

Minutes

TAC Planning Committee



Meeting Date: December 8, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co - Jack Forslund | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co – KC Atkins | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Paul - Bill Dermody |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co - Angie Stenson
(Vice Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit - Steve Mahowald | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Co - Nathan Abney |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen - Charlie Howley | <input type="checkbox"/> MAC - Bridget Rief | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc - Ben
Picone |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Community
Development - Michael Larson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis - Jim Voll | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator - Elaine
Koutsoukos |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council MTS - Dave Burns | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT - Michael Corbett | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Co - Lyssa Leitner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co - Gina Mitteco | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MPCA - Innocent Eyoh | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> West St. Paul - Ross Beckwith |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FHWA - Vacant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co - Scott Mareck
(Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused |

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Scott Mareck, Ramsey County, called the regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee to order at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda Approved

Chair Mareck noted that a roll call vote was not needed for approval of the agenda unless a committee member offered an amendment to the agenda. Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator, seconded by Steve Mahowald, Metro Transit, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2022 regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee. **Motion carried** by 15 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Public Comment on Committee Business

There were no public comments on committee business.

Business

1. **2023-02:** Adoption of the 2023 Safety Performance Targets

It was moved by KC Atkins, Hennepin County, and seconded by Dave Burns, MTS Planning, that the TAC Planning Committee recommend that TAC recommend that the Metropolitan Council adopt the 2023 safety performance targets in Table 1.

Jed Hanson, MTS Planning, presented the business item.

Chair Mareck said he was on the Safety Performance Work Group that made the target recommendations and that many were alarmed at the crash data trends. He said the region could consider a policy to hold itself accountable to making progress on the targets, but even

without one, many feel accountable to making these improvements. He said studies can be helpful but they need to result in actions that help bend this curve, and the region may need additional short and long-term strategies as well. He said if the region is not holding itself accountable there may be a need to adjust targets to reflect what is being achieved.

Angie Stenson, Carver County, asked if the targets and data represent all crashes in the region, just those on the state system, or some other subset. Hanson clarified it includes all public roads in the region and does not include private drives.

Anna Potter, Minnesota Department of Transportation, asked the chair for clarification if he supported the targets this year or if it was more ensuring projects advancing safety were getting investments; it is a broad issue with many factors, which is part of why MnDOT held over its previous targets. Mareck clarified he supported the targets but if they start not being achieved they could lose meaning so should be re-evaluated in the future.

KC Atkins supported the targets this year and that it can be good to be pushed. She said there is a lot the field can do to “engineer good behavior,” and all agencies should take a critical look at their design guides, especially in relation to more vulnerable users.

Steve Mahowald said the City of Minneapolis was going to pursue a bill at the state legislature to allow automated photo enforcement and asked if that was something the Met Council would support. Heidi Schallberg, MTS Planning, said Met Council support for any legislation would require a higher-level conversation than just among those in this meeting, but Met Council staff could follow up on that once more information is available about any proposals. She said personally she supported it and that it was something many in the safety community have been interested in that requires state action.

Innocent Eyoh, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, asked what the reasons are for the increases in the numbers. Hanson replied that this analysis for the annual targets is just reporting top line data, but the upcoming Regional Safety Action Plan will go into more detailed analysis of trends.

Eyoh also referenced a report showing environmental justice areas were more affected by serious injury crashes in the state. Schallberg said the upcoming safety plan would look at that for vehicle crashes and bicycle-vehicle crashes. She said the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan found disparities that were higher for Black and Native American residents and more work would be needed to determine causation of that pattern.

Mareck said more work needs to be done because the status quo is not achieving what the region needs, and it can be good to have aspirational goals to challenge us.

Motion carried by 16 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

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