
*Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 2, 2012
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Kate Garwood (for Jon Olson), Lyndon Robjent, Tom Johnson, Tim Mayasich, Lisa Freese, Ann Pung-Terwedo (for Wayne Sandberg), Kevin Roggenbuck, Mark Filipi, Pat Bursaw, Jim Gromberg, Karl Keel, Jennifer Levitt, Duane Schwartz, Kim Lindquist, Jenifer Hager, Allen Lovejoy, Paul Kurtz

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

P. Bursaw recognized two retiring TAC members—Mike Klassen and Kate Garwood-- and presented them with certificates of appreciation for their many years of service to the TAC and the 3-C Planning Process.

She introduced Paul Kurtz, St. Paul-Engineering, who will be replacing Mike Klassen as the TAC member.

3. Approval of March Minutes

The December 5, 2012 meeting minutes were approved as written.

4. TAB Report

K. Roggenbuck reported that the TAB met on Wednesday, December 19, 2012. TAB welcomed new member Mary Hamann-Roland, mayor of Apple Valley and said goodbye to five members: Tony Bennett-Ramsey County; Dennis Hegberg-Washington County; Andy Westerberg-Anoka County; Tom Heffelfinger-Citizen Rep Eden Prairie and AJ Siddiqui-Citizen Rep Blaine.

TAB voted to recommend adoption of the Transportation Policy Plan amendment to include the Bottineau LPA and the Arterial Transitway study. TAB had tabled the recommendation from TAC until Golden Valley voted whether to support the LPA. Golden Valley voted to support the LPA just the evening before. TAB voted to accept the findings and recommend adoption of the MAC 2013-2019 CIP to the Council.

After much discussion, the TAB voted to adopt the new Program Year Policy that was recommended by the TAC with one change: a project sponsor could appeal a vote to deny a program year extension to the TAB. TAB discussed the Scope Change Consultation Process recommended by the TAC but tabled it after disagreeing about whether the TAB should make the final decision on whether a scope change is a new project and does not go through the TAC/TAB.

TAB voted to defer the CMAQ solicitation for innovative TDM projects recommended by the TAC and asked for a future presentation on the work and benefits of TMOs. TAB voted to approve the two scope change requests that were recommended by the TAC:

- West St. Paul's Robert Street reconstruction and

- Anoka County's TH 65 transit service project.

TAB voted to adopt four amendments to the 2013-2016 TIP recommended by the TAC:

- West St. Paul's Robert Street reconstruction, less \$300,000 in STP funds;
- Anoka County's TH 65 transit service project;
- The list of 16 HSIP projects from the 2011 regional solicitation; and
- Two interstate resurfacing projects funded with NHPP dollars.

TAB ran out of time and was not able to hear Koryn Zewers report on the MAP21 funding allocation decision by TPIC.

5. Special Agenda Items

• TBI Update

Jonathan Ehrlich, Metropolitan Council staff, gave a presentation on some of the preliminary findings of the 2010 Travel behavior inventory. 14,056 households were surveyed. They kept travel diaries showing they made 231,644 trips into and from the seven-county area. Auto travel continues to dominate, although mode share is down slightly from 2000. Since 2000 increased in transit, walking and bicycling have been seen. As in 2000, commute trips continue to make small portion of trips: social/discretionary and shopping continue to account for almost half of travel. Trip rates per-person are down from 2000 and 1990, perhaps reflecting aging population and higher unemployment. The external release of data will be released this quarter. A full report during the second quarter and new regional models will be available by the fourth quarter of 2013.

• TFAC Update

Ken Buckeye, MnDOT, gave an update on the Transportation Finance Advisory Committee (TFAC) study. TFAC was established by the Governor a year ago and directed to seek bold recommendations to reverse the decline of the state's highways, roads, bridges and public transportation system for the next 20 years, for all modes and all jurisdictions. Three funding/financing scenarios were considered: Status quo, maintaining current performance and economically competitive/world class transportation system. The latter option was chosen. The group mapped out 11 meetings; analyzed information; considered traditional and non-traditional funding and financing options; developed recommendations last month and are not developing a marketing plan. The recommendations to support Scenario #3 for 20 years of funding needs are: Pursue a goal to foster and develop an economically competitive/world class transportation system; with an ambitious and bold vision, which must have champions. It must embrace efficiency, HROI approach and innovations and must include significant new revenues to be achieved through a system wide revenue options for roads; transit dedicated sales tax options; local government revenue options and project level revenue options.

6. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Pat Bursaw, Chair)

No report.

B. Funding and Programming Committee (Karl Keel, Chair)

Action Item 2013-01: K. Keel moved and K. Garwood seconded a motion to recommend approval of the requested scope change for SP #103-090-003 (Mississippi River Trail in Anoka) with three specifications: 1.) the interpretive signs will be retained; 2.) the city will adopt a resolution guaranteeing it will either complete the shelter and the earthen dike work separate from the project or, it will take an appropriate reduction in federal funding; and 3.) the shelter and dike will be removed from the project scope in accordance with the federal processes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Action Item 2013-02: K. Keel moved and J. Gromberg seconded a motion to recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the total project cost by \$671,769 to \$1,181,256 and the local funding amount to \$793,448 for the Mississippi River Trail along the river from Tungsten St to Ramsey Blvd in Ramsey (SP#103-090-003), based on the Funding and Programming Committee's recommendation for the related scope change request. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Action Item 2013-03: Keel moved and T. Mayasich seconded a motion that the TAB recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the project costs and local funding amount for the Pedestrian/bicycle bridge along CSAH 14 over I-35W in Lino Lakes (SP#002-614-035). **MOTION CARRIED.** K. Keel mentioned that the project has been planned for a long time, no air quality analysis is needed and that it will be incorporated into the interchange project in Minneapolis

Action Item 2013-04: K. Keel moved and K. Garwood seconded a motion recommending that the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2012-2016 TIP to add the Metro Transit Police Facility project in 2013 using \$9,600,000 in Section 5307 funding and \$2,400,000 in Regional Transit Capital funds. **MOTION CARRIED**

C. Planning Committee (Allen Lovejoy, Chair)

Action Item 2013-05: K. Keel moved and K. Roggenbuck seconded a motion that the TAB adopts the Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordination Action Plan. **MOTION CARRIED.** Elaine Koutsoukos gave a brief overview of the Coordination Action Plan.

7. Agency Reports

K. Roggenbuck gave an update on the regional solicitation study—SRF and ZAN Associates have been hired for the study and they are developing a work plan and schedule.

M. Filipi announced that the Metropolitan Council is holding workshops on February 28th and March 1 on performance based planning, as required by Map 21. He encouraged people to attend. It will be an early kick off to the Transportation Policy Plan update and invitations will be sent to TAC and TAB members.

A. Lovejoy said the supplemental EIS for the Central Corridor which looks at the economic impacts of LRT construction has been released and comments are due on January 31st.

8. Other Business

There was no other business

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

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