

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Committee Members Present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James (Chair)	Anderson, Doug	Bailey, Myron
Barber, Deb	Barnes, Michael	Boyles, Frank	Crimmins, Carl
Dugan, Peter	Foster, Amity	Fox, Nick	Geisler, Christopher
Giuliani Stephens, Mary	Goettel, Debbie	Hamann-Roland, Mary	Hansen, Gary
Holberg, Mary Liz	Hollinshead, Mathews	Karwoski, Stan	Lindeke, William
Look, Matt	Maluchnik, Randy	McGuire, Mary Jo	Narayanan, Ashwat
Petryk, Becky	Reich, Kevin	Sanger, Sue	Schember, George
Steffenson, Mark	Tolbert, Chris	Ulrich, Jon	Windschitl, Mark
Wosje, Jeff			
ABSENT:	McDonnell, Craig	Swanson, Dick	
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 12:34 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

There were no changes to the agenda.

Aye: 31 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Karwoski, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 McDonnell, Swanson

Not Recorded:0

III. REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland reported that the Blue Ribbon Committee has had its first meeting.

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

MnDOT, Mike Barnes:

Barnes reported that projects are on schedule; low traffic has helped. New projects are out for bids. Look inquired about 47/169 Bridge Project.

MPCA, Biewen:

Biewen reported that the Clean Cars rulemaking timelines have changed but it moves forward, a draft rule should be published this fall. The Volkswagen settlement has three RFPs out currently.

MAC, Carl Crimmins:

Crimmins reported on airport operations. Numbers are improving but are still down from normal. Sanitization has been made more visible. McGuire asked about social distancing being practiced. Foster asked about the framing of the increase in light of COVID. Petryk asked if any COVID cases have been traced to flights. Crimmins said not to his knowledge.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber reported that SWLRT received full funding. The Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) was signed on Monday, September 14. The Council is repurposing transit service; including food delivery to food banks and food shelves. Transit service level has returned to 80%.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V. ACTION ITEMS

Consent

Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Bailey and carried, to approve the following consent items:

1. **Approval of Minutes from August 19, 2020**
2. **2020-30** Program Year Extension Request: City of St. Paul Bridge Reconstruction
3. **2020-31** Program Year Extension Request: City of St. Paul Minnehaha Avenue Safety Improvements
4. **2020-33** Streamlined TIP Amendment for MnDOT's I-94 Frontage Road Pedestrian Improvements

Aye: 30 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Karwoski, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 McDonnell, Swanson

Abstain: 1 Boyles

Not Recorded:0

Non-Consent

1. **2020-29** 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

There were no questions or comments from TAB Members.

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

The Transportation Advisory Board recommend to the Metropolitan Council adoption of the 2021 Unified Planning Work Program.

Motion carried.

Aye: 31 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Karwoski, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje
Nay: 0
Absent: 2 McDonnell, Swanson
Not Recorded:0

1. 2020-32 2020 Regional Solicitation: Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Project Selection Timeline Revision

TAC Chair Lisa Freese presented this item.

Boyles asked about creating an unequal playing field for vendors. MTS Director Thompson said there is no conflict and Barber added it does not create an advantage, but the process takes significant public outreach, so this takes that into account. Sanger said it is unclear if the intent is to use this process moving forward and, if so, she has concerns. BRT Projects Director Charles Carlson shared that there will be earlier community engagement moving forward.

It was moved by Maluchnik, seconded by Barber that:

The Transportation Advisory Board approve the following:

- Allow a timeline extension of the project selection for F Line in the Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Project funding category from December 2020 to April 2021.
- Direct staff to include \$25 million for the F Line arterial bus rapid transit project in all 2020 Regional Solicitation funding options brought forward for TAB consideration.

Motion carried.

Aye: 31 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hamann-Roland, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Karwoski, Lindeke, Look, Maluchnik, McGuire, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Wosje
Nay: 0
Absent: 2 McDonnell, Swanson
Not Recorded:0

VI. INFORMATION

1. 2040 TPP Public Comments

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning and Finance Deputy Director Amy Vennewitz and Metropolitan Council Outreach Coordinator Sara Maaske presented this item.

Lindeke asked about the relationship between expansion and maintenance. Vennewitz said about 10% is roadway expansion. Narayanan said that fund restrictions do not address all of the comments about structures and the Met Council could give more direction. Geisler said expansion means something different based on what part of the region it is. Look said there is a consistent effort to move money

from roadways to non-roadways but eliminating expansion does not eliminate drivers. Look brought up preservation dollars and asked to hear from MnDOT. Vennewitz said the response does not propose a shift in funding. Hollinshead stressed the importance of clean air and the preservation of the environment as transportation is considered. Sanger proposed points for projects mitigating climate change.

2. Regional Solicitation Draft Funding Scenarios Discussion

Metropolitan Transportation Services Transportation Planning Manager Steve Peterson presented this item.

There were no questions or comments from TAB Members.

VII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Jenna Ernst
Recording Secretary