

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

Wednesday, February 19, 2014
Metropolitan Council Chambers, St. Paul, MN

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hargis, William, Chair	Stark, Russ	Butcher, Gerry
Maluchnik, Randy	Janovy, Jennifer	Van Hattum, David	Fawley, Ethan
Petryk, Becky	d'Almeida, Anani	Look, Matt	Reich, Kevin
Gallagher, Steven	Sanger, Sue	Callison, Jan	Ulrich, Jon
Drotning, Karl	Hovland, James	Donahoe, Margaret	Duininck, Adam
Reich, Kevin	McGuire, Mary Jo	Peilen, Lisa	Hamann-Roland, Mary
Miron, Fran	Hansen, Gary	Slawik, Nora	McBride, Scott
Gunyou, John	Swanson, Dick	Lilligren, Robert	
ABSENT:	Thornton, David	McKnight, Kenya	Have, Ron
	Isaacs, Aaron	Krause, Paul	Tjornhom, Bethany
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Carl Ohrn, Interim TAB Coordinator		

I. Call to Order

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:35 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2014.

Hargis welcomed new members Kevin Reich, from Minneapolis City Council, Gary Hansen, Eagan City Council, and Nora Slawik, Mayor of Maplewood, who were appointed by Metro Cities to the TAB.

Hargis also mentioned that the Met Council has reappointed several members of the TAB: Gerry Butcher, John Gunyou, Jennifer Janovy, Kenya McKnight, Ethan Fawley, and David Van Hattum. Robert Lilligren was appointed as a transit representative.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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 open forum at today's meeting.

IV. Reports

1. TAB Chair's Report

Chair Hargis reported there was an orientation for the new members, which was held Friday, February 14. Chair Hargis announced an Executive Committee update that Russ Stark is the first Vice Chair of the full TAB and Jim Hovland is the second Vice Chair.

2. TAB Bylaws Task Force

James Hovland reported on recommended the Bylaws changes. Motion by Hovland, seconded by Maluchnik to change the title of the Transportation Coordinator to TAB Coordinator for consistency throughout the Bylaws, correct the sentence under article 3D to read "Attendance is an essential component of board participation." Motion passed.

There were three more issues for the Bylaws committee: agency alternates, the possibility of adding another elected official to the Executive Committee and mentoring to the TAB Executive Committee.

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

Lisa Peilen reported on MAC. News concerning The FAA's proposal for a next generation technology called RNAV at the airport.

Adam Duininck reported that the Met Council announced the updated Regional Forecast. The projections have been revised down 70,000 fewer people to 3.67 million people.

4. Technical Advisory Committee

Pat Bursaw reported that the TAC met on February 5, 2014. TAC welcomed two new members: Michael Thompson from Maplewood and Bruce Loney from Shakopee. There were five special agenda items and three action items. All three action items are on the TAB agenda today. TAC discussed changes in the Bylaws. The changes include adding three new members to the TAC: A non motorized member, a freight representative and then one member from the Wright and Sherburne area.

V. Consent Items

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Stark and passed, to approve the following consent item.

1. Approval of the Minutes from January 15, 2014.

VI. Action Items

1. 2014-12: Ratify TAB Coordinator

Chair Hargis presented this item. He recommended along with the Executive Committee the appointment of Elaine Koutsoukos to the position of TAB Coordinator. Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Callison, that the TAB appoint Elaine Koutsoukos to the TAB Coordinator position. Motion passed.

2. 2014-18: Election of TAB Executive Committee Member

Chair Hargis presented this item. There were two candidates for the TAB Executive Committee member representing the citizen, modal, and remaining agency board members: Jennifer Janovy and Robert Lilligren. Janovy withdrew her name. Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Drotning, that the TAB appoint Lilligren to the TAB Executive Committee. Motion passed.

3. 2014-13: Amendment to 2014 UPWP

Koutsoukos presented this item. The Unified Planning Work Program includes activities required by federal regulation that addresses planning priorities of the metropolitan area. The document identifies budgeted expenditures, funding sources, and allocation of staff resources for a variety of transportation planning activities. Studies identified in the 2014 UPWP were specific studies known by June 2013. Additional studies have been specifically identified for carryover or new and are being amended into the 2014 UPWP. Motion by Gallagher, seconded by Maluchnik, that the TAB Recommend adoption of Amendment to the 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Motion passed.

4. 2014-14: 2017 CMAQ Funding Allocation Proposal

Chair Hargis presented this item. There is \$20 million of estimated available funds for transit projects for 2017. The delay in developing the new Regional Solicitation process has resulted in the need to consider having special, one-time processes to award 2017 CMAQ and STP funds. A special solicitation for the Transportation Alternative Program funding has already moved forward. This memo addresses a potential one-time process for allocating the 2017 CMAQ funds only.

