

Meeting Notes

2050 TPP Technical Working Group



Meeting Date: March 9, 2023

Time: 1:35 PM

Location: Virtual

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7W - Andrew Whitter | <input type="checkbox"/> Council, Research - Todd Graham | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Move Minneapolis - Karl Hedlund, alternate for Tiffany Orth |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co - Jack Forslund | <input type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan Airports Commission - Bridget Rief | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co - Scott Mareck (Chair) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burnsville - Regina Dean | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit - Steve Mahowald | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Francis - Kate Thunstrom |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co - Angie Stenson (Vice Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis - Jasna Hadzic-Stanek | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Paul - Bill Dermody |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen - Charlie Howley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEED - Ed Hodder | <input type="checkbox"/> Stillwater - Tim Gladhill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coon Rapids - Tim Himmer | <input type="checkbox"/> MDH - Ellen Pillsbury | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Co - Nathan Abney |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co - Gina Mitteco | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DNR - Nancy Spooner-Walsh | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc - Grace Almeida |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FHWA - Josh Pearson | <input type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Freight - Andrew Andrusko | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator - Elaine Koutsoukos |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co - KC Atkins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Metro District - Michael Corbett | <input type="checkbox"/> TAC Chair - Jenifer Hager |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Community Development - Michael Larson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT OTSM - Joe Klein | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TC Shared Mobility Collaborative – Will Schroeer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council MTS - Dave Burns | <input type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Sustainability - Nissa Tupper | <input type="checkbox"/> UMN CTS - Kyle Shelton |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council, MTS Planning Director - Amy Vennewitz | <input type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Traffic Safety - Derek Leuer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Co - Sara Allen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council, Parks - Emmett Mullin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MPCA - Innocent Eyoh | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> West Saint Paul - Ross Beckwith |
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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 Schroeer, 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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