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.


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.

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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.

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**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.

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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.

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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.
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 Cities 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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