

## **TAB POLICY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes: June 14, 2012  
Metropolitan Council Chambers

Members Present: Russ Stark, Co-Chair, Randy Maluchnik, Co-Chair, Gerry Butcher, Ethan Fawley, Tom Heffelfinger, Aaron Isaacs, Brian Isaacson for Scott McBride, Sue Sanger, David Van Hattum.

Guests and Staff: Steve Elmer, Metropolitan Council  
Mary Karlsson, Metropolitan Council  
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator

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### **I. Call to Order.**

Co Chair Stark called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM. Mr. Stark noted that a quorum was not present and that agenda item b. MnDOT Statewide Multimodal Plan was not available to be presented. Mr. Stark directed the committee to take up information item a.

### **II. Adoption of the Agenda.**

### **III. Approval of the Minutes from April 12, 2012.**

### **IV. Information Items and Action Transmittals.**

#### **a. Information: Transportation Planning and Programming Guide for the Twin Cities.**

Mr. Roggenbuck reported this item to the committee. Mr. Roggenbuck said the TAB approved the Guide in May after discussing the description of the TAB and how the Board and Metropolitan Council together serve as the MPO. The Metropolitan Council Communications staff is finalizing this language in the document with input from TAB Chair Hargis and the Policy Committee co-chairs, Russ Stark and Randy Maluchnik and formatting the document for distribution.

#### **c. Information: Regional Freight System and the Economy.**

Mr. Elmer presented this item to the committee. Mr. Elmer provided background information on the region's freight transportation systems and how freight movement impacts the regional economy. Mr. Elmer also highlighted some national trends affecting freight movement in the region and gave the committee a brief update on the regional freight study that is underway.

The committee discussed how closing the lock on the Mississippi River in Minneapolis would affect freight movement on the river. The committee discussed the regional freight study; how stakeholders would be involved and would the Council propose land use changes or guidelines on locating multimodal freight facilities.

#### **d. Information: "A" Minor Arterial Study.**

Ms. Karlsson presented this item to the committee. Ms. Karlsson described the history of the "A" Minor Arterial system and the four types of "A" Minors adopted by the TAB, including where they are geographically located around the region and how they serve the land uses

in those areas. Ms. Karlsson reviewed the work plan for the "A" Minor Arterial Study and presented statistical information about the system. Ms. Karlsson also reviewed the next steps in the study through completion expected in January 2013.

Ms. Karlsson and Mr. Roggenbuck answered questions from the committee about how changes in the "A" Minor Arterial system are made and the criteria used to decide whether the changes should be approved. The committee also discussed the types of improvements made on the "A" Minor System through the regional solicitation process and whether they contributed to urban sprawl.

**V. Other Business.**

Ms. Karlsson said the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority will vote on June 26 regarding the locally preferred alternative (transit mode) for the Bottineau Transitway. A Transportation Policy Plan amendment will be prepared to identify the locally preferred alternative.

**VI. Adjournment.**

Mr. Stark adjourned the TAB Policy Committee meeting at 2:20 PM.

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