

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Metropolitan Council Building, 390 Robert Street No., Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

### TAB PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: January 18, 2012  
Metropolitan Council Chambers.

Members Present: Jim Hovland, Co-Chair, Robert Lilligren, Co-Chair, Tony Bennett, Jan Callison, Margaret Donahoe, Ethan Fawley, Dennis Hegberg, Aaron Isaacs, Becky Petryk, AJ Siddiqui, Dick Swanson, David Thornton, Dave Van Hattum, Andy Westerberg.

Guests and Staff: Pat Bursaw, Chair, Technical Advisory Committee  
Bruce Blair, Dakota County  
Fran Crotty, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
Kevin McDonald, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator

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#### I. Call to order.

Co-Chair Lilligren called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM.

#### II. Adoption of the Agenda.

Ms. Petryk moved, seconded by Mr. Swanson, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### III. Approval of the Programming Committee minutes from December 8, 2011.

Mr. Swanson moved, seconded by Mr. Hovland, to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2011 TAB Programming Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### IV. Information Items and Action Transmittals.

##### **(a). Information: Update on the 2011 regional solicitation.**

Mr. Roggenbuck reported that the TAC Funding & Programming Committee met on December 15 and discussed each qualifying criteria issue with the applicants who attended. Staff reviewed all 140 applications submitted and identified 17 applications where the qualifying criterion answers were not clear or information was missing. Staff was able to resolve most of the issues directly with the applicant, other were resolved by the committee. The TAC Funding & Programming Committee voted to disqualify four applications and directed another applicant to choose between two projects with overlapping scopes.

##### **(b). 2012-01: Sunset Date Extension Request: Dakota County.**

Pat Bursaw presented this item. Ms. Bursaw described the project, program year and difficulty with railroad acquiring ROW easement; hence the request to extend the sunset date.

Mr. Fawley asked if Dakota County could complete the project with the railroad. Mr. Blair described pending work on acquiring ROW permits. Mr. Fawley asked if the

county could deliver the financing with the increased project cost. Mr. Blair answered if that is what it would cost, the county will find the money to build it. He described the topography where the fence is/would be.

Mr. Hovland moved, seconded by Mr. Westerberg to approve the sunset date extension. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

**(c). Information: MPCA Electric Vehicle Plug-In Stations.**

Mr. Thornton introduced the project and said it is here for discussion and voting in February. Ms. Crotty presented information about electric vehicles and how they are recharged. Mr. McDonald explained why the project is important and provided responses to questions raised by the TAB members a few months ago. Mr. McDonald also described federal air quality standards and the consequences for non-attainment. Crotty presented information about charging station costs. The desired outcome is to reduce emissions and promote electric vehicles use in the region.

Ms. Crotty and Mr. McDonald answered a number of questions from the committee about how many EVs can be charged at a station, the reliability of getting a parking spot to recharge, the cost to build the recharging stations, the willingness of partners to provide matching funds, the time needed to recharge, etc...

Mr. Lilligren reviewed the motion forwarded by the TAB Programming Committee a few months ago.

**(d). Information: Conditions for making exceptions to federal funds re-allocation policy.**

Mr. Roggenbuck reviewed the memo with the committee. Mr. Westerberg said the list should also include situations where use of funds changes from operational to capital. Mr. Swanson suggested that the technical committees look at the technical merits of the request – not policy. Mr. Hovland said maybe have a small committee look at it and suggest under what circumstances it would apply. Mr. Lilligren said we need to do it in an accountable and transparent way, be flexible - maybe within the TAB Executive Committee or small group. Mr. Thornton volunteered to be part of a small group, if assembled and agreed that the Technical Committee could look at technical merits of requests, but not make the decision to reallocate funds.

**IV. Other Business.**

Members did not raise any other business.

**VI. Adjourn.**

Mr. Lilligren adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:  
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator.