

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Metropolitan Council
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Notes of a Meeting of the
TAC-PLANNING COMMITTEE
Nov 12, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Holly Anderson, Bob Byers, Jack Byers, Bill Dermody, Innocent Eyoh, Lisa Freese, Jean Keely, Elaine Koutsoukos, Michael Larson, Steve Mahowald, Bridget Rief, Kevin Roggenbuck, Mike Sobolewski, Ann Terwedo, Katie White, Rachel Wiken

OTHERS PRESENT: Shaker Rabban (MnDOT), Katie Caskey (MnDOT), Mary Jean Fensla (MPCA), Neil Ralston (MAC), Connie Kozlak, Mark Filipi, Dave Vessel, Heidi Schallberg, Russ Owen, Brad Utecht, Steve Elmer – All MTS

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Ann Pung-Terwedo, Lisa Freese arrived a few minutes later

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted

3. Approval of the Minutes

Notes of the meeting of the Aug 2015 meeting were approved as submitted

4. Action Transmittal

1. MAC CIP – Russ Owen

- Russ presented the 2015 MAC CIP to the committee for review and comment, for approval to forward to the Met Council. State statute requires that the Met Council comment on the MAC CIP annually, focusing on three areas. 1) Adequacy in the Public Planning Process 2) Approve projects above a certain monetary threshold (\$5 million for MSP, \$2 million for relievers). 3) Review and comment on all projects for consistency with the TPP. Staff found the plan acceptable on all three measures.
- Bridget Rief (MAC) had some comments regarding project changes. Several projects slated for 2018-2019 will be moved up to start earlier. Two projects – the hotel skyway and the DHL consolidation to one location have completed separate Environmental Assessment Worksheets have been completed separately and will be added to the CIP now.
- The new projects and several comments will be added to the CIP before it finalized. Final version will be moved out of MAC committee in Dec. It will go to the full Met Council for approval in January.
- Motion to recommend approval was moved by Kevin Roggenbuck, seconded by Katie White

Info Items

GIS Centerline data project – Geoff Maas

- Geoff Maas, the MetroGIS coordinator, presented on the Metro Centerline data project, which is a collaboration between counties, cities, MnDOT and the Met Council. The project will create metro wide GIS data which is accurate, current, and free. The driving force of the project is for 911 emergency services, but the final dataset will meet the needs of all parties, from planners to 911 dispatchers.
- Kick off was in May 2014. Needs of stakeholders were documents and a data model was produced and tested. Currently the full dataset is being built, with a first release happening in December.
- Edge matching between counties was a large issue that this project has addressed by a county agreement. The final dataset will be edge matched and planarized and linear referenced, allowing for precise routing and asset locations. MnGEO will host and publish the dataset.
- More info about the project is available on the MetroGIS website.

Upcoming Functional Class Issues – Connie Kozlak

- The Regional Solicitation will be happening in 2016 and that project will include adopting a functional class map in early Spring 2016. Any changes to the A-minor system must be submitted by Dec 31st to be processed in time for consideration in the next regional solicitation. Cities and Counties were emailed this information already.
 - Also for the Regional Solicitation, the Regional Bike Trail Network will also have changes coming through TAC Planning. Deadline to submit those changes is Dec 11th.
- As part of the Local Planning Handbook that was recently released, communities are being asked to review the collector system in their Comp Plans against the regional functional class. Differences can be submitted for staff to incorporate into the regional system. Collector changes based on comp plan maps will not be handled as previous changes, which go through TAC Planning. Collector changes based on comp plan maps will be added by staff, with a notice to TAC planning of the changes. There is no change to how A-Minor changes are handled.

Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan / MnSHIP - Shaker Rabban

- Shaker Rabban presented a very brief overview of the Statewide Multimodal plan and the MnSHIP.
- The MnGO plan, which is the 50 year vision for MnDOT is the overarching vision of what the agency wants to achieve. Below that, is the Statewide Multimodal Plan, which is the plan for how to achieve the vision. Feeding into that are many modal plans.
- The MnSHIP is the 20 year state highway investment plan, which is broken down into two sections, years 1-10, 11-20.
- Shaker handed out several worksheets, detailing the decision making behind the plans and asking for feedback on the SMTP.

- Chair Lisa Freese encouraged the group to review the more detailed materials online, including the white papers on the trend analysis which played a large part in developing the SMTP.
- Feedback can be given online or in paper copy to Katie Caskey at MNDOT.

Regional Performance Measures Update – Brad Utecht

- Brad presented an update on the Regional Performance Measures workgroups. He also presented at the last TAC Planning meeting in August.
- All five modal group has met twice and identified measures and ranked them by priority.
- He brought in the lists of measures and asked for feedback from the committee.
- Bridget asked for a list of modal group measures which will be distributed to the group.
- Discussion focused on how measures can meet multiple goals, even if not displayed that way on the handout. Committee asked staff to provide measures in a more detailed format for review.
- Also discussed was the importance of measure outcomes which can be influenced by policy and investments. Should be tied to regional outcomes, not a specific project. Is the measure clear and customer focused? Ideally the measure should be forecastable as well.
- The group needed more time to digest the info and is asked to provide feedback to Brad via email. Lisa asked the group to think if the outcomes we are trying to measure are on the list Brad provided or if something major was missing.

5. Other Business

- **Introductions**
 - Bridget introduced the new planner at MAC, Neil Ralston. He will likely be involved and attending meetings in the future.
 - Innocent introduced his supervisor Mary Jean Fensla, who was attending the meeting as well.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58pm