The requested action is the proposed one-time process to award 2017 CMAQ funds to regionally significant transit projects.

Comments from TAB members: It was asked if the CMAQ money could be spent on trail projects. It is eligible but this was not done in the past.

Motion by Maluchnik, seconded by Sanger, to delete the word “transit” from the recommended motion. Motion failed 13-14.

Motion by Maluchnik, seconded by Sanger, to leave the word “transit” and add “non motorized”. Motion failed 9-17.

Motion by Gallagher, seconded by Maluchnik, that the TAB adopt the proposed one-time process to award 2017 CMAQ funds to regionally significant transit projects. Motion passed.

TAB recommended adding a preliminary notification announcing the project selection process so that potential applicants are aware of the release date.

Motion by Stark, and seconded, to change the application deadline from April 4 to April 14 to allow applicants more time to prepare applications. Motion passed.

5. 2014-08: Program Year Extension Request: Black Dog Greenway, Burnsville

Bursaw presented this item.

The City of Burnsville received \$1,040,000 in federal Transportation Enhancements (now Alternatives) funds in the 2009 solicitation for construction of the Black Dog Greenway in 2014. The trail construction is related to a conversion of the Black Dog Power Plant from coal to natural gas, and the power plant plans have taken longer than expected. To avoid potential power plant construction and remediation from damaging the trail, the city is requesting a one-year program year extension. Motion by Janovy, seconded by Hovland, to approve the program year extension request to move the Black Dog Greenway to 2015. Motion passed.

6. 2014-09: Reassignment Request for SouthWest Transit Bus Purchase

Bursaw presented this item.

SouthWest Transit received \$6,600,000 in federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in the 2007 solicitation for bus purchases for expansion. The project was originally programmed in 2011, but MnDOT sought volunteers to defer scheduled CMAQ projects to balance available federal funding in the region. SouthWest Transit voluntarily deferred this project to 2014. The reassignment request would change the project sponsor from SouthWest Transit to the Metropolitan Council and modify the project description to include bus purchases for local and arterial bus rapid transit service in addition to express service. Motion by Maluchnik, and seconded, to reassign the request for CMAQ funds to other transit vehicle purchases. Motion passed.

7. 2014-10: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for SouthWest Transit Bus Purchase

Bursaw presented this item.

This is the TIP amendment for Business Item 2014-09. Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Maluchnik, to approve the amendment. Motion passed.

8. 2014-11: Adopt Public Comment Report and 2014-2017 TIP Amendment Highway 610

Heidi Schallberg presented this item.

This project completes TH 610 on a new alignment as a 4-lane freeway from CSAH 81 to I-94 and is one of 10 projects selected statewide for the Corridors of Commerce program. Completion of TH 610 connects I-94 (in the vicinity of where 101st Ave. N. currently crosses I-94) to the existing TH 610 roadway located at the CSAH 81/Elm Creek Boulevard interchange in the City of Maple Grove in Hennepin County. The project also includes the extension of 105th Avenue to west of I-94. Motion by Callison, seconded by Butcher, to accept the public comments received for this amendment and adopt the amendment to the 2014-2017 TIP Amendment to add TH 610 from Hennepin Co Rd 81 to I-94 to 2015 with a total project cost of \$112,005,524, which includes \$4,346,172 in federal earmark funds, \$106,825,140 in Corridors of Commerce state-authorized bonds, and \$832,212 in local funds from the City of Maple Grove. Motion passed.

9. 2014-15: Regional Solicitation Evaluation Subcategory Recommendation

Heidi Schallberg presented this item on revisions for the regional solicitation application subcategories for the Bicycle and Pedestrian and Transit/TDM modal categories. Motion by Fawley, seconded by Stark, that

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the design of the next regional solicitation application be based upon revised modal subcategories for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities and Transit and TDM. Motion passed.

VII. Information and Discussion Items

1. Public Comments on I-94 TIP Amendment

MTS Senior Planner Heidi Schallberg presented this item.

2. Revisions to 2030 TPP Amendment for Corridors of Commerce

Scott McBride, MNDOT, spoke about the I-694 project that is moving through this body on the Corridors of Commerce program.

3. Regional Solicitation Evaluation Recommendations

Marie Cote, SRF, presented this item.

4. TPP Update

MTS Deputy Director Finance & Planning Amy Vennewitz presented this item

5. 2015-2018 TIP Schedule

MTS Senior Planner Heidi Schallberg presented this item.

VIII. Other Business and Items of TAB Members

James Hovland announced that the Corridor Management Committee for the SouthWest LRT is meeting on February 20. The Committee will review evaluations from engineers from the City of Minneapolis and St. Louis Park as well as the Special Projects office from Hennepin County on the pros and cons of the route through Kennelworth Corridor verses the potential reroute through St. Louis Park.

IX. Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.