

# Meeting Notes

## 2050 Transportation Policy Plan Technical Working Group



**Meeting Date:** May 12, 2022

**Time:** 1:35 PM

**Location:** Virtual

### Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7W - Andrew Witter                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council, Parks - Emmett Mullin                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MPCA - Innocent Eyoh                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co - Jack Forslund                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council, Parks - Todd Graham                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Move Minneapolis - Tiffany Orth                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co - Angie Stenson                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan Airports Commission - Bridget Rief | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co - Scott Mareck                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Centerville - Mark Statz                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit - Steve Mahowald                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Roseville - Marc Culver                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen - Charlie Howley                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis - Jasna Hadzic-Stanek               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saint Paul - Bill Dermody                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coon Rapids - Tim Himmer                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> MN Council on Disability - Vacant                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Co - Nathan Abney                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City - Vacant   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEED - Ed Hodder                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc - Ben Picone              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City - Vacant   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MDH – Allyssa Stevenson                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator - Elaine Koutsoukos              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co - Gina Mitteco                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DNR - Nancy Spooner-Mueller                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAC Chair - Jon Solberg                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FHWA - Andrew Emanuele                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Freight - Andrew Andrusko                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TC Shared Mobility Collaborative – Will Schroeer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co - KC Atkins                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Metro District - Michael Corbett          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UMN CTS - Gina Baas                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAC - Bridget Rief                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT OTSM - Hally Turner                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Co - Emily Jorgensen (Chair)          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Community Development - Michael Larson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Sustainability - Nissa Tupper             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council MTS - Dave Burns                       | <input type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Traffic Safety - Derek Leuer                         |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council, MTS Planning Director - Amy Vennewitz |   |  |

### Topics

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Group Purpose (Chair Emily Jorgensen)
  - Chair Jorgensen opened the meeting and briefly stated the role of members in this group.
2. Regional Vision (Michael Larson)
  - Presentation covered:
    - Regional development guide purpose, requirements, terminology, and relationship to system policy plans and local comprehensive plans
    - Purpose and qualities of vision statements
    - Exploratory issues to generate discussion
  - Bill Dermody cautioned the regional vision ultimately must come from people in the region and elected representatives.
  - Scott Marek noted a disconnect between the present plan and implementation through the Regional Solicitation, stated a need to focus a presently broad vision on a few key issues, and stated need for conversations on how to make measurable progress.
3. Introduction to the Transportation Policy Plan (Cole Hiniker and Jed Hanson)

- Presentation covered:
    - TPP purpose, structure, state and federal requirements, relationship to other plans, and role in day-to-day planning work
    - Technical working group responsibilities, relationship to Council decisionmakers or other working groups, anticipated work for the next two years, and meeting format
    - Potential topics to address in the 2050 TPP
  - Todd Graham noted need to consider the appropriate level of policy detail versus focus in the plan.
  - Michael Larson stated that while vision and values are high level, detail remains welcome to carry forward.
4. Small Group Discussions on Regional Vision and Transportation Issues (MTS Planning Staff)
- Vision, Values, and Goals: Breakout rooms were prompted to think about what these terms mean for the region and their community, and what achievement of these items looks like.
    - Equity – Mentioned in all breakout groups, some discussions included:
      - Regional disparities and achievement gaps – particularly by race
      - Shared prosperity
      - Variation in infrastructure condition by jurisdiction/neighborhood
      - Creating generational equity – setting up future generations for success
      - Equity of transportation choices/options
      - Equity of investment policies
      - Equity of safety work
      - Engagement quality and humility
      - Land acknowledgement
      - Centering equity in pollution- and emissions-related decisions
      - The relationship between transportation and health
      - Access to opportunity
      - Distribution and destination of transit service (e.g., downtown, suburban job centers)
    - Safety – Mentioned in all breakout groups, some discussions included:
      - Complete streets
      - Safe systems approach
      - Freight safety
      - Equitable distribution of safety actions and application of safety approaches
      - Transit security
      - Perception of safety
    - Environment – Mentioned in all breakout groups, some discussions included:
      - Sustainability and benefits/impacts trade-offs on livability
      - Climate adaptation and resiliency, especially regarding flooding and severe events
      - Climate mitigation
      - Greenhouse gas measurement and implementation of mitigation strategies
      - Accountability of surface and aviation system contributions to climate change



- Shared cultural valuation of land, water, and ecosystems
- Water quality
- Vehicle electrification and related infrastructure
- Access and Mobility – All groups identified providing access to destinations and/or improving mobility as important, often relative to improving or creating multimodal options, improving access without driving, overcoming connectivity barriers, and maintaining/improving regional economic competitiveness.
- COVID-19 – Some groups discussed travel behavior and needs changes since onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The vision for transportation may need to adjust relative to telework; modal system needs, trip purpose, and right-of-way needs may change/have changed.
- Engagement, Transparency, and Accountability
  - One group mentioned importance of the vision being embraced by people and elected officials.
  - One group noted need to explain how large projects are decided.
  - Two groups brought up intentionality and quality of engagement in decisionmaking – one regarding youth in climate and another on equity.
- Discussion on land use and related transportation investment choices differed among groups. This topic may need work to identify shared values.
  - One room mentioned how transportation investments influence sustainability of land use and growth.
  - One room mentioned need to serve a variety of community types, including growing areas, sharing concern the TPP may have an urban focus.
  - One room engaged on a discussion of urban form, location of mixed-use nodes, and travel to downtowns, between suburbs, and virtually.
- Discussions in a few rooms questioned the definition and purpose of the terms “balance” and “stewardship.” Does balance define a distribution of funds by county, include equity considerations, and address balance between modes? Does stewardship also include doing the right thing and addressing impacts?
- Transportation: Breakout rooms were prompted to identify current or emerging issues that need to be addressed, and identify which need most attention.
  - COVID-19 – Hybrid work has changed downtowns and growth patterns – what does the future look like for downtowns and travel behavior?
  - Safety – All groups discussed desire to improve safety culture. Transit security and perceptible safety need resolution.
  - Affordable housing and gentrification – three groups mentioned growth and change may price existing residents or other uses out of neighborhoods.
  - Electrification – Several electrification issues were raised, including impact on fuel tax revenue, siting charging infrastructure on public and private land, residential charging, future use of fuel stations.
  - Transportation finance is not keeping pace with system needs, particularly for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and aging asset management needs. Two groups noted electrification impacts fuel tax revenue.



- Freight – one group discussed need to preserve land for freight and industrial uses, noting competing housing development pressures. Three groups mentioned pressures from delivery volume – how is public right-of-way allocated? How are oversized and overweight vehicles handled?
- TPP goals do not incorporate health – there is a need to coordinate with MPCA and MDH.
- Climate mitigation strategies – work to support mode shift, promote telework, reduce VMT.
- Other topics mentioned in less detail/frequency: emissions and delay reductions, investment equity, requiring transit-oriented development near transit investment, and multimodal access to destinations.

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