

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Metropolitan Council
390 N. Robert St., St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1805

Notes of a Meeting of the
TAC-PLANNING COMMITTEE
August 10, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Holly Anderson, Innocent Eyoh, Lisa Freese, Anton Jerve, Jean Keely, Elaine Koutsoukos, Dan McCormick, Jason Pieper, Michael Larson, Kevin Roggenbuck, Katie White,

OTHERS PRESENT: Cameron Muhic, Russ Owen, Steve Peterson, Steve Elmer, Heidi Schallberg, Amy Vennewitz, Tony Fischer, Neil Ralston, Ashley Hartle, Taylor Beswick

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Kevin Roggenbuck. Lisa Freese arrived minutes after the start.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Koutsoukos moved, White seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the July 2017 meetings

White moved, Anderson seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Info Items

1. CMSP IV Study (Tony Fischer)

Tony Fischer presented an update on the Congestion Management Safety Plan study.

The Congestion Management Safety Plan is an initiative aimed at identifying highway investment solutions that can be quickly implemented at lower costs than traditional projects which address congestion, safety, and travel time concerns. The focus of this of this study is on MnDOT freeways and highways in the metro area.

The study began with assessing 600+ locations with the goal of selecting the costliest 10% of the problem locations. Currently, 80+ solutions are being subjected to a secondary screening and the final selected projects will be sorted into high, medium, and low tiers based on return on investment. Projects selected from the CMSP study will be included in the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Policy Plan Update.

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2. TPP Update –Bike /Ped (Steve Elmer and Heidi Schallberg)

Steve Elmer and Heidi Schallberg presented the Bicycle and Pedestrian system update in preparation for the Transportation Policy Plan Update. They asked the committee for reactions to high level concepts, clarifying the “story”, ideas for changes, and items for future discussion.

Like other system updates for the TPP, they started with “Where are we now?” – current conditions and current policy. They moved into what’s changing – updates on studies and known policy direction.

Jason Pieper informed the committee that there are more than three bicycle and pedestrian counters installed currently and the TPP should reflect this.

Anton Jerve recommended the separating focus on bicycle and pedestrian systems. He noted that pedestrian systems seem to lose significance when combined with the bicycle systems in the plan.

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3. TPP Update – Aviation (Russ Owen)

Russ Owen presented the Aviation system update in preparation for the Transportation Policy Plan Update. Owen asked the committee for reactions to high level concepts, clarifying the “story”, ideas for changes, and items for future discussion.

Like other system updates for the TPP, Owen started with “Where are we now?” – current conditions and current policy. He moved into what’s changing – updates on studies and known policy direction.

Dan McCormick asked if there are any military impacts on the plan. He also inquired on plans for Amazon drone delivery and their impacts to the plan. Russ Owen responded there is no change to the Minnesota National Guard headquarters at MSP. Additionally, he did not know of any drones flying at MSP from Amazon at this time and is still waiting for the FAA to publish regulations for drones.

Michael Larson asked if there are any potential risks/opportunities as a national airport hub and what are the trends in the airline industry relevant to MSP.

Russ Owen responded by stating since 1996 it has been a primary goal for MSP to be a regional and national airport hub. Additionally, MSP is much tied to Delta Airlines (currently making up 75% of flights). A recommendation was taken to talk more about competitive advantage in the chapter.

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5. Other Business

None

6. Adjournment

White moved, Larson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourn at 2:16 pm.

Prepared by Taylor Beswick