

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 Robert Street North, Saint Paul

Committee Members Present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James (Chair)	Look, Matt	Barber, Deb
Barnes, Michael	Hamann-Roland, Mary	Boyles, Frank	Ulrich, Jon
Karwoski, Stan	Anderson, Doug	Foster, Amity	Hollinshead, Mathews
Gaylord, Kathleen	Fox, Nick	Dugan, Peter	Goins, William
Reich, Kevin	Crimmins, Carl	Hansen, Gary	Geisler, Christopher
Bailey, Myron	Sandahl, Suzanne	Staples, Jamez	Giuliani Stephens, Mary
Tolbert, Chris	Petryk, Becky	Goettel, Debbie	
Windschitl, Mark (Huang, Mike)	McDonnell, Craig (Biewen, Todd)		
ABSENT:	Swanson, Dick	McGuire, Mary Jo	Gorecki, Bruce
	Wosje, Jeff	Lindeke, William	Maluchnik, Randy
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Koutsoukos, Elaine TAB Coordinator	Freese, Lisa TAC Chair	Thompson, Nick MTS Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:32 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2019.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hamann-Roland, to approve the agenda of the October 16, 2019, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

III. PUBLIC FORUM

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. There was no one in the audience who wished to speak on items not on the agenda.

IV. REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland reported that the TAB Executive Committee met before the TAB meeting and reviewed the materials for the TAB meeting. Governor Walz issued a directive for interconnectivity with tribes across the state. TAB Executive members discussed working through the Council to request the legislature consider adding a TAB representative for the tribes. Hovland requested that the Council consider having a per diem for TAB members for attending the meetings. Hovland attend a meeting of the Council of Mayors in Detroit. They toured the Michigan Central Station that Ford has acquired and is redeveloping into a mobility-focused campus.

2. Agency Reports MnDOT, MPCA, MAC, and Metropolitan Council

MnDOT, Michael Barnes:

Barnes reported on a bid-letting on I-94 in Maple Grove towards Rogers, a news release about construction projects. Goins asked about the Corridors of Commerce projects. Barnes said they are now in the phases that narrow down the alternatives.

MPCA, Todd Biewen:

Biewen reported on the Cleaner Cars Standard initiative from Governor Walz. Hovland mentioned the groups Climate Mayors and C40. Biewen added that Phase II of the Volkswagen Settlement will soon be started.

MAC, Bridget Rief:

Rief reported that security checkpoints have been shifted back now and there are increased passenger numbers being seen. Rief added that the center food court reopens on Friday.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber reported on Network Next, including upcoming pop-ups to get community feedback. Barber also reported on public outreach for possible relocation of Northtown Transit Center. Foster commented on the Mall of America transit center.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2019

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Ulrich, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Non-Consent

1. 2019-49 Streamlined TIP Amendment: ATMS, Hennepin County

TAC Executive Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

There were no questions or comments from TAB members.

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Reich, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment into the 2019-2022 and 2020-2023 TIPs to change the termini of Hennepin County's traffic management system project (SP# 027-030-047). **Motion carried.**

2. 2019-50 Streamlined TIP Amendment: Hennepin Avenue Reconstruction, Minneapolis

TAC Executive Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

Reich commented on how well the agencies worked together in partnership for this amendment. Foster said that enhanced design should include lower shelter ceilings for more effective heat lamps and movable seating.

It was moved by Reich, seconded by Staples, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment into the 2019-2022 and 2020-2023 TIPs to add enhanced bus stops to Minneapolis's Hennepin Avenue reconstruction project. (SP# 141-313-016). **Motion carried.**

3. 2019-51 Streamlined TIP Amendment: Como Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail, St. Paul

TAC Executive Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

There were no questions or comments from TAB members.

It was moved by Tolbert, seconded by Bailey, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment into the 2019-2022 and 2020-2023 TIPs to add roadway mill and overlay work to the adjacent roadway alongside St. Paul's Como Avenue bikeway project (SP# 164-020-142). **Motion carried.**

4. 2019-52 Streamlined TIP Amendment: Lake Marion Greenway, Burnsville

TAC Executive Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

There were no questions or comments from TAB members.

It was moved by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Gaylord, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment into the 2019-2022 and 2020-2023 TIPs to add a sidewalk parallel to Burnsville's Lake Marion Greenway project (SP# 179-090-005).

Motion carried.

VII. INFORMATION

1. Accessibility and Behavior Impacts of Bus-Highway System Interactions

University of Minnesota Center for Transportation Studies Researcher Kristin Carlson and Research Fellow & Director Andrew Owen presented this item.

Foster asked about wait times. Hamann-Roland asked how this compares to Transit-Oriented Development that is walk-up. Owen answered that development that is close enough to a transit system does not require using a car and that is the biggest difference. Goins commented that the TAB may want to incorporate this data into future decisions. Karwoski asked for the definition of managed lanes. Owen answered in this study it was MnPASS lanes. Karwoski said a takeaway is that offering transit choices is valuable, and he asked about using the data for future development growth. Owen said some states use accessibility as part of their priority process for investments. Huang asked about mixed-modes such as scooters, bicycles, etc. Carlson added that mode connections of other types is something to be analyzed next. Goins asked if this was done in conjunction with Greater MSP. Owen said yes it is. Carlson said this will be presented at the CTS conference in November. Hollinshead asked about the East and West metro. Owen said the limits are based on travel times. Boyles asked about the definition of density for park-and-ride zones. Owen said it is a density of facilities and a density of service.

2. Regional Solicitation: Bridge Analysis

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item.

Goettel shared her concern because there are aging and structurally deficient bridges. Barber said the work group decided not to have a minimum or maximum in order to allow for flexibility but to keep bridges as a priority. Reich concurred with Barber that the Executive Committee discussed that as the direction moving forward. Hovland added that it gives more flexibility. Look expressed concern for bridges that would not score well and then may not get fixed, he said there should be ownership from the counties and cities as well to have a continuity plan if there is no funding. Barbeau broke down the scoring. Hovland said maybe condition should be garnering more points,

he asked for input from the technical group before the next meeting. Karwoski brought up the legislature wanting to turn back new bridges that cross freeways to cities. Barnes said the ownership of the bridge is considered, who builds it, who maintains it, etc. as well as the complication of when various parties are involved. Barnes said it is being looked at statewide because there seems to be inconsistency but massive turnbacks are not planned.

3. Transportation Planning & Programming Guide

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item.

Goins suggested an economic development component be thought of, such as DEED and Greater MSP.

VIII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

Hansen shared that the MVTA accepted the Transit System of the Year Award. Karwoski shared a joint study on the 36 Corridor regarding Transit needs. TAB Coordinator Koutsoukos shared there will be Regional Solicitation Equity and Housing sessions on November 1st and November 15th.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Jenna Ernst
Recording Secretary