

TAB POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: August 15, 2012
Metropolitan Council Chambers

Committee Members Present:

Russ Stark, Co-Chair, Randy Maluchnik, Co-Chair, Gerry Butcher, Karl Drotning, Ron Have, Aaron Isaacs, Jennifer Janovy, Paul Krause, Scott McBride, Sue Sanger

Other Members Present:

Margaret Donahoe, Dennis Hegberg, David Van Hattum, Julia Whalen

Guests and Staff:

Mary Karlsson, Metropolitan Council
Joe Gladke, Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority
Pat Bursaw, TAC Chair/MnDOT Metro District
Elaine Koutsoukos, Metropolitan Council
Charles Carlson, Metro Transit
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator

I. Call to Order.

Co Chair Stark called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM. Mr. Stark noted that a quorum was not present and directed the committee to take up information item a.

IV. Information Items and Action Transmittals.

a. Information: Transportation Policy Plan Amendment for Bottineau Transitway Locally Preferred Alternative and arterial Transitway Corridor Study Results

Mr. Roggenbuck reported this item to the committee. Mr. Roggenbuck said the Met Council and Hennepin County jointly proposed the Policy Plan amendment to identify light rail transit as the locally preferred alternative (LPA) in the Bottineau transitway corridor and to include the results of the Arterial Transitway Corridor Study in the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP). The TAC tabled the action item because the city of Golden Valley had not expressed support for the Bottineau LPA and it is the Council's practice to act on the Plan amendment only after receiving support from all the affected local governments. Ms. Bursaw said the TAC asked the Council and Hennepin County to come back in September with more information about the compelling need for action and cost impacts of delaying the amendment.

Ms. Karlsson presented the build alternative alignments to the committee and answered questions. Ms. Karlsson said other communities have provided a resolution supporting the Bottineau LPA despite having some reservations with the understanding that their issues will be addressed in the design phase. Ms. Karlsson said the Council cannot address Golden Valley's concerns until after the Policy Plan is amended and the design phase begins. Mr. Gladke described Golden Valley's concerns and answered further questions about the LRT alignment alternatives, projected ridership and construction costs.

Mr. Van Hattum asked how the Bottineau transitway would be funded. Ms. Karlsson said the transitway would be funded with 50% federal New Starts, 30% state, 10% Hennepin County and 10% Metropolitan Council.

Co-chair Stark said a quorum is now present and directed he committee to take up the committee's action items.

II. Adoption of the Agenda.

Mr. Van Hattum moved, seconded by Mr. Krause, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

III. Approval of the Minutes from May 10, 2012 and June 14, 2012.

Ms. Sanger moved, seconded by Mr. Butcher, to approve the minutes from the May 10 and June 14 TAB Policy Committee meetings. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Information Items and Action Transmittals.

b. 2012-31: 2012 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment

Ms. Koutsoukos presented this item to the committee. Ms. Koutsoukos described the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and explained that it includes all the planning studies, etc... to be done as of June 11, 2012 when the Metropolitan Council adopted it. At this time, the Council would like to add work to the UPWP so they can be performed with federal planning funds. Ms. Koutsoukos described the work items in the amendment; the Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study, Highway Transitway Corridor Study and Thrive MSP 2040 Transportation.

Ms. Koutsoukos and Mr. Carlson answered questions about the planning studies in the amendment. Mr. McBride moved, seconded by Mr. Isaacs, to recommend adoption of the 2012 UPWP amendment to the Metropolitan Council as described in action transmittal 2012-31. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

c. Information: Regional Forecasts and thrive MSP 2040

Ms. Karlsson presented this item to the committee. Ms. Karlsson described the history of the "A" Minor Arterial system and the four types of "A" Minors adopted by the TAB, including where they are geographically located around the region and how they serve the land uses in those areas. Ms. Karlsson reviewed the work plan for the "A" Minor Arterial Study and presented statistical information about the system. Ms. Karlsson also reviewed the next steps in the study through completion expected in January 2013.

V. Other Business.

Members did not raise any other business.

VI. Adjournment.

Mr. Drotning moved, seconded by Mr. Krause, to adjourn the August 15 TAB Policy Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote and Co-Chair Stark adjourned the meeting at 1:15 PM.