

**Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)**

Wednesday, July 16, 2014
Metropolitan Council Chambers, St. Paul, MN

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hargis, William, Chair	Stark, Russ (Tolbert, Chris – alt)	Butcher, Gerry
Crimmins, Carl	Hansen, Gary	Drotning, Karl	Fawley, Ethan
Petryk, Becky	Look, Matt	Janovy, Jennifer	Miron, Fran
Van Hattum, David	Sanger, Sue	Gallagher, Steven	Ulrich, Jon
Callison, Jan	Hovland, James	Lilligren, Robert	Duininck, Adam
Reich, Kevin	Maluchnik, Randy	Donahoe, Margaret	Slawik, Nora
Krause, Paul	McKnight, Kenya	McGuire, Mary Jo	Hamann-Roland, Mary
Thornton, David			
ABSENT:	d’Almeida, Anani	Have, Ron	Gunyou, John
	Swanson, Dick	McBride, Scott	
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator		

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:33 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2014.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Lilligren, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. There were no members of the public present to address the TAB at today’s meeting.

IV. REPORTS

1. TAB Chair’s Report

Hargis reported that the TAB Executive Committee has not met, the Regional Solicitation Steering Committee has been meeting and a report from the consultant is on today’s agenda. Hargis plans to meet with each TAB member individually in the future.

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

Agencies did not have anything to report at this meeting.

3. Technical Advisory Committee

TAB Coordinator Elaine Koutsoukos reported that the TAC met on 7/02/14 and acted on three action items - two of which are on the TAB agenda consent list, the third item was an action item for a Roadway Functional Classification change which does not require TAB approval. The TAC Executive Committee acted on two streamlined TIP amendments which are also on the TAB consent list today.

The TAC also spent time on the major agenda item – Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study. The consultant, SRF, will also present on this item at TAB today.

A motion was made by Drotning, seconded by Butcher, to move Item 3 (2014-46) from the Consent List to Action. Motion passed. See actions below.

A motion was made by McGuire, seconded by Miron, to move Item 5 (2014-54) from the Consent List to Action. Motion passed. See actions below.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Gallagher, seconded by Maluchnik, and passed to approve the consent items below, with corrections to the 6/18/14 minutes as noted by Callison.

1. Approval of the Minutes from June 18, 2014 with Callison's request to correct Item V.2 to read "That the TAB recommend approval of the request to modify the scope..."
2. 2014-47: Scope Change Request – Carver County CSAH 10 Reconstruction and Trail
Motion: That the TAB recommend approval of the request to modify the scope for the CSAH 10 (SP#010-610-046) to increase shoulder width to 10', add a dedicated left turn lane at the intersection of CSAHs 10 and 30, and add a trail connection between CSAH 10 and the regional Dakota Rail Trail.
4. (sequence numbering from published agenda) 2014-48: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment Streamlined – Blue Line LRT Capital Maintenance & Track Modifications
Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2014-2017 TIP to include additional funding for repair, maintenance and upgrade to existing trackwork on the Blue Line light rail transitway (SP#TRF-TCMT-14AX).

VI. Action Items

1. (Item 3 from published agenda consent list) 2014-46: Scope Change Request – Maple Grove Weaver Lake Road Roundabout

Drotning asked what would happen if the scope change were not approved, and noted that staff originally recommended denial of the scope change. Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) Senior Planner Heidi Schallberg stated that if the scope change were not approved, the project could proceed as originally designed and approved under the original application and funding, and the staff was instructed to look at whether the scope change would have affected the initial scoring.

Motion by Drotning, seconded by Butcher, that the TAB recommend approval of the scope change request for the Weaver Lake Road Project to modify the scope of SP#189-020-030 to eliminate a roundabout at Weaver Lake Road and Dunkirk Lane (MSAS 106). Motion passed.

2. (Item 5 from published agenda consent list) 2014-54: 2014-2017 TIP Amendment Streamlined – 7th Street/B Line Design

Proposed motion to be approved: That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2014-2017 TIP to include project design and engineering for future B Line Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (ABRT) corridor in St. Paul and Bloomington (SP#TRF-TCMT-14BI).

