Opening
Chair Scott Mareck, Ramsey County, opened the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Jed Hanson, MTS Planning, shared information on virtual meeting norms.

Standing Briefing on TPP Advisory Work Group
Cole Hiniker, MTS Planning, said that going forward the Technical Working Group will be briefed on the upcoming Advisory Work Group meeting. He said the March 17 Advisory Work Group meeting will include:

- a recap of the previous meeting’s discussion,
- a presentation with a broad overview of climate-related topics, and
- an update on the TPP Goals Peer Review.

Update on TPP Goals Peer Review
Cole Hiniker presented initial study findings on review of plans from our region and peer regions.

Andrew Andrusko, MnDOT Freight, said some MPOs and regions invest in freight as its own mode and suggested its consideration. Cole Hiniker acknowledged the comment and mentioned upcoming engagement with the Minnesota Freight Advisory Committee.

KC Atkins, Hennepin County, asked that future presentations clarify which slides cover peer review or feedback.
Innocent Eyoh, MPCA, asked how peer regions coordinate land use and transportation intersections with local governments. He asked if any peers have a comprehensive planning relationship similar to the Met Council. Cole answered most peer regions do not have formal role in land use planning review.

Transportation System Performance Evaluation
Jonathan Ehrlich, MTS Planning, presented a preview of the Transportation System Performance Evaluation (TSPE), a state-required document providing a comprehensive review of the transportation system ahead of every Transportation Policy Plan update.

Chair Mareck asked if the pavement and bridge measures just covered principal arterials, which Jonathan Ehrlich confirmed. Chair Mareck said there is a future opportunity to include the A-Minor Arterial System in these measures. Jonathan Ehrlich said this would be relatively easy for bridge condition, but pavement condition would require a collaborative project to ensure data consistency. Chair Mareck asked if the spare highway capacity measure included just the MnDOT system. Jonathan Ehrlich said it includes freeways and is based on loop detector data; extending this to measure to additional arterials would require further research.

Will Schroer, Twin Cities Shared Mobility Collaborative, asked when this data will be available. Jonathan Ehrlich said the Met Council hopes to be publishing it in the next three to four weeks.

KC Atkins requested clearer definition of level of traffic stress in the document. Jonathan Ehrlich said that it will be clarified.

Innocent Eyoh mentioned an MPCA’s “The Air We Breathe” report, which includes discussion on air quality issues relative to environmental justice. He also mentioned upcoming research or legislation on changes to air quality standards, and asked if the levels are close to the EPA’s proposals for ozone and PM 2.5. Jonathan Ehrlich answered the worst monitoring station is just under the proposed standard for PM 2.5, but a standard change prompts further discussion on preventing and reducing PM 2.5.

Chair Mareck mentioned there will be an amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program to study how to better connect performance measures to the Regional Solicitation and investment outcomes.

TPP Map Needs for Local Planning
Rachel Wiken, MTS Planning, described the interactive mapping approach being considered for the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan and walked through example maps from peer regions. She requested the Technical Working Group and other people in their organizations provide feedback via a survey link being sent over email.

Closing
Chair Mareck closed the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

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