
*Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 2, 2018
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Doug Fischer, Brian Sorenson, Chad Ellos, Joe Lux, Lisa Freese, Jan Lucke, Steve Bot, Elaine Koutsoukos, Steve Peterson, Michael Larson, Adam Harrington, Brian Isaacson, Innocent Eyoh, Andrew Emanuele, Peter Dahlberg, Danny McCullough, Karl Keel, Anne Kane, Paul Oehme, Michael Thompson, Jen Hager (Excused: Bridget Rief, Ken Ashfeld, Jim Kosluchar, Jack Byers, Bill Dermody, Paul Kurtz)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Freese at 9:02 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to include an information item on Federal Performance Measure Target Setting and the Dakota County Future Principal Arterial Study. A motion to approve the amended agenda was moved by Paul Oehme and seconded by Jan Lucke. No discussion. Motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Jan Lucke and seconded by Brian Isaacson. Motion passed.

4. TAB Report

Elaine Koutsoukos reported on the April 18 TAB meeting.

Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Lisa Freese, Chair)

Lisa Freese reported on the Executive Committee meeting, which discussed the day's agenda, Corridors of Commerce, and HSIP funding.

B. Planning Committee (Jan Lucke, Chair)

Jan Lucke reported that there were no action items at the Planning committee, and most information items are on today's agenda.

C. Funding and Programming Committee (Paul Oehme, Chair)

2018-31 2022-2023 Highway Safety Improvement Program Solicitation. Paul Oehme presented the item. Doug Fischer asked why there is a two-foot shoulder maximum on these projects, as many of these facilities are used for bicyclists and pedestrians and MnDOT usually prefers to bundle small projects into larger projects. Paul Oehme said that this has been a big sticking point, but a longstanding policy for MnDOT. Lars Negstad added that FHWA and other MnDOT districts agree on this policy. Wider

shoulder lanes do not improve safety outcomes. Brian Isaacson said that this policy is at least ten years old. Doug Fischer recommended changing this in the next solicitation. Jan Lucke asked about the \$2 million maximum for roundabout projects. If a project is potentially more than \$2 million, should they not apply? Lars Negstad replied that there is wiggle room for this kind of project. Danny McCullough said that it would be helpful to have a statewide discussion on the two-foot shoulder requirement. Brian Isaacson agreed to facilitate that conversation.

Brian Isaacson moved and Elaine Koutsoukos seconded the recommended motion. Motion passed.

6. Special Agenda Items

Update on Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Network. (Charles Carlson, Metro Transit) Charles Carlson reported on the ABRT progress. Michael Larson asked what lessons have been learned that could apply to local routes. Charles Carlson responded that placing shelters away from the curb is beneficial. Adam Harrington added that Franklin Avenue and the route 4 are getting another look to potentially increase bus stop spacing and improve transit signal priority. On June 9th a new limited stop service on East 7th will open.

Federal Performance Measure Target Setting. (Dave Burns, MTS) Dave Burns presented on federal performance measures. There were no questions. Lisa Freese would like to understand the data sources. Dave Burns will provide them to her. Andrew Emanuele clarified that these requirements won't apply to the Twin Cities after November 2019.

Dakota County Future Principal Arterial Study. (Brian Sorenson, Dakota County and Doug Abere, Bolton & Menk) Brian Sorenson and Doug Abere presented on this study. Steve Peterson added that the Council participated in this study and agreed with the methodology. Next steps are less certain since new PAs aren't added more than once a decade.

7. Agency Reports

Brian Isaacson announced that Corridors of Commerce projects have been selected. Steve Bot asked about the process of adding these projects to the TPP. Steve Peterson said that the projects will be easy to add to the draft before it is released by the Council in June for public comment.

Steve Peterson announced that the CMP group will have its rescheduled meeting on May 22.

8. Other Business and Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30AM.

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