
*Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 3, 2016
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Doug Fisher, Brian Sorenson, Carla Stueve, Tim Mayasich, Lisa Freese, Jan Lucke, Virgil Hawkins, Elaine Koutsoukos, Mark Filipi, Michael Larson, Adam Harrington, Pat Bursaw, Innocent Eyoh, Bridget Rief, Kris Riesenberg, Dave Jacobson, John Tompkins, Danny McCullough, Karl Keel, Jean Keely, Steve Albrecht, Paul Oehme, Michael Thompson, Kim Lindquist, Bruce Loney, Jim Kosluchar, Jen Hager, Jack Byers, Bill Dermody, Paul Kurtz (Excused: Lyndon Robjent)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Steve Albrecht at 9:04 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mark Filipi moved and Tim Mayasich seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

3. Approval of July Minutes

There were two corrections to the July minutes:

- 1) Innocent Eyoh requested to add “tugboats” to Amanda Smith’s comments about port cranes.
- 2) Pat Bursaw requested to correct her remarks to eliminate the mention of local funding and include the possibility of partnering on funding for the TBI.

Mark Filipi moved and Tim Mayasich seconded. Motion passed.

4. TAB Report

Elaine Koutsoukos reported on the July 20, 2016 TAB meeting.

REPORTS

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

MnDOT: Pat Bursaw reported that MnDOT held a workshop from a grant received from FHWA for “Every Place Counts”. The workshop is in conjunction with a larger study of I-94 corridor between the downtowns.

MPCA: David Thornton reported that Minnesota will receive \$43.6 million for diesel retrofits from Volkswagon for rigging its diesel cars to fool emissions tests.

MAC: Carl Crimmins reported that a public hearing would be held that evening on the Transportation Network Companies (TNC) ordinance and Delivery ordinance.

Regional Solicitation

Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator, reported on the Regional Solicitation that closed on Friday, July 15. A total of 148 applications were received, with a total federal funding request of \$545 M.

| Category | Application s | Federal Requested (Millions) |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Roadway Expansion | 21 | \$120.40 |
| Roadway Modernization | 35 | \$172.50 |
| Roadway System Management | 4 | \$5.90 |
| Bridge | 9 | \$37.00 |
| Multituse Trails | 39 | \$78.00 |
| Pedestrian | 8 | \$5.80 |
| Safe Routes to Schools | 3 | \$2.50 |
| Transit Expansion | 10 | \$57.40 |
| Transit Modernization | 13 | \$64.80 |
| Travel Demand Management | 6 | \$1.26 |
| | 148 | \$545.56 |

ACTION ITEMS

1. 2016-43: Approved Streamlined Administrative Amendment to the 2016 UPWP
 - i. Gold Line Station Area Planning
 - ii. Spending on the Regional Highway System
 - iii. TPP Engagement Work
2. 2016-36: Approved the allocation of \$17.5 million of 2017 funds
 - i. Fully fund Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition
 - ii. Advance Penn Avenue bus purchase project from 2018 to 2017
 - iii. Fund Dakota County CSAH 28 Connector project
 - iv. Fund City of Champlin US 169 Reconstruction
 - v. Reallocate remaining funds to four bikeway projects with ability to accept additional federal funds
 - vi. Direct TAC to review and recommend criteria to evaluate unique projects in