funding & Programming Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request.



Motion by Keel and seconded by Oehme to recommend that TAB approve Oakdale's requested extension of its Greenway Avenue North sidewalk project from fiscal year 2024 to fiscal year 2025. **Motion carried.**

2. [2024-09: Program Year Extension Request: Anoka's 44th Avenue Bridge Bike/Pedestrian Trail Project](#)

Thompson said Anoka County requests a program year extension for its 44th Avenue Bridge bike/pedestrian trail project because of a deterioration in the bridge's condition. This program year extension would allow for the bridge to be rehabilitated prior to the completion of the bike/pedestrian trail. The TAC Funding & Programming Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request.

Motion by Kosluchar and seconded by Isaacson to recommend that TAB approve Anoka County's requested extension of its 44th Avenue Bridge bike/pedestrian trail project from 2024 to 2025. **Motion carried.**

3. [2024-10: Scope Change Request MnDOT TH 65 Bumpout and Bikeway Project](#)

Thompson said MnDOT requests a scope change to add protected bike lanes to TH 65 (3rd Ave S) between 2nd Street and Washington Avenue as it was originally intended to be included in the initial HSIP application but was mistakenly omitted. Typically, a project would not be allowed to add additional elements to use that federal funding. The TAC Funding & Programming Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request with allowance of federal funding to be included in the full project.

Motion by Ruiz and seconded by Ellos to recommend approval of MnDOT's scope change request to add protected bike lanes to TH 65 (3rd Ave S) between 2nd Street and Washington Avenue. **Motion carried.**

Information

1. [2050 TPP Update](#) (Cole Hiniker, MTS)

Cole Hiniker, MTS, presented.

2. [Regional Solicitation Evaluation Workgroup Structure](#) (Steve Peterson, MTS)

Steve Peterson presented. He suggested that potential workgroup volunteers can contact Barbeau.

Leitner said that a lot of consultants fill out applications and suggested that their feedback would be valuable. She said that she expressed concern to Steve Peterson that technical staff may be hesitant to be vocal in the presence of elected and appointed officials and suggested that technical participants receive information in advance of meetings. Steve Peterson said bringing consultants into the process is a good idea. He added that after the first Active Transportation discussion, the TAC Executive Committee will discuss whether any change is needed. Hager echoed Leitner's concerns about having technical and policy participants meet jointly.

Hager noted that Thompson put a note in the chat encouraging Metro Cities representation on the Regional Solicitation Evaluation.

3. [2024 Regional Solicitation Update](#) (Steve Peterson, MTS)

Steve Peterson presented.

Leitner suggested that in-person meetings are preferred for significant meetings.



Peterson said that the first Unique Projects scoring committee meeting has been held and added that TAB members score that category. Barbeau said that the other scoring committees have had kickoff meetings and scores will be finalized in the second half of February.

Hager asked for an update on the Scope Change and Program Year Policy review. Barbeau replied that the next meeting is scheduled. He said that the group's input on the Scope Change Policy is nearly complete, but after completion the Program Year Policy will be addressed.

Other Business

Tag said that the Corridors of Commerce program has added a "readiness" component and that scoring needs to be developed.

Eyoh said that EPA announced an adjustment for the PM 2.5 standard from 12 micrograms per cubic meter to nine. This will need to be met to avoid becoming a non-attainment area.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned.

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