

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

#### Committee Members Present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James (Chair)	Anderson, Doug	Bailey, Myron
Barber, Deb	Barnes, Michael	<del>Boyles, Frank</del> (Morast, John)	Crimmins, Carl
Dugan, Peter	Foster, Amity	<del>Fox, Nick</del> (Martinson, Brian)	Geisler, Christopher
Giuliani Stephens, Mary	Goettel, Debbie	Hansen, Gary	Holberg, Mary Liz
Hollinshead, Mathews	Jalali, Mitra	Jeppson, Julie	Karwoski, Stan
Kealey, Dan	Lindeke, William	Look, Matt	<del>McDonnell, Craig</del> (Biewen, Todd)
McGuire, Mary Jo	<del>Narayanan, Ashwat</del> (Johnson, Glen)	Petryk, Becky	Sanger, Sue
Schember, George	Steffenson, Mark (Lieth, Phil)	Ulrich, Jon (Beard, Michael)	Williams, Janet (Coughlen, Bob)
Windschitl, Mark	Workman, Tom		
ABSENT:	Reich, Kevin		
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Koutsoukos, Elaine TAB Coordinator	Solberg, Jon TAC Chair	Vennewitz, Amy Acting MTS Director

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:34 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

#### II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

#### III. REPORTS

##### 1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland reported the request for volunteers to send interest to serve on the TAB Executive Committee next year to you and me by the end of December. The Bylaws identify the TAB Chair and representatives of the MN Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Council as members of the Executive Committee, currently:

1. TAB Chair – James Hovland, MC-Edina
2. MnDOT – Michael Barnes
3. Metropolitan Council – Deb Barber, District 4

The Bylaws identify the number of local elected officials and non-elected members shall be on the committee as follows:

4. two members representing the county Board members;
5. one member representing the Board members from the cities of the first class;
6. two members representing the Board members from the remaining cities;
7. one member representing the citizen Board members; and
8. one member representing the modal and remaining agency Board members

## 2. Agency Reports MnDOT, MPCA, MAC, and Metropolitan Council

MnDOT, Mike Barnes:

Barnes reported that the infrastructure bill includes the reauthorization of the surface transportation act, which is the current method that federal transportation funds come to the state of Minnesota, including the TMA/MPO allocation to the Metropolitan Council that TAB makes funding decisions on through the Regional Solicitation. Congress still needs to do additional work before funding becomes available, but it is understood that the Met Council would receive an increase in annual funds.

MPCA, Todd Biewen:

Biewen reported that the state government subcommittee on climate is still seeking input.

MAC, Carl Crimmins:

Crimmins reported on concession staffing at the airport and parking activity. Vaccination sites will stay up until the end of the year. Foster asked about booster shots at the airport, Crimmins said the airport is doing Pfizer.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber reported that Charles Carlson has been named as the new Executive Director of MTS. Charles currently serves as Director of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Projects for Metro Transit. In this role, Charles has led teams of planners, engineers, project managers, and construction managers implementing whose focus is to open over a dozen planned BRT lines in the Twin Cities by 2040. Since establishing the department in 2012, Charles' teams have advanced multiple BRT projects including their operations A Line and C Line BRT projects and the Orange Line project which is set to open in December. Six additional BRT projects are slated to open in the next six years. In his new role, Charles will return to MTS after starting his professional career as a planner within MTS working on transit, freight, and highway planning topics and will begin his new role on December 13. Charles holds master's and bachelor's degrees from the University of Minnesota. Charles lives in south Minneapolis with his family and in his spare time, enjoys the outdoors, especially camping and hiking along the north shore of Lake Superior. Barber also announced a Scenario Planning Workshop opportunity for TAB members. We are announcing that an invite will be sent to all TAB members giving those interested an opportunity to participate in workshops that will provide background information for regional scenario planning work that is part of preparing for the 2050 plan updates. The workshops are completely voluntary and we are inviting a cross section of policy makers who participate on various Council advisory committees (such as the Land Use Advisory Committee, Equity Advisory Committee, Water Supply Committee, etc...). Participants will be asked to participate in one workshop in December that will be a brainstorming exercise on the various uncertainties facing the region into the future. This will be followed with a second workshop in January where participants will identify strategies/actions that the council, cities, counties and others can take to help address and reduce/change the identified uncertainties. These workshops will provide input and information that will be used in scenario planning efforts for the 2050 regional plan update. These are one-time workshops and any TAB member that is interested and available is welcome to participate. We will be coming back to TAB in the winter to layout the full 2050 plan update process, and where and how TAB will be involved. These workshops are just to help get background information for the scenario planning work. Michelle Fure of Council Communication staff will be present on-line to answer any detailed questions. The verbal invite at the meeting will be followed-up with an email to the TAB members later in the week.

