
*Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 6, 2016
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Doug Fischer, John Sass, Jim Grube, Tim Mayasich, Craig Jenson, Jan Lucke, Elaine Koutsoukos, Mark Filipi, Michael Larson, Adam Harrington, Pat Bursaw, Amanda Smith, Bridget Rief, Dave Jacobson, Danny McCullough, Jean Kelly, Steve Albrecht, Paul Oehme, Michael Thompson, Bruce Loney, Jim Kosluchar, Jenifer Hager, Jack Byers, Bill Dermody, Paul Kurtz (Excused: Lyndon Robjent, Steve Bot)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Steve Albrecht at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mark Filipi moved and Pat Bursaw seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

3. Approval of April Minutes

Tim Mayasich moved and Dave Jacobson seconded. Motion passed.

4. TAB Report

Elaine Koutsoukos reported on the March 16, 2016 TAB meeting.

REPORTS

TAB Chair's Report

Mary Hamann-Roland chaired the meeting in Jim Hovland's absence. Hamann-Roland reported on the progress of the TAB Bylaws Task Force, the FAST Act Workshop held by MnDOT and the Transportation Alliance on February 29, and the Regional Solicitation Workshop hosted by Metro Cities on March 4.

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

No report from MPCA or Metropolitan Council.

MnDOT: Scott McBride announced that the Legislative Auditor completed an audit on MnDOT's project selection process with recommendations for changes. MnDOT prepared brief steps for changes and will work on more detailed responses going forward. MnDOT will provide a future report on the specific changes made.

MAC: Carl Crimmins reported that they are working with TSA to improve the wait times of passengers going through security. TSA were understaffed by 60 employees at MSP and TSA is allowing overtime for current employees while they are hiring new employees.

TAC Report

Elaine Koutsoukos reported on the status of the draft policy and process for Defederalization. The policy and process will come before TAB at future meetings as information and approval. The TAC Bylaws were amended to add a representative of the Suburban Transit Authority to the TAC Planning Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

1. 2016-23: Accepted Regional Solicitation public comment report and the recommended changes to two measures: removed requirement for Safe Routes to School Plan and modified Housing Performance measure for interchange, intersection, and bridge projects within a mile radius of an adjacent community.
2. 2016-24: Approved release of the 2016 Regional Solicitation with recommended changes.

5. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Steve Albrecht, Chair)

Steve Albrecht said that copies of the amended bylaws are printed at the front table for those who would like to have a copy. There will be a new DEED representative, pending the hiring of a new staff replacement for Jim Gromberg.

2016-28 TAC Bylaws. Steve Albrecht presented the item, as discussed at the February meeting. Tim Mayasich moved and Jan Lucke seconded. Motion passes.

B. Planning Committee (Steve Albrecht, Chair)

The Planning committee met in March, but since Lisa Freese could not be here today Steve Albrecht presented her items.

2016-26 Functional Classification Map. Steve Albrecht presented this item. Elaine Koutsoukos noted that each of the changes in this map has been previously approved by this committee. Tim Mayasich moved and Paul Oehme seconded the recommended motion. Motion passes.

2016-30 Scott County Functional Classification Change. Steve Albrecht presented this item. Mark Filipi moved and Bruce Loney seconded the recommended motion. Motion passes.

2016-27 ITS Architecture. Katie White introduced Jim McCarthy from FHWA to present background on this item, as requested by the Planning committee at their March meeting. Jim McCarthy presented a Powerpoint presentation. Doug Fischer asked if the ITS Architecture required the use of specific technologies. Jim McCarthy replied that that is not the case. Adam Harrington said that Metro Transit supports this architecture because of the various signal and communication systems involved across the region, including rail and BRT. Jim McCarthy noted that Gary Nyberg at Metro Transit has been very helpful. Dave Jacobson asked if only the Metropolitan Council and Metro Transit were involved in the planning for this architecture. Jim McCarthy responded that there was outreach to the suburban providers in the development of this plan. Adam Harrington moved and Jim Grube seconded the recommended motion. Motion passes.

C. Funding and Programming Committee (Tim Mayasich, Chair)

2016-28 St. Louis Park Scope Change. Tim Mayasich presented this item. Meg McMonigal from St. Louis Park was available for additional information and had a handout for the group. There was an extended conversation among the group (including Jim Grube, Tim Mayasich, John Sass, and Jan Lucke) regarding whether or not the Metropolitan Council had decreased its commitment to the project as part of reducing the project costs associated with the Green Line Extension. Jack Byers said that the project has a regional benefit, not just the city. Doug Fischer asked why the ramp is needed. Meg McMonigal responded that redevelopment is already underway in this area. It has good access to Highway 100 and is the first park and ride outside of Minneapolis. Jim Grube said that the city has gone out of its way to put together this project and has already spent money on right-of-way and intersection improvements.

Doug Fisher moved the Funding & Programming recommendation. Tim Mayasich seconded. Motion passes.

2016-29 TIP Implementation Schedule. Tim Mayasich presented this item. Tim Mayasich moved and Pat Bursaw seconded. Doug Fischer asked if this schedule conflicts with the next solicitation. Elaine Koutsoukos clarified that the projects in the next solicitation go into the next TIP, not this one. Motion passes.

Information. Tim Mayasich said that the defederalization/federal funds reallocation item will be brought to Funding & Programming at the next meeting and will come to TAC in May.

6. Special Agenda Items

There were no special agenda items.

7. Agency Reports

Bridget Rief said that the TSA continues to improve staffing at security checkpoints. Allow extra time when traveling. The Lake Elmo LTCP is going through the approvals process after the April MAC meeting. Some residents in the township object to the longer runway.

Mark Filipi reported that Arlene McCarthy is retiring as the Director of MTS on July 1. As a result, the Metropolitan Council is exploring a re-organization of MTS.

Jack Byers reported that the City of Minneapolis kicked off its comprehensive plan process. Outreach will extend beyond residents and workers to include residents of the entire region. Your contributions will be appreciated.

8. Other Business and Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:04AM.

Prepared by:

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