

Minutes

TAB Technical Advisory Committee



Meeting Date: January 4, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Virtual

Members Present:

- Jenifer Hager, Chair, Minneapolis
- Joe MacPherson, Anoka Co
- Lyndon Robjent, Carver Co
- Erin Laberee, Dakota Co
- Brian Isaacson, Vice Chair, Ramsey Co
- Chad Ellos, Hennepin Co
- Lisa Freese, Scott Co
- Lyssa Leitner, Washington Co
- Andrew Witter, 7W

- Karl Keel, Bloomington
- Charlie Howley, Chanhassen
- Robert Ellis, Eden Prairie
- Jim Kosluchar, Fridley
- Paul Oehme, Lakeville
- Ken Ashfeld, Maple Grove
- Ross Beckwith, West Saint Paul
- Michael Thompson, Plymouth
- Jim Voll, Minneapolis
- Nick Peterson, Saint Paul
- Bill Dermody, Saint Paul

- April Crockett, MnDOT
- Steve Peterson, Council MTS
- Michael Larson, Council CD
- Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB
- Deepa deAlwis, MPCA
- Bridget Rief, MAC
- Matt Fyten, STA
- Adam Harrington, Metro Transit
- Praveena Pidaparathi, Freight
- Colleen Eddy, DEED
- Vacant, MN DNR
- Kyle Sobota, Bicycle
- Mackenzie Turner Bargaen, Pedestrian
- Vacant, FHWA (ex-officio)

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Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Hager called the regular meeting of the TAB Technical Advisory Committee at 9:02 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

The committee approved the agenda with no changes. Therefore, no vote was needed.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Harrington and seconded by Leitner to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2022, regular meeting of the TAB Technical Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment on Committee Business

None.

TAB Report

Koutsoukos reported that the December 21, 2022, Transportation Advisory Board meeting was cancelled due to weather. She added that she will be setting up orientation meetings for new TAB and technical committee members.

Business – Committee Reports

Executive Committee (Jenifer Hager, Chair)

Chair Hager welcomed new members and updated the committee that Brian Isaacson will continue as vice chair of TAC, Scott Marek will continue as chair of the Planning Committee, and she is still looking for a chair for the Funding & Programming Committee. She added that the TAC Executive Committee is considering changing standing committee assignments. She expressed appreciation for former TAC chair Solberg's and outgoing Funding & Programming Chair Thompson's two years of service.

1. [2023-03: Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: SouthWest Transit Electric Bus Purchase](#)

Barbeau said that the requested action involves the addition of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds awarded for SouthWest Transit's purchase of battery-electric vehicles and charging infrastructure funded by federal discretionary funds from FTA's "No- to Low-Emissions Vehicle Program."

Motion by Isaacson and seconded by Keel to recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to add the purchase of four 45-foot battery-electric buses and six cutaway-type battery-electric vehicles along with charging infrastructure. **Motion carried.**

Chair Hager asked Barbeau to describe streamlined TIP amendments. Barbeau replied that these are TIP amendments that are deemed to be routine enough to not be brought to the Funding & Programming Committee, which saves about a month of process time on the front end along with some time on the back end. For an amendment to be streamlined, it cannot be regionally significant and it cannot involve a scope change to a Regional Solicitation project. Most TIP amendment requests are streamlined.

2. [2023-04: Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Three 2022 Regional Solicitation Projects](#)

Barbeau said that this request is to include in the TIP three projects recently approved for funding in the Regional Solicitation that are either programmed for 2023 or likely to be underway late fiscal year 2023 or early in fiscal year 2024. He added that all the 2024 projects may be amended into the current TIP due to the roughly four-month period in which the previous year's TIP remains active.

Motion by Oehme and seconded by Isaacson to recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to add three projects recently approved for funding through the 2022 Regional Solicitation. **Motion carried.**

3. [2023-05: Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Minneapolis Broadway Street Intersection Project Cost Increase](#)

Barbeau said that the requested action involves a total cost increase to the City of Minneapolis's HSIP-funded Broadway Street Northeast intersection improvement project and that all additional funding is local.

Motion by Ellos and seconded by Voll to recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to increase the total cost of the City of Minneapolis's Broadway Street NE (CSAH 66) intersection improvement project.

Harrington asked whether the curb extensions are on Broadway Street, the side streets, or both, as this could impact buses. He added that Metro Transit would benefit from knowing that and suggested making sure that the City of Minneapolis is coordinating with Metro Transit. Motion by Harrington and seconded by Kosluchar to amend the motion to say that the City of Minneapolis Public Works Department work with Metro Transit to manage the design of intersection curb extensions to provide for smooth bus operations. **Motion to amend the motion carried.**

Original motion carried. Chair Hager said she will bring Harrington's feedback to Minneapolis

Public Works.

4. [2023-06: Streamlined 2023-2026 TIP Amendment: Washington County Central Greenway Trailhead](#)

Barbeau said that the requested action involves adding a federally awarded project to the 2023-2026 TIP to enable Washington County to complete a trailhead on the Central Greenway Regional Trail. He added that the project is funded with federal demonstration funding awarded through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, which is not connected to the Regional Solicitation. The project is broken into two years; 2023 for preliminary engineering and 2024 for construction.

Motion by Leitner and seconded by Beckwith to recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP to add preliminary engineering for, and construction of, Washington County's Central Greenway Regional Trail trailhead. **Motion carried.**

Planning Committee/TPP Technical Working Group (Scott Mareck, Chair)

TAC Planning Committee chair Scott Mareck provided an update on the TPP Technical Working Group meeting that occurred on December 8, 2022, along with meeting topics for the January 12, 2023 meeting. He also discussed TAC Planning action items coming up.

1. [2023-02: Adoption of 2023 Safety Performance Targets](#)

Mareck stated that MPOs are required to develop safety performance targets and that the region has not been meeting its safety targets for fatalities and serious injuries in recent years.

Jed Hanson, MTS, provided a [presentation](#) on the topic.

Keel asked whether the increase in fatalities and serious injuries is related to speed, to which Hanson said that a systemic analysis has not been performed but that it will be a part of the upcoming regional safety action plan.

Sobota asked whether the serious injuries data include serious injuries for bicycles and pedestrians in crashes that do not involve an automobile. Hanson said that bicycle-only injuries are not reported to NTSA and are therefore not counted. Schallberg added that these data are focused on automobile-related crashes.

Mareck reiterated a comment he placed in the chat stating that the data include all roads and suggesting summarizing the data on roadways for which the Council has influence. Schallberg said that the upcoming regional safety action plan can look at functional classification, but that the targets are intended at the federal level to include all roadways. She added that the study will have outreach to attract participants soon and that it will last 18 months. She said that the Council typically requests participants from all counties, including 7W in this case, along with cities and other partners.

Motion by Leitner and seconded by Koutsoukos to recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of the 2023 safety performance targets. **Motion carried.**

Funding & Programming (Vacant, Chair)

The December 15, 2022, committee meeting was cancelled.

Information

1. [Regional Development Guide](#) (Michael Larson, Community Development)

Larson and Cole Hiniker, MTS, provided the [presentation](#).

Other Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned.

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