

Minutes

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: April 20, 2022

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: Virtual

Members Present:

Chair, James Hovland
 V. Chair Debbie Goettel
 Doug Anderson
 Myron Bailey
 Deb Barber
 Michael Barnes
 Carl Crimmins
 Peter Dugan
 Amity Foster
 Christopher Geisler
 Mary Giuliani Stephens
 Gary Hansen
 Mary Liz Holberg

Mathews Hollinshead
 Mitra Jalali
 Julie Jeppson
 Stan Karwoski
 Dan Kealey
 Emily Koski (Elliot Payne)
 Andy Lewis
 William Lindeke (Shannon Watson)
 Matt Look
 Randy Maluchnik
 Brian Martinson
 Trista MatasCastillo
 Craig McDonnell (Todd Biewen)

Ashwat Narayanan (Glen Johnson)
 Becky Petryk
 George Schember
 Mark Steffenson
 Jon Ulrich
 Janet Williams
 Mark Windschitl
 Tom Workman

Absent

Staff

Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB
 Jon Solberg, TAC
 Charles Carlson, MTS Director

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:33 p.m. on the following roll call.

Present	33	Goettel, Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Karwoski, Kealey, Lewis, Look, Maluchnik, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Payne, Petryk, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Watson, Williams, Windschitl, Workman
Absent	0	

Agenda Approved

Chair Hovland noted that a roll call vote was not needed for approval of the agenda unless a Council Member offered an amendment to the agenda. Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Public Invitation

Add any notes of conversation here.

Reports

1. TAB Chair's Report – Jim Hovland
 Add recap of reports discussion

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

Add recap of reports discussion

MnDOT: Barnes reported that spring projects continue. 80 traffic deaths this past week which is 18% less than last year but still higher than 2020.

MPCA: Biewen reported on the Volkswagen Settlement and the Minnesota Climate Action Plan. Hollinshead asked about plans for charging stations. Morast asked about heavy-duty versus off-road.

MAC: Crimmins reported that March saw an increase due to spring break vacations. European travel is returning to normal, Asian travel is still lagging behind. TSA has announced that mask mandates will not be enforced, and TSA's withdrawal does not preclude a carrier from imposing their own requirements. Foster asked about statistics on transit trips in addition to the parking data. Hollinshead noted that the New York transit system is keeping a mask mandate and it seems to be up to the localities. Payne asked about airport coordination around mask mandates. Crimmins said yes all airports would have to coordinate because there is the difficulty of mask mandates where people leave and no mask mandates where people arrive.

Metropolitan Council: Barber reported on Blue Line extension milestones and the Transportation Equity Policy Group that will be starting in late spring or summer and a few TAB members would be encouraged to join. Foster asked if Metro Transit will still plan to have masks on board. Look brought up North Star services for Twins Games and the concern about funding. Barber responded with payment information.

STA: Kealey reported on ridership and expansions. Kealey also shared hiring opportunities.

3. TAC Report – Jon Solberg

Solberg reported on the TAC meeting with the first meeting since the updated bylaws. Since there is no in-person requirement the TAC meetings will remain remote until September when the TAC takes stock again.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Windschitl, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2022 regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried** on the following roll call vote.

Aye	33	Goettel, Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Karwoski, Kealey, Lewis, Look, Maluchnik, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Payne, Petryk, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Watson, Williams, Windschitl, Workman
Nay	0	
Absent	0	

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted

1. **2022-14:** Streamlined TIP Amendment: Minneapolis, HSIP Cost Increases (3 projects) (Jon Solberg, TAC Chair)
2. **2022-16:** Streamlined TIP Amendment: MnDOT, US169 Cable Median Barrier (Jon Solberg, TAC Chair)
3. **2022-17:** Streamlined TIP Amendment: Carver County, MN 5 Prelim Engineering (Jon Solberg, TAC Chair)
4. **2022-18:** Streamlined TIP Amendment: St. Paul, Kellogg Bridge Reconstruction Cost



Increase (Jon Solberg, TAC Chair)

It was moved by Windschitl, seconded by Anderson.

[brief description of committee member discussion]

Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Aye	32	Goettel, Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Karwoski, Kealey, Lewis, Look, Maluchnik, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Payne, Petryk, Schember, Ulrich, Watson, Williams, Windschitl, Workman
Nay	0	Name, Name
Absent	1	Steffenson

Non-Consent Business

1. **2022-12:** Transportation Addendum to the Metropolitan Council Public Engagement Plan (Jon Solberg, TAC Chair)

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Karwoski, that [enter proposed action]

[brief description of committee member discussion]

Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Aye	32	Goettel, Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Karwoski, Kealey, Lewis, Look, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Payne, Petryk, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Watson, Williams, Windschitl, Workman
Nay	0	Name, Name
Absent	1	Maluchnik

2. **2022-13:** TIP Amendment: Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) Funding Increase (Jon Solberg, TAC Chair)

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Johnson, that [enter proposed action]

Look asked if this is a defederalization. Metro Transit Deputy General Manager of Capital Programs Nick Thompson said all projects will be maintained as a federal process so no changes to the approach. Thompson added there is no conflict between this action and what was agreed upon in 2018. Giuliani Stephens asked for clarification on the timing and role.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

Aye	27	Goettel, Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Hansen, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Karwoski, Lewis, Maluchnik, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Payne, Petryk, Schember, Steffenson, Watson, Williams, Windschitl
Nay	6	Giuliani Stephens, Holberg, Kealey, Look, Ulrich, Workman
Absent	0	

3. **2022-15:** TIP Amendment Public Comment: I-94 Auxiliary Lane in Oakdale and Woodbury (Jon Solberg, TAC Chair)

It was moved by Karwoski, seconded by Giuliani Stephens, that [enter proposed action]

Dugan asked for specific project details.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote.



Aye	32	Goettel, Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jalali, Jeppson, Johnson, Karwoski, Kealey, Lewis, Look, Maluchnik, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Petryk, Schember, Steffenson, Ulrich, Watson, Williams, Windschitl, Workman
Nay	0	Name, Name
Absent	1	Payne

Information

1. Safe Systems Approach (Steve Peterson and Heidi Schallberg, MTS, and Mark Doctor, FHWA)

Geisler asked about warning collision systems. Goettel asked about EV vehicles that are SUVs, and the safety concerns with those vehicles. Martinson noted the federal laws that incentivize larger vehicles. Members discussed larger systemic issues.

2. TMO and TDM Project Updates (Theresa Cain, Commuter Programs Manager, Metro Transit)

Martinson asked about Twin Cites employer engagement with commuter fleets. Cain said there are existing partnerships to coordinate efforts.

3. 2023-2026 TIP Development Schedule (Joe Barbeau, MTS)

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

Items of TAB members

Hovland encouraged members to connect and work on external problem solving.

Adjournment

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

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