

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Metropolitan Council  
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Notes of a Meeting of the  
**TAC-PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Holly Anderson, Jack Byers, Charlie Cochrane, Paul Czech, Bill Dermody, Innocent Eyoh, Jack Forslund, Lisa Freese, Elaine Koutsoukos, Michael Larson, Joe Lux, Steve Mahowald, Dan McCormick, Jason Pieper, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Bridget Rief, Katie White, Rachel Wiken

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Amy Vennewitz, Cole Hiniker, Steve Peterson, Russ Owen, Steve Elmer, Tony Fischer, Heidi Schallberg, David Burns, Jonathan Ehrlich, Carl Ohrn, Andrew Emanuele

**1. Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order by Lisa Freese.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was modified to remove Info Item #5 Bike Barriers Study. That agenda was approved.

**3. Approval of the Minutes from the October 2017 meetings**

Minutes were approved for the October meeting. Pung-Terwedo moved, Lux seconded.

**4.**

**1. Action Item 2017-37 Functional Class Changes 1351 – 1352 – Rachel Wiken**

Rachel Wiken presented the functional class change requests #1351 (Highway 95) and #1352 (Chestnut Street), submitted by MnDOT.

Both changes are located in Stillwater and are related to new Highway 36 bridge over the St Croix River. With the opening of the bridge in summer of 2017, the Principal Arterial designation moved from the old bridge to the new bridge. This left a section of Highway 95 and Chestnut street with a PA designation that dead ended at the old bridge, which is being rehabbed into a bike / ped facility. MnDOT requested changing Highway 95 to an A-Minor Connector, which is the current class of the roadway to the north and south. The change would provide a uniform designation for the roadway through all of Washington County. MnDOT requested on behalf of Stillwater to change Chestnut street to local, as it no longer functioning as a PA or Major Arterial. The committee agreed that both changes were logical technical corrections with the opening of the new bridge and moved to recommend the changes unanimously.

**2. Action Item 2017-38 Regional Solicitation - Approve Updated RBTN Map – Steve Elmer**

Steve Elmer presented the changes made to the regional bikeway transportation network map for the purpose of the Regional Solicitation. Dan McCormick asked about future changes and Elmer reiterated that this map and this action item were strictly for inclusion in the 2018 Regional Solicitation. White moved, Larsen seconded. Motion passed.

**3. Action Item 2017-39 MAC 2018-2023 CIP – Russ Owen**

Russ Owen presented the MAC CIP to the Committee. State law requires that the Met Council review the MAC CIP. Staff review focused on environmental effects of proposed projects, adequate public participation process, and consistency with the Transportation Policy Plan. Lux moved, Eyoh seconded. The committed moved to accept the staff analysis and forward to the Council for consideration.

#### **4. Action Item 2017-41 Proposed Safety Performance Measures and Short-Term Targets – Dave Burns**

Jonathan Ehrlich opened with a short review of performance measure and target setting. Dave Burns presented the action item for the proposed safety performance measures (PM). The Council has til Feb 2018 to accept the targets as set by MnDOT in 2017. The targets will be adjusted and set annually. Data are a 5-year rolling average.

Burns reviewed that not meeting targets has an impact at the state level with reductions in programming, but no direct affect at MPO level if targets aren't met. However, the financial impacts at the state level would filter to the MPO level.

White moved, Dermody seconded. Motion passes.

### **5. Info Items**

#### **1. TPP Update- Equity and Environmental Chapters (Heidi Schallberg)**

Heidi Shallberg gave an update on the changes coming to the Equity and Environmental Justice chapter. Her presentation can be seen here <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2017/TAC-Planning-Committee-11-09-17/5-1-info-Equity.aspx> Pung-Terwedo asked if elderly populations were considered a group for analysis (answer: federal definitions for EJ use people of color and poverty only). Jack Byers recommended calculating access to jobs using the current and increased revenue scenarios of transit, to see access impacts for transit dependent populations. Eyoh suggested looking at health impacts of air quality changes.

#### **2. TPP Update - Highway/freight investments (Steve Peterson)**

Steve Peterson presented on highway investment direction, reminding the committee that the red-lined chapter would be coming next month. He received comments on the freight section, with Rief asking if the truck waystation system coming back (referring to roadway deterioration from overweight trucks). Peterson passed the question to MnDOT, with Paul Czech answering that it was not in consideration now. Lisa Freese added there is a system of mobile enforcement. Full presentation here [https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2017/TAC-Planning-Committee-11-09-17/5-2-TAC\\_Planning-Highways-Investments-20171109.aspx](https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2017/TAC-Planning-Committee-11-09-17/5-2-TAC_Planning-Highways-Investments-20171109.aspx)

#### **3. TPP Update - Aviation draft chapter (Russ Owen)**

Russ Owen presented the aviation draft chapter, noting there were not major policy changes. Funding and system are unchanged. Major changes to the chapter included a section on drones. <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2017/TAC-Planning-Committee-11-09-17/5-3-Aviation-Draft-Chapter.aspx>

#### **4. TPP Update - Transit Draft Chapter (Cole Hiniker)**

Cole Hiniker handed out the Transit draft chapter, including a cover memo that highlighted changes in the lengthy chapter. Many of the changes were simply language clarification, not policy changes. Jack Byers asked for a map of transitways by status, to see built, under construction, built, etc.

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## **5. Other Business**

Chair Freese reminded the Committee of an extra meeting planned for Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> to handle the TPP discussion.

## **6. Adjournment**

Adjourn at 3:00pm