

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Committee Members Present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James (Chair)	Bailey, Myron	Barber, Deb
Barnes, Michael (Kauppi, Sheila)	Boyles, Frank	Crimmins, Carl	Dugan, Peter
Foster, Amity	Fox, Nick	Geisler, Christopher	Goettel, Debbie
Giuliani Stephens, Mary	Hansen, Gary	Holberg, Mary Liz	Hollinshead, Mathews
Jeppson, Julie	Karwoski, Stan	Kealey, Dan	Lindeke, William
Look, Matt	McDonnell, Craig (Biewen, Todd)	McGuire, Mary Jo (MatasCastillo, Trista)	Narayanan, Ashwat
Reich, Kevin	Sanger, Sue	Schember, George	Steffenson, Mark
Tolbert, Chris	Ulrich, Jon	Williams, Janet	Windschitl, Mark
Workman, Tom			
ABSENT:	Anderson, Doug	Petryk, Becky	
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Koutsoukos, Elaine TAB Coordinator	Solberg, Jon TAC Chair	Vennewitz, Amy MTS Deputy Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:32 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

III. REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland reported on upcoming TAB agendas. Hovland also shared discussion from the Regional Solicitation Unique Projects workgroup.

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

MnDOT, Sheila Kauppi:

Kauppi reported on approaching deadlines. MnDOT is working on contingency planning in case of a government shutdown.

MPCA, Todd Biewen:

Biewen reported on the VW Settlement Program and noted that funding is split into two pools: \$3.5 million will support organizations making the switch to electric vehicles/equipment and \$1.7 million will fund new vehicles powered by diesel, propane, natural gas, and fuel/electric hybrids.

MAC, Carl Crimmins:

Crimmins reported that airport numbers are steadily increasing.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber reported on leadership changes at the Met Council.

TAC, Jon Solberg:

Solberg reported that the information items on the agenda have been through the TAC.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2021

Motion by Kealey, seconded by Crimmins, to approve the amended minutes of the April 15, 2020, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

Aye: 31 Bailey, Barber, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani, Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jeppson, Kauppi, Karwoski, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Tolbert, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 Anderson, Petryk

Not Recorded: 0

Consent

There were no items on the consent agenda.

Non-Consent

There were no items on the non-consent agenda.

V. INFORMATION

1. FHWA-FTA TMA Certification Results

FHWA Community Planner Andrew Emanuele and FTA Community Planner Bill Wheeler presented this item.

Narayanan asked why there was no formal action plan attached. Emanuele said a recommendation is not in response to a violation so it is not required, although the Met Council is doing it anyway. Narayanan brought up the makeup of the TAB. Hollinshead asked about climate change. Emanuele said there will likely be more federal direction moving forward with the new administration.

2. Post-Pandemic Cities

UMN Minnesota Design Center Director Tom Fisher presented this item.

Karwoski asked about open zoning. Hollinshead brought up the intersection with crime in post-pandemic cities. Fisher said there is an NSF proposal reimagining the emergency response system. Hovland mentioned parking regulations and asked about transitions. Fisher said there is already an overabundance with parking and his first recommendation would be to stop building parking since we are already overbuilt. Holberg asked about a recent study commenting on America's commitment to cars. Hollinshead asked about the emotional importance that people attach to a car that serves as a status symbol as well.

3. Pedestrian Safety Project Overview

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Heidi Schallberg presented this item.

Boyles asked about causation data. Sanger brought up sidewalks. Kealey asked about process efficiency and data sharing across the various entities.

4. Regional Solicitation Before/After Study Phase II

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner David Burns presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

5. 2022 Regional Solicitation: Modal Funding Ranges

Metropolitan Transportation Services Deputy Director Planning and Finance Amy Vennewitz presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

6. 2022 Regional Solicitation: Categories and Maximum/Minimum

Metropolitan Transportation Services Deputy Director Planning and Finance Amy Vennewitz and Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

7. 2022 Regional Solicitation: Policies, Qualifying Criteria, and Eligibility

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

VI. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Jenna Ernst
Recording Secretary