

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

Wednesday, June 21, 2017  
Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James, Chair	McGuire, Mary Jo	Goins, William
Bigham, Karla	<del>Van Hattum, David</del> Hollinshead, Mathews (alt)	Parsons, Rolf	Gaylord, Kathleen
<del>Villella, Sam</del> Geisler, Christopher (alt)	Ulrich, Jon	Giuliani Stephens, Mary	Anderson, Doug
Callison, Jan	Look, Matt	<del>Sanger, Sue</del> Brausen, Tim (alt)	<del>Thornton, David</del> Lotthammer, Shannon (alt)
Dugan, Peter	Christensen, Carrie	Swanson, Dick	Rodriguez, Katie
Hamann-Roland, Mary	Hansen, Gary	Sandahl, Suzanne	Tolbert, Chris
Reich, Kevin	McBride, Scott	Tabke, Brad	Fawley, Ethan
Wosje, Jeff	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
ABSENT:	-	-	-
Maluchnik, Randy	McKnight, Kenya	Crimmins, Carl	Petryk, Becky
-	Staples, Jamez	Laufenburger, Denny	
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	<del>Elaine Koutsoukos</del> Joe Barbeau, TAB Coordinator rep.		

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum was present when Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:35 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017.

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Hamman-Roland, seconded by Anderson to adopt the 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.

**IV. REPORTS**

**1. TAB Chair's Report**

Hovland reported that the TAB Executive Committee met prior to this meeting and discussed today's and July's TAB agendas. The Executive Committee also discussed future information items for TAB agendas. Some additions to the list that were discussed at TAB Executive Committee were: the future of transportation infrastructure funding; statewide passenger rail strategies; public/private partnerships; congestion mitigation strategies; and autonomous vehicles. Joe Barbeau will send a list of future information items to TAB members.

The Executive Committee also discussed Regional Solicitation training. Two trainings have been held. Another is tentatively scheduled for the fall. In July, monthly sessions (over the course of 3 months) will begin to prepare TAB members for TPP discussions at the TAB. These sessions will pertain to: 1) transit; 2) highways; and 3) bicycle and other non-motorized projects.

The Executive Committee also discussed transportation policy issues. The TAB used to have two committees (Policy Committee and Funding and Programming Committee), which were eliminated. The TAB may want to think about discussing policy issues in the future.

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Hovland stated that Tim Mayasich suggested a TAB “fieldtrip” in the future to provide an opportunity for TAB members to see projects that have been funded by TAB.

Hovland also announced his appointment of Peter Dugan as the TAB Liaison to the Transportation Committee and Karla Bigham as the alternate.

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

**MnDOT:** Scott McBride – reported that MnDOT met with the USDOT about the process for FASTLANE grant recipients. MnDOT submitted the 35W North MnPASS lane with a funding gap of about \$60M. USDOT will announce FASTLANE grant recipients sometime in July. The USDOT will not release all the funds in the first round of FASTLANE grants. After the first-round awards, another FASTLANE solicitation with new criteria reflecting principles of the Trump Administration will open, followed by a TIGER solicitation.

**MPCA:** Shannon Lotthammer – reported that no bills passed the Legislature that would change the approach or require additional steps for states to receive settlement money from the Volkswagon settlement. A technical advisory group has been formed, including participants from MPCA, Metro Council, and Metro Transit to identify projects and move forward.

**MAC:** Carl Crimmins – not present.

**Metropolitan Council:** Katie Rodriguez - reported that buses will replace Green and Blue Line trains in Downtown Minneapolis from June 22 to July 3 for maintenance. In answer to a question from McGuire, Rodriguez stated that this level of extended interruption should not be needed for another 20 years.

Metropolitan Council will continue to receive input on the proposed transit fare increase through June 26. Thus far, 1,200 surveys have been collected. Rodriguez has blank surveys for those interested in completing one.

**CTIB –** Rodriguez reported that CTIB voted to dissolve today. She was not present so asked others if they could report. Look stated that this has been a foregone conclusion and the counties will now work together where needed to make decisions about transportation. Bigham stated that she views the new structure as a local control approach for a regional approach. County partners will work together; discussions are ongoing regarding how decisions will be made. McGuire pointed out that local communities should provide input to their counties, since the decisions will be made at the county level.

## **3. Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Report**

TAC Chair Steve Albrecht had nothing to report other than the business items that are on the TAB agenda today.

## **V. CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion by Bigham, seconded by McGuire, and carried to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2017, TAB meeting.

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. 2017-14: Streamlined TIP Amendment: MVTA**

TAC Chair Albrecht presented this item. There were no questions from committee members.

Motion by Look, seconded by Gaylord:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2017-2020 TIP to add MVTA’s acquisition of a small bus.

Motion passed.

### **2. 2017-16: Draft 2018-2021 TIP for Public Comment**

TAC Chair Albrecht presented this item. Information was presented by Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau, Metro Transit Grants Manager Mary Gustafson, and Lynne Bly and Molly McCartney from MnDOT.

Hovland reminded the TAB that this action is to approve release of the Draft 2018-2021 TIP for the purpose of receiving public comment; approval of the final TIP will be in August.

Motion by Hamman-Roland, seconded by Hansen:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the Draft 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement (TIP) for release for a public comment period.

Motion passed.

## **VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Regional Solicitation Criteria**

Metropolitan Transportation Services Manager of Highway Planning & TAB/TAC Process Steve Peterson presented this item. More information will be presented in the coming months, including recommendations from the TAC F&P and TAC as the two committees work through comments from the last Regional Solicitation. Hovland requested that the TAB receive any recommendations well in advance of the TAB meeting so that members will have ample time to examine the information, resulting in a more productive discussion at TAB.

A training session was held this morning, one was held last week, and another is planned for the fall. The training session gives members a good background of the Regional Solicitation.

### **2. TPP Performance Measures**

Metropolitan Transportation Services Manager of Technical Planning Support Mark Filipi presented this item and answered a question from Hollingshead, stating that travel time is calculated from the federal requirements and is not separated out between vehicle and transit travel time. Metrics that separate the vehicle travel time from transit time could help in prioritization.

### **3. Transportation Public Participation Plan**

Metropolitan Council Outreach Coordinator Mai Thor presented this item, explaining the changes and reasoning for those changes since the last time this item was presented to TAB. Hovland stated that various committees are always looking for more successful engagement strategies and he would appreciate Metro Council Communications sharing strategies that it finds more successful.

### **4. Legislative Update**

Metropolitan Council Director Governmental Affairs Judd Schetnan and Scott McBride, MnDOT, presented this item. Presentations have been linked to the TAB agenda online. Look asked for a timeline for Corridors of Commerce grants and McBride answered that the solicitation will be out at the end of 2017, with selection of projects around February 2018.

## **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS**

### **1. Paris Reception at US Embassy**

In the interest of time, TAB member Bill Goins volunteered to defer this item to a later meeting.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT – With business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.**