

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

Wednesday, November 18, 2015
Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James, Chair	Fawley, Ethan	Butcher, Gerry
Crimmins, Carl	Swanson, Dick	Callison, Jan	Slawik, Nora
Van Hattum, David	Look, Matt	Maluchnik, Randy	Miron, Fran (Carla Bigham – alt)
Sanger, Sue	Goins, William	Tolbert, Chris	Rodriguez, Katie
Dugan, Peter	McGuire, Mary Jo	Janovy, Jennifer	Hamann-Roland, Mary
Thornton, David	McBride, Scott	Gaylord, Kathleen	Miranda, Suyapa
ABSENT:	Gunyou, John	Lilligren, Robert	Petryk, Becky
d’Almeida, Anani	Hansen, Gary	Schwietz, Patricia	Laufenburger, Denny
Reich, Kevin	McKnight, Kenya	Wosje, Jeff	Ulrich, Jon
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 11:13 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by McGuire to adopt the 11/18/15 agenda. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. There were no members of the public present to address the TAB at today’s meeting.

IV. REPORTS

1. TAB Chair’s Report

Hovland reported that the TAB Executive Committee did not meet this month. The second Equity Workshop will be held following the TAB meeting today.

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

MnDOT: McBride – reported that the Lafayette Bridge has opened after 5 years of construction. The northbound I-35E MnPASS lane north of St. Paul will open on 11/30. There will be a 1 month free operation period. Sometime right after the first of the year MnDOT will begin charging for the MnPASS lanes on I-35E. There is information online about the process for signing up for the transponders. Maluchnik added that a bridge opening ceremony is scheduled for Highway 101 on 11/24.

MPCA: Thornton – No report at this time.

MAC: Carl Crimmins – reported that MAC Executive Director Jeff Hamiel will be leaving MAC in May. A nationwide search is beginning for a replacement MAC Executive Director. A new aircraft viewing area has opened at Longbow & Carver Road. MAC is also partnering with the U of M on a fenced-off area for beekeeping. The U of M is also working with the Veteran’s Administration to involve veterans with trauma disorders in the beekeeping operations.



Metropolitan Council: Katie Rodriguez – reported that LRT ridership continues to be strong. The Green Line ridership is approaching the 2030 daily ridership forecast projections.

3. Technical Advisory Committee

Steve Albrecht reported the acted favorably on the action items on today's TAB agenda, and there will be a presentation/discussion of the 2016 Regional Solicitation by Steve Peterson at today's meeting.

4. TAB Bylaws Proposal

Katie Rodriguez stated that Metro Council is screening and interviewing applicants for the citizen representatives from Districts A-D and the non-motorized representatives. Over 30 applications were received. Current TAB bylaws allow for one alternate for the Metropolitan Council representative. Rodriguez suggested also allowing 1 alternate (in total) that could fill in for the transit and non-motorized representatives (3 positions). State Law is silent on this. Discussion followed and Swanson stated that currently only cities of the first class are allowed alternates and he would like to see it extended to the other cities as well. Goins would also like the opportunity for an alternate for the freight representative.

Motion was made by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Maluchnik that the TAB direct the Bylaws Committee to look at a broader range of alternates for all forms of representation on the TAB. Motion carried.

Rodriguez and MTS Director Arlene McCarthy gave an update on the status of Metropolitan Council TAB appointments. TAB members have been asked whether an elected official can apply for a citizen seat. McCarthy said that staff is looking into this, as the question arises each time the representatives are appointed.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Maluchnik, seconded by Dugan and carried to approve the consent items below.

1. Approval of the Minutes from October 21, 2015

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Albrecht gave a recap of the Streamlining process and guidelines and explained the next three projects (2015-42, 2015-43 and 2015-48). The committee voted on each item separately.

1. 2015-42: 2016-2019 Streamlined TIP Amendment: 5309, Metro Transit, Ladders of Opportunity Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Janovy that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2016-2019 TIP to include funding for improvement, replacement, and construction of bus facilities in the Minneapolis and St. Paul region (SP# TRF-TCMC-16BE).

Motion carried.

2. 2015-43: 2016-2019 Streamlined TIP Amendment: NHPP, I-35W, MnDOT Motion by McBride, seconded by Swanson that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment to the 2016-2019 TIP to adjust the scope and description of MnDOT's I-35W pavement resurface and rehabilitation project (SP# 6284-166).

Motion carried.

3. 2015-48: 2016-2019 Streamlined TIP Amendment: TAB, Three Rivers Park District Motion by Maluchnik, seconded by Butcher that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment to the 2016-2019 TIP to adjust the cost of Three Rivers Park District's Bassett Creek Regional Trail project (SP# 091-090-076).

Motion carried.

Albrecht explained the next two items (2015-44 and 2015-45). This project may be eligible for New Starts funding, but we won't know until well into 2016. If the project is awarded New Starts funding in the SWLRT project, then \$2.1M will be freed up for other projects. John Doan -Hennepin County- was present and answered questions from committee members regarding the funding and status of the project.

4. 2015-44: Scope Change: Cedar Lake Trail, Hennepin County
Motion by Sanger, seconded by McGuire that the Transportation Advisory Committee recommends approval of the scope change request.
Motion carried.

5. 2015-45: 2016-2019 TIP Amendment: Cedar Lake Trail, Hennepin County
Hovland suggested language be added to the motion to address the contingency of the reallocation of funds.
An amended motion was made by Sanger, seconded by Gaylord that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2016-2019 TIP to adjust the cost, change the sponsor, and add stairways to the scope of Hennepin County's Cedar Lake LRT Regional Tail Crossings project (SP# 027-090-024) and reserve reallocation of funds until notified by Metropolitan Council, but no later that year end 2016.
Motion carried.

Jan Callison was unable to stay for the remainder of the meeting for the discussion about the Regional Solicitation. She provided a letter from Hennepin County with comments for consideration on the 2016 Regional Solicitation Review.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Public Participation Plan

Metropolitan Council Manager Public Involvement-Communications Michelle Fure presented this item. She answered questions from committee members about the extent and methods of engagement with communities. Sanger suggested that MC share learned information with the local governments that will help the locals reach out to different cultures. Rodriguez encouraged locals to reach out to their Metropolitan Council member with any concerns or questions that they may have.

2. Clean Air Minnesota

David Thornton introduced this item and stated that this presentation is a result of interest from recent TAB meetings and conversations about Federal Standards and non-attainment. Bill Droessler, Clean Air Minnesota, presented this item.

3. 2016 Regional Solicitation

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Steve Peterson presented this item. Peterson covered as much information as he could in the remaining time left for the meeting, there will be more discussion at future TAB meetings. Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Carl Ohrn was also present to answer questions and to clarify what actions and direction TAB has taken in the past.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT - Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.