TAC, Jon Solberg:  
Solberg

## IV. ACTION ITEMS

### Consent

Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Windschitl and carried, to approve the following consent items:

- 1. Approval of Amended Minutes from October 20, 2021**
- 2. 2021-50** Streamlined 2022-2025 TIP Amendment Requests: Three Project Cost Changes

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program adjust the funding and scope for MnDOT's US 169 noise wall project (SP # 2772-121), adjust funding and termini for MnDOT's I-94 maintenance project (SP # 8282-145), and increase funding for MnDOT's MN 3 railroad bridge rehabilitation (SP # 6217-52).

- 3. 2021-46** Accept Updated Regional Truck Corridors for 2022 Regional Solicitation

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend the Council to accept the updated Regional Truck Corridors for the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

- 4. 2021-47** Adoption of Functional Classification Map for 2022 Regional Solicitation

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the Roadway Functional Classification Map for use in the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

- 5. 2021-52** Approve 2022 HSIP Application for Release

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the release of the 2022-2023 HSIP Solicitation for the Metro District and accept related public comments.

Aye: 32 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Karwoski, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, Martinson, McGuire, Morast, Petryk, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Reich

Not Recorded: 0

### Non-Consent

- 1. 2021-44** 2040 Transportation Policy Plan Amendment

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

McGuire asked about provisional categories added for future expected plans. Hovland asked about amending an item back in. Windschitl brought up the lack of drivers. Kealey asked about the freight impact.

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Foster that:

The Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Metropolitan Council release the draft amendment to the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan for public review and comment to revise the arterial bus rapid transit network and add six freight projects

**Motion carried.**

Aye: 29 Anderson, Bailey, Barnes, Biewen, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Karwoski, Kealey, Look, Martinson, McGuire, Petryk, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 1 Reich  
Not Recorded: 3 Barber, Morast, Lindeke

**2. 2021-45 Adoption of Regional Transit Safety Performance Targets and TIP Amendment to Incorporate Targets**

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

Sanger said she has comments on the transit safety goals. Sanger stated that if transit operators are setting their own goals where does the oversight come in. Sanger also voiced concern over the lack of public input. Hiniker stated that the targets are federally required and are not the only goals adopted. Geisler asked for clarification on the attainability of the goals.

It was moved by Windschitl, seconded by Johnson that:

The Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of the Regional Transit Safety performance targets and approval of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to incorporate the targets.

**Motion carried.**

Aye: 32 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Karwoski, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, Martinson, McGuire, Morast, Petryk, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 1 Reich  
Not Recorded: 0

**3. 2021-48 Distribution of Returned CMAQ Funding**

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

Kealey mentioned the necessity for the shovel-ready project. Geisler asked about overprogramming directions.

It was moved by Karwoski, seconded by Sanger that:

The Transportation Advisory Board move roughly \$5,044,400 in CMAQ funding to the 2022 Regional Solicitation and to refer the Federal Funds Reallocation Policy to the Funding & Programming Committee for discussion on possible revision related to past funds.

**Motion carried.**

Aye: 31 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Crimmins, Coughlen, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Karwoski, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, Martinson, McGuire, Morast, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Windschitl, Workman  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 1 Reich  
Not Recorded: 1 Petryk

**4. 2021-49** Regional Allocation of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Funds

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

Hollinshead asked about revenue loss for a state aid road. Jalali asked about revenue goals. MnDOT Metro District State Aid Engineer Dan Erickson said the main loss in revenue is from fewer people driving during the pandemic. Hollinshead brought up the asymmetry between money that goes into roads versus transit fares.

It was moved by Windschitl, seconded by Geisler that:

The Transportation Advisory Board recommend distribution of \$20M of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act federal funding to State Aid communities to cover transportation revenue loss (Option 1).

**Motion carried.**

Aye: 28 Anderson, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Crimmins, Coughlen, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Johnson, Karwoski, Kealey, Look, Martinson, McGuire, Morast, Petryk, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Windschitl  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 1 Reich  
Not Recorded: 4 Bailey, Lindeke, Jeppson, Workman

**5. 2021-51** Accept Public Comments and Approve 2022 Regional Solicitation Application for Release

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

It was moved by Windschitl, seconded by Goettel that:

The Transportation Advisory Board accept the public comments for the 2022 Regional Solicitation and approve release of the 2022 Regional Solicitation.

**Motion carried.**

Aye: 27 Anderson, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Crimmins, Coughlen, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Johnson, Karwoski, Kealey, Look, Martinson, Morast, Petryk, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Windschitl

Nay: 0  
Absent: 1 Reich  
Not Recorded: 5 Bailey, Lindeke, Jeppson, McGuire, Workman

## **V. INFORMATION**

1. There were no items on the information agenda.

## **VI. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS**

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Jenna Ernst  
Recording Secretary