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Miron, to table the action on 2014-54 until discussions can be held between the stakeholders. At Duininck's suggestion that it could be beneficial for the TAB to hear the project background prior to voting, McGuire withdrew her motion to table. MTS Senior Planner Heidi Schallberg and Metro Transit Senior Manager Transitway Development Charles Carlson gave an oral background and written summary of the project and its status, and TAB members were also given a chance to discuss. Discussion followed regarding the Riverview Corridor project status, 7th Street/B Line schedule and funding status, sources of funding and level of risk of losing the funds for the region, that the B Line was risking losing the funds to another project, perception of conflicting messages to the public, and allowing ample amount of time for discussion and decision making. Hamman-Roland suggested a motion be made to adopt the TIP amendment with the clarification that the project will not move ahead if the city and county do not agree. No motion was made. Carlson explained that if the TIP Amendment was adopted and the project did not proceed, then the TIP could be amended again to reallocate the funds to another project. Callison expressed concern with a 2-month delay and urged staff to look at other possible projects to reallocate the funds to in that case, so that the TAB is not under time constraints again. Hargis reminded the TAB that the project meets the four criteria required for TIP amendment approval. County

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staff advised it was the county's understanding that there was approximately one year remaining to use the federal funds.

McGuire renewed her motion to table this item, Miron seconded, and the motion passed.

Following the action, Schallberg clarified that there was not a year remaining for the 2015 CMAQ funds, which would need to be reprogrammed quickly to allow a new project enough time to complete the federal aid process by the deadline in June 2015 to not lose the funding.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

SRF Consultants Marie Cote and Steve Peterson presented Information Items 1 & 2. Suggestions will be brought to the Regional Solicitation Steering Committee by the consultant.

1. Regional Solicitation Applications

Each category and its criterion and measures was discussed. Some of the comments from TAB members are as follows:

Are there forecasts of future freight/goods movements? Does MnDOT have a forecast? Is there a correlation with population increase? Jobs? Households?

Suggest revisiting the 1 mile buffer zone, and changing to 3 mile.

Would like more information on Regional Demographic Forecasts. Would like clearer definitions in the equity sections. Look at equity across the board for all applications. There appears to be little consideration to moving goods/products as compared to moving people. Promises made in Thrive regarding equity may not jibe with the constituent base. Consider an evaluation of regional distribution of funds. Perhaps connectivity should be more of a focus than equity.

2. Regional Solicitation Modal Funding Options

Some of the comments from TAB members are as follows:

How much is being spent on the various modes, and what are sources? TIP summary tables show state & regional money for four years. Is it possible to find out local investments?

MC Draft Transportation Policy Plan states that the car trips have decreased – this may be a good data point to include in options. However, the 6% decrease in car usage may be offset by increased freight traffic.

Suggestion to move forward: As a group, TAB should discuss the importance of categories broadly, and assign percentages that should be spent in each category.

TAB members are invited and encouraged to attend the next Regional Solicitation Steering Committee meeting on 7/25. Elaine Koutsoukos will send an email to TAB members on Bill Hargis's behalf noting the key dates for the Regional Solicitation.

3. Corridors of Commerce

Mark Gieseke-MnDOT presented on Corridors of Commerce 2. Corridors of Commerce projects are selected by MnDOT. Gieseke answered a question from McGuire about who is eligible to apply, stating that Corridors of Commerce is limited to MnDOT TH projects. MnDOT is looking for input from the TAB about criteria the TAB would like MnDOT to use when selecting projects. Donohoe stated that it may be helpful to see the actual statute creating the Corridors of Commerce program. Elaine Koutsoukos will email the presentation and statute to TAB members.

4. Key Changes to 2040 TPP for Public Comment

Due to time constraints, Metropolitan Transportation Services Dep. Dir. Planning & Finance Amy Vennewitz was not able to present on this item. She provided copies of the powerpoint presentation and summary of stakeholder comments and proposed responses. Elaine Koutsoukos will also email these materials to the TAB members.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.