

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

Wednesday, May 21, 2014
Metropolitan Council Chambers, St. Paul, MN

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

I. Call to Order

A quorum was present when 2nd Vice Chair Stark called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 1:35 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Maluchnik to adopt the 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

Stark reported that the TAB Executive Committee met last week and discussed feedback from TAC and others re: CMAQ options. There are two options on the table for the TAB to consider – Action Item 2014-31 on today’s agenda.

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

Duininck reported from Metro Council. He stated that the Target Field Station opening was held Saturday 5/17. He also stated that June 14 & 15 is the opening of the Green Line. There will be festivities at most stations and free rides throughout the Metro Transit system on those days.

3. Technical Advisory Committee

Pat Bursaw reported the TAC met on 5/07 and received 5 action items (on today’s agenda) and 4 special agenda items: 1) Regional Solicitation Evaluation Update, 2) Metro District 2015-2018 TIP, 3) MnDOT Local Program of Projects (POP), and 4) TPP Update from Metro Council. Bursaw said that the Draft TPP is available for comment, the TAC is reviewing.

4. Regional Solicitation Design Update

Dan Peterson, SRF reported on the Regional Solicitation Design. Previously, the working group has looked at measures for Bicycle/Ped mode. They have recently looked at measures for roadways and transit modes.

Four of 8 working group meetings have been held. The 5th meeting is scheduled for next week to discuss all three modes. An Equity and Affordable Housing Task Force will be looking at affordable housing and equity issues; a special working group has been assigned for each - affordable housing and equity. The June, July and August TAB meetings will receive pieces of the application for the RS. The entire packet is scheduled as an information item in August and action item in September. Following TAC/TAB/MC approval, the Regional Solicitation should be released in late Sept./early Oct. to the public.

Stark added that the RS is looking at a lot of detail of modes and process. Range of funding to allocate by mode discussion will be coming this summer.

V. Consent Items

Motion by Callison, seconded by Hamman-Roland and passed, to approve the following consent items.

1. Approval of the Minutes from April 16, 2014.

2. 2014-32: Scope Change Request – Scott County CSAH 8 Reconstruction

Motion: That the TAB approve the request to modify the scope of SP#070-608-022 to add a roundabout at CSAHs 8 and 91 with a pedestrian underpass.

3. 2014-33: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment for MnDOT Bridges over the Minnesota River

Motion: That the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2014-2017 TIP to modify the project scope and budget for MnDOT bridges over the Minnesota River in Bloomington and Eagan in 2015 (SP#1925-52).

4. 2014-35: Two TIP Amendments Streamlined – Safe Routes to Schools Projects in SFY 2015 and Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail along TH 10 in City of Ramsey.

Motion: That the TAB adopt two amendments to the 2014-2017 TIP to add four Safe Routes to School infrastructure projects in 2015 and to modify the Hwy 10 Trail project in Ramsey by splitting the project in two phases and projects in 2015 and 2016.

VI. Action Items

1. 2014-34: 2017 STP and CMAQ TSM Recommendation

Motion by VanHattum to move this item to the last action item on the agenda, following item 2014-31. The agenda was previously approved, no action was taken on this motion.

Bursaw presented this item.

Motion by VanHattum, seconded by Duininck to table this item to follow item 2014-31. Motion passed.

2. 2014-30: 2017 TAP Solicitation

Bursaw presented this item. Lilligren noted that listing the applying agency is helpful and asked that this information be provided in future item lists. Stark began the discussion about the appeal process, and the possibility that a project that once had a high ranking, could be “bumped” by another project that went through the appeal process and scored higher as a result of the appeal. As a thought for future discussion, he stated perhaps the project being “bumped” should be re-evaluated as well. This could be reviewed in the Regional Solicitation Evaluation process. Hovland stated that the process should be looked at. Hargis reminded the TAB that there was time when there was no appeal process, and the appeal process is very specific that it is for information missed, misinterpreted, and technical points, and not policy issues.

Motion by Fawley, seconded by Hamman-Roland that the Transportation Advisory Board approve 1) the final scores and rankings for the 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) applications and 2) funding recommendations from the Funding and Programming Committee, as attached.

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Motion passed.

3. 2014-31: 2017 CMAQ Transit Capital Project Selection

Bursaw presented this item. She stated that the TAC had recommended ratings and that TAB would select the projects; after TAC met that Metro Transit submitted a project that TAC had not reviewed. The TAC determined that this is a policy issue, not technical. TAB Executive Committee proposed two options to the TAB for consideration.

Motion by Maluchnik, seconded by Hovland that the Transportation Advisory Board accept the project ratings and select projects for 2017 CMAQ transit capital funding listed in Option 2, and that language be included in the action that TAB strongly supports the completion of the Arterial BRT on Chicago Ave. to include all appropriate stops, stations and amenities in a timely manner.

Some comments from the discussion both before and after the motion was made by Maluchnik: Hamman-Roland asked for clarification on how the emissions reduction ratings were reached. Bursaw stated that the projects are scored relative to the other projects being considered. Ulrich received an explanation of the project costs columns from Lisa Freese. VanHattum noted that equity ratings need more discussion in the future, there are all sorts of data questions. Lilligren has concerns with equity issues and shifting funds away from Chicago Ave. service improvements and concerns with manipulating the process and damaging the credibility with the project by promising projects without the funding to deliver. Charles Carlson and Craig Lamothe, Metro Transit, were present and answered questions about funding sources and timing of the Hopkins P&R and Chicago Ave. projects and the type of service improvements that would be provided on Chicago at this time if the funds were not shifted to Hopkins P&R. Hovland said that Option 2 is an opportunity to fund a project that we would not want to miss.

Fawly stated that the TAB members do not have enough information about the Chicago Ave. proposal right now to make a decision about reallocating those funds to Hopkins P&R.

In answer to Hamman-Roland about the timing of this action, Arlene McCarthy stated that if action is not taken today, the projects will not be incorporated in the Draft TIP and it becomes an awkward process to amend projects into the Draft TIP after it is out for public comment. Bursaw answered Swanson's question about the expiration date for the funding. She stated that these are 2017 funds, and if not used in 2017 they will go to another project. Lilligren discussed equity issues regarding Chicago Ave. and stated that although Maluchnik's language in the motion is timely, there should be more certainty in the language. Gunyou stated he cannot commit to future funding for Chicago Ave. because there isn't enough information.

Gunyou made a motion which passed to call the question. The motion as made by Maluchnik passed.

4. 2014-34: 2017 STP and CMAQ TSM Recommendations

Motion by Swanson, seconded by McBride to take this item off of the table for discussion and action.

Motion passed.

Bursaw presented this item previously in the agenda.

Motion by Hargis, seconded by Maluchnik that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the inclusion of 2017 STP and roadway system management CMAQ funds in the next full Regional Solicitation, which is expected to be released in Fall 2014.

Motion by Gunyou, seconded by McGuire to amend the motion to add language and read: That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the inclusion of 2017 STP and roadway system management CMAQ funds in the next full Regional Solicitation, which is expected to be released in Fall 2014 and direct RS Steering Committee to develop a federal grant funding process for regional bicycle transportation network projects whose scale is beyond the transportation alternatives program.

Amendment to the motion passed.

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Motion by Hovland, seconded by Hamman-Roland to table the amended motion (amendment made by Gunyou and made part of the motion being tabled). The motion to table the amended motion passed.

VII. Information and Discussion (due to time constraints, each presenter gave a brief presentation, TAB members are welcome to contact the presenters for further information)

1. MnDOT Metro District Draft 2015-2018 TIP
Brian Isaacson, MnDOT presented this item.
2. MnDOT SFY2014 Local Program Review
Dan Erickson, Metro District State Aid Engineer – Mn DOT presented this item.
3. TIP and TPP Amendments – I-694 and I-494
Scott McBride, MnDOT presented this item.
4. Streetcar Policy Development
MTS Director Arlene McCarthy presented this item. She stated that Parsons Brinkerhoff has been hired to help develop a streetcar policy, which will go through the public process and the results will be amended into the TPP.
5. TPP Update
MTS Manager Systems Planning Connie Kozlak presented this item. Elaine Koutsoukos will send the powerpoint presentation and the full TPP text to TAB members. TAB members are urged to contact the specific staff member listed on the TAB agenda under the various chapters with questions.

VIII. Other Business and Items of TAB Members

None.

IX. Adjournment Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.