

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

Wednesday, August 17, 2016
Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James, Chair	Parsons, Rolf	Staples, Jamez
Bigham, Karla	Wosje, Jeff	Callison, Jan	Look, Matt Schulte, Scott (alt)
Dugan, Peter	Hansen, Gary	Sanger, Sue	Sandahl, Suzanne
Tolbert, Chris	Crimmins, Carl	Ulrich, Jon	Rodriguez, Katie
Fawley, Ethan	Anderson, Doug	Petryk, Becky	Maluchnik, Randy
Thornton, David	McBride, Scott	Gaylord, Kathleen	Laufenburger, Denny
Swanson, Dick	Goins, William	McGuire, Mary Jo	Van Hattum, David
Hamann-Roland, Mary			
ABSENT:	Lunde, Jeffrey	d’Almeida, Anani	Reich, Kevin
	Miranda, Suyapa	Tabke, Brad	McKnight, Kenya
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator		

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 1:40 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2016.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Hamann-Roland seconded by Gaylord to adopt the 8/17/16 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 at today’s meeting.

IV. REPORTS

1. TAB Chair’s Report

Hovland reported that the TAB Executive Committee met prior to the TAB meeting. The Executive Committee continued discussion from last month about funding the Travel Behavior Inventory (TBI). The TAC has asked for more guidance on this subject. The Metro Council is thinking of the TBI as a 10-year planning effort in terms of funding. MnDOT will meet to discuss their role on the TBI, and sources of revenue for funding the TBI. TAB requested a breakdown of the funding sources of the Metro Council share. The TAB needs to decide if they want to be involved in funding the TBI recognizing its importance to the regional transportation system. There will be a presentation in October on the TBI and discussion strategic planning and of what the TAB’s role should be. A vote could be taken in November regarding funding the TBI for 2019-2021 and beyond. There is no funding from the TAB for the TBI in 2017.

The TAB should also ask Metro Council if there are other policy issues needing long-term funding from the TAB, and request that they let TAB know so that the TAB can discuss.

The Executive Committee also discussed unique projects. There is a need to decide what standards should be established by TAB to help guide the TAC in determining what qualifies as a unique project. Once the standards for unique projects are defined, then a special category can be created in the Regional Solicitation for funding unique projects.

Hovland asked members to think about how TAB, MnDOT and Metro Council can interface better in discussions about funding projects, whether it be in a large workshop setting or in small groups.

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The TAB will not hold its regular September meeting; instead a tour of MAC and FedEx facilities will be held. Bill Goins will explain further, later in this TAB meeting.

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

MnDOT: Scott McBride – reported that the construction is at its midway mark through the construction season and a lot of progress is being made on many projects.

MPCA: David Thornton – Nothing to report.

MAC: Carl Crimmins – Deferred comments to item VII later on the agenda.

Metropolitan Council: Katie Rodriguez – reported that Metro Transit was awarded System of the Year by APTA. She read the comments from Metro Council Chair Adam Duinick about the award.

3. Technical Advisory Committee

TAC Chair Steve Albrecht had no report other than the action items on today's agenda.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Anderson and carried to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2016 TAB meeting.

Metro Council Chair Adam Duinick was present and spoke about the status of Orange Line and SWLRT. Orange Line: Consists of two projects: 1) MnDOT resurfacing on I-35W from 46th Street to downtown Minneapolis (approx. \$250M); and 2) the Transit component (approx. \$150M). The projects are connected and it is a way to leverage some of the road spending that will occur to maximize federal funds. The deadline to submit the application to the FTA for the transit component is 9/02/16 to keep the Small Starts project moving forward and competitive against other Small Starts projects across the country. The transit component will drive MnDOT decision making. The project may need to be broken into phases. Duinick did not want to speculate on this and hopes to work through the issues with CTIB and the legislature.

SWLRT: The project continues to move forward. Environmental work was completed last month. A Record of Decision was issued by the FTA. The record of decision allows the project to talk to owners and the freight rail companies about property acquisition, etc. Judge Tunheim said that once the environmental work is complete, he could revisit some of the issues brought forth by the plaintiff. Other funding is centered around discussions about a special legislative session. There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday 8/18 between the Speaker of the House (& staff), Senate Majority Leader, and Governor Dayton. Sanger asked Duinick if he had advice to local governments as to whether they should continue to invest in improvements preparing for SWLRT. Duinick said the question should be resolved in the next weeks or months, and encouraged contacting the legislature and Governor.

Duinick said he does not know what the chances are that if the FTA watches one project (example - SWLRT) dissipate because of lack of local funds, whether the FTA would look favorably on funding another project. In the meantime, we should think broadly about transit in the region being part of a system; this comes back to decoupling roads/transit/freight, etc. and looking at it as movement of people & goods.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2015-40: 2017 UPWP

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

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Laufenburger:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the draft 2017 Unified Planning Work Program and recommend adoption to the Metropolitan Council.

Motion passed.

2. 2016-41: Scope Change: Dakota County

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

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Sandahl:

That the Transportation Advisory Board approve a scope change request from Dakota County to its US 52/CSAH 42 interchange reconstruction (SP#019-642-059) to extend the project limits by 0.2 miles to the east, construct a left turn lane to a public entrance, and taper the four-lane section to the existing two-lane section beyond the entrance.

Motion passed.

3. 2016-42: TIP Amendment: Dakota County Scope Change

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

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Hansen:

That the Transportation Advisory Board approve an amendment to the 2017-2020 TIP to adjust project cost and description of the Dakota County US 52/CSAH 42 Interchange project (SP#019-642-059 and 1906-68) for the purpose of release for a public comment period.

Motion passed.

4. 2016-44: 2017-2020 TIP Public Comment Report

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item and highlighted the comments received, and Metro Council responses to those comments. Sandahl asked for, and received, clarification of a few acronyms.

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Laufenburger:

That the Transportation Advisory Board accept the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Public Comment Report.

Motion passed.

5. 2016-45: 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item. There were no questions from committee members.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Sanger:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) inclusive of changes cited in the public comment report (AT No. 2016-44).

Motion passed.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Preview of September Fed Ex/MAC Tour

Bridget Rief-MAC and Bill Goins-Fed Ex addressed the committee with a preliminary plan for the optional September tour of their facilities. Those attending would meet (and park) at the FedEx facility at approximately 4:30, take a bus to the MAC to visit the airfield, and the new Terminal 2 baggage handling system. The bus will return to FedEx for a dinner at approximately 6:00 and the FedEx tour at approximately 7:00, which will be educational in nature and focus on the network of ground freight, express, business pick-up, aircraft, etc.

In the next few days, TAB Coordinator Elaine Koutsoukos will send an email to TAB members with the details and asking for a count and names of those who plan to attend.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

Ulrich stated that Scott County received a TIGER grant for the 169/41 project. The fruit of the ½ cent sales tax helped with local funding match required. He thanked members and others for their letters of support and funding.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.