

# Meeting Notes

## 2050 TPP Technical Working Group



**Meeting Date:** January 12, 2023

**Time:** 1:35 PM

**Location:** Virtual

### Members Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7W - Andrew Whitter                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council, Research - Todd Graham                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Move Minneapolis - Karl Hedlund, alternate for Tiffany Orth  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co - Jack Forslund                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan Airports Commission - Bridget Rief | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co - Scott Mareck (Chair)                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burnsville - Regina Dean                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit - Steve Mahowald                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Paul - Bill Dermody                                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co - Angie Stenson (Vice Chair)         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis - Jasna Hadzic-Stanek               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stillwater - Tim Gladhill                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centerville - Mark Statz                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEED - Ed Hodder                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Co - Craig Jenson, alternate for Nathan Abney          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen - Charlie Howley                    | <input type="checkbox"/> MDH - Ellen Pillsbury                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc - Ben Picone                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coon Rapids - Tim Himmer                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DNR - Nancy Spooner-Walsh                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator - Elaine Koutsoukos                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co - Gina Mitteco                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Freight - Andrew Andrusko                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAC Chair - Jenifer Hager                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FHWA - Vacant   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Metro District - Michael Corbett          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TC Shared Mobility Collaborative – Will Schroeer             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co - KC Atkins                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT OTSM - Joe Klein                          | <input type="checkbox"/> UMN CTS - Kyle Shelton  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Community Development - Michael Larson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Sustainability - Nissa Tupper             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Co - Andrea Rehm, alternate for Maddie Dahlheimer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council MTS - Dave Burns                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Traffic Safety - Derek Leuer              | <input type="checkbox"/> West Saint Paul - Ross Beckwith   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council, MTS Planning Director - Amy Vennewitz | <input type="checkbox"/> MPCA - Innocent Eyoh                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council, Parks - Emmett Mullin                            |   |  |

### Opening

Chair Scott Mareck, Ramsey County, opened the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

### TPP Goals Review, Engagement and Update Consultant Introduction and Next Steps

Cole Hiniker, MTS Planning introduced consultants Craig Vaughn, TC2, and Lance Bernard, HKGI. They presented an update on the TPP Goals Review, Engagement and Update study, including

- an overview of the project scope, purpose, and schedule,
- description of the Met Council and peer plans and studies review task, and
- detailed a two-phase engagement plan and approach.

Will Schroeer, Twin Cities Shared Mobility Collaborative, asked if these groups will receive materials ahead of engagement, or if they will be entering sessions seeking cold reactions. Lance Bernard answered that the desire is to keep expectations clear and focused on transportation, so they intend to share materials in advance.

Derek Leuer, MnDOT Traffic Safety, asked if the three city conversations are with three specific cities or if they are with groups of cities. Lance Bernard answered the format will be covered later in the presentation. Derek Leuer asked about the combined session for Wright and Sherburne counties and if the Council considered providing a separate session for each. Cole Hiniker answered that having a shared session is consistent with the Council's prior engagement and limited by capacity within the project scope. Michael Corbett, MnDOT Metro District, said they have had prior success having shared engagement with Wright and Sherburne counties in other planning studies.

Chair Mareck asked for elaboration on equity engagement. Cole Hiniker mentioned the existing equity engagement contract and the ability to issue a purchase order with one of those three firms, and that they are in the process of developing a scope in next few weeks.

Bill Dermody, City of Saint Paul, asked if the Council and consultant are seeking input on whether to include elected officials and staff in meetings. Lance Bernard presented options to group cities. He described a format where people register for a nearby forum, and small group activities in the events may separate groups as appropriate. Craig Vaughn said a facilitated format could allow more participants. Bill Dermody said that elected officials sometimes have a closer connection to community viewpoints on issues, but he said to be mindful of meeting design and time management when elected officials are attending.

Will Schroeer asked in the chat if the TPP Technical Working Group will be able to review materials prior to study engagement beginning. Cole Hiniker said the Council may be able to distribute materials to the TPP Technical Working Group, but that the timeline is crunched and study engagement may begin prior to the next meeting of the TPP Technical Working Group.

Andrew Andrusko said the Minnesota Freight Advisory Committee (MFAC) would be the venue for engaging freight users and haulers. MFAC meets on a quarterly basis, and they could provide 50 minutes on the March 24<sup>th</sup> MFAC quarterly meeting. It includes haulers, railroads, airports, and manufacturers. This information is needed soon to make their agenda. Lance Bernard and Craig Vaughn indicated interest in this. Andrew Andrusko said may be challenging to get time with these stakeholders due to the legislative session.

Cole Hiniker said elected officials tend to focus on specific projects and needs, and he asked for feedback on how to focus this engagement on outcomes.

Will Schroeer asked if there is a plan to preface engagement with background information on issues (e.g., safety), knowing that sort of information may bias discussion. Craig Vaughn noted this study includes review and update of existing materials and synthesis of peer plans, but it does not include analysis of existing conditions. Craig Vaughn offered that this information may be presented by a matrix to participants for information. Cole Hiniker reiterates that these are listening sessions to primarily hear feedback, but this is not the only input into goals and objectives and trends will still be considered. Will Schroeer said that if a topic is not prompted sometimes it will not get addressed.

KC Atkins said it may be helpful to include baseline storytelling about the future to encourage people to look forward in the listening sessions, noting ecommerce and other technology and trends.

### **Transportation Stakeholder Analysis**

Sara Maaske, Communications, presented an analysis of transportation stakeholders in regional planning processes.

Andrew Andrusko asked if other types of stakeholders in the freight sector, manufacturers, and hospitals are being considered in the decisionmaking process. Sara Maaske, Cole Hiniker, and Jed Hanson clarified how groups were aggregated together. Andrew Andrusko said it should include stakeholder groups like Greater MSP.

### **Regional Solicitation Update Preview**

Steve Peterson, MTS Planning, presented on the upcoming Regional Solicitation Evaluation, including schedule considerations and history, draft study tasks, and connection to the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan. He prompted the group to discuss changes to tasks, integration with the 2050 Transportation Policy Plan (using safety as a specific example), peer metropolitan planning organization practices, and technical and policy engagement approach.

Derek Leuer said a stronger definition of what is meant by safety or a focus area can be helpful, since the topic can be nebulous. Steve Peterson said even his presentation is influenced by an

understanding of a safety definition, noting he had the Highway Safety Improvement Program definition in mind.

Vice Chair Angie Stenson, Carver County, asked about the term of the study. Steve Peterson said the study would start in 2023 and conclude in 2025 to inform the 2026 Regional Solicitation. Angie Stenson said she would need more information to give specific feedback on integrating safety, and that she hopes the TPP specifies what the region is trying to accomplish. Steve Peterson referenced the earlier presentation on the TPP Goals and Objectives study, and that discussion on safety will be important in that project to inform the direction of the Regional Solicitation.

Chair Mareck said he has been hearing comments supporting success of the Regional Solicitation but there has been disproportionate focus on the projects themselves rather than the process, evaluation, and performance measures. Cole Hiniker said there may be focus areas that are not readily measurable, but the Met Council needs to make sure they are addressed and performance measures are developed where possible, and a need should not be de-emphasized due to lack of measurability. Bill Dermody agreed with Cole Hiniker's statement via chat.

KC Atkins asked if they could have time to reflect on these slides internally and respond to the prompts via email. Steve Peterson said yes, and that these will be brought to other committees as well. Cole Hiniker said that there will be many more times in the year that Met Council staff asks agencies to take materials back to their agency and review outside of the meeting.

## Closing

Chair Mareck closed the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

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