
*Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 5, 2013
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Andrew Witter (for Jon Olson), Tim Mayasich, Lisa Freese, Cory Slagle, Kevin Roggenbuck, Brian Isaacson (for Pat Bursaw), Mark Filipi, Patrick Boylan, Susan Moe, Beverley Miller, Karl Keel, Jane Kansier, Chuck Ahl, , Steve Albrecht, Duane Schwartz, Kim Lindquist, Richard McCoy, Jenifer Hager, Paul Kurtz

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

3. Approval of March Minutes

The May 1, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as written.

4. TAB Report

K. Roggenbuck reported on TAB's May 15th meeting:

TAB adopted the draft 2014-2017 TIP for the purpose of holding a public hearing and comment period. Staff from MnDOT and the Met Council presented information about the funding sources they program projects from and how they choose projects to program in the TIP. The public hearing is scheduled for June 19 at 3:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

TAB discussed comments on and recommendations for four Thrive MSP 2040 policy issues that were prepared by a TAB task force. The Board had a lengthy discussion and offered a number of changes and additional comments, so the TAB directed the task force to revise them and asked staff to distribute them for an electronic vote.

The results of the vote and comments and will be on the June TAB agenda for information.

Several Information items:

- Mary Karlsson gave a report on the public comments and Council action on the Transportation policy Plan amendment to include the Bottineau LPA and Arterial Transitway Study.
- Mark Filipi reported on the Council's efforts to incorporate performance measures in the 2040 TPP. This work will go through the Policymakers Task Force.
- Kevin Roggenbuck gave the Board a short update on the Regional Solicitation Evaluation.
- Ran out of time to hear Ryan Wilson report on the MnSHIP; back in June.

TAB has chosen to meet just once each month, eliminating the TAB Programming and Policy committees. TAB formed a task force to revise its TAB Bylaws accordingly.

5. Special Agenda Items

- ▶ **Legislative Session Report:** Erik Rudeen (MnDOT) and Amy Vennewitz, (Metro Council) gave a joint presentation on the outcome of the 2013 legislative session as it impacted transportation. Highlights of the transportation Finance Bill:
 - ▶ No metro-area sales tax for transit, no gas tax increase
 - ▶ \$300 million trunk highway bonding for Corridors of Commerce
 - ▶ \$250,000 per year for Safe Routes to School
 - ▶ \$75,000 to Humphrey School for telework website
 - ▶ \$10 million per year for TED (trunk highway funds)
 - ▶ Northstar commuter rail funding
 - ▶ County wheelage taxes
 - ▶ Transportation Alternatives funding
 - ▶ Greater MN sales tax
 - ▶ ARRA extension
 - ▶ BRT development
 - ▶ Transportation employment
 - ▶ MVLST distribution
 - \$4.5 million in FY14, \$6.3 million in FY 15
 - ▶ Metro Council GF base appropriation restored to \$130 million for FY14-15
 - ▶ Additional increase of \$18 million to fully fund 50% state share of Hiawatha and Central corridor operations
 - ▶ \$37 M GF appropriation for Southwest LRT; state share not fully funded (\$81 M remains)

- **TBI:** Jonathan Ehrlich
Jonathan Ehrlich gave a presentation on some of the initial findings of the Council's Travel Behavior Inventory, which collected travel data from over 14,000 households, on board transit riders, external origin destination, special generators, speed and traffic sources. From this data information about the purpose of trips by the demographics of the trip maker, season and time of trip, mode of trip, etc, can be determined. This trip making information will ultimately be used to develop the regional travel forecasting model. The summary report and findings will be published in July. Met Council is also working with the University of Minnesota to evaluate changes in travel starting from the first TBI in the 1940's. Copies of the power point presentation will be sent to TAC members.

6. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Tim Mayasich, Chair)

The executive committee will request the Suburban Transit Association Board of Directors to make the appointments of a representative to the TAC. It has not been clear who the appointing power has been. We need to clarify how appointments to TAC subcommittees are made and change the TAC bylaws to reflect these membership appointments

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

Action Item 2013-25: K. Keel moved and B. Isaacson seconded a motion to amend the 2013-2016 TIP to include the Minnesota River Crossing projects at the old Cedar Avenue Bridge. **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

Action Item 2013-26: K. Keel moved and C. Ahl seconded a motion to amend the 2013-2016 TIP amendment to include three Safe Routes to School projects. **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

C. Planning Committee (Allen Lovejoy, Chair)

The Planning committee did not meet in May, but will meet in June following the TPP Partnership meeting. They will consider Brooklyn Park's functional classification change.

7. Agency Reports

Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study Update:

Kevin Roggenbuck reported that the May 6 policy-maker workshop was a success. The workshop was attended by 70 people: 26 elected officials, 24 stakeholder organizations and 20 senior staff. There were two small group discussions and people were enthusiastic to share their viewpoints and ask questions.

Some common themes to the comments:

- Process is fair and data-drive, but needs to be streamlined.
- Funding is awarded in a balanced way, equity is important.
- Transportation needs are different in the urban core vs. developed and developing suburbs and rural areas.

We also heard many different ideas and priorities expressed from the participants. This reflects different needs, different values and different modal interests within the region. Draft summaries of the surveys and the workshop will be reviewed by the Project Management Team later today and the Steering Committee on June 19. The Steering Committee may release them at that point. The PMT and SC will also discuss key policy questions and themes. These discussions will lead us to developing high level principles and specific recommendations for the next and future regional solicitation efforts.

Also, Council has hired a consultant to develop electronic grant application and grant management processes. This will allow submission of the regional solicitation applications and scoring of the applications to be done electronically.

CMAQ TDM Solicitation:

Mark Filipi Mark updated TAC on the status of the CMAQ TDM solicitation which had been delayed. A limited amount of funds are available for innovative TDM projects. Metro Council Staff will take recommendations to the Funding and Programming Committee.

8. Other Business and Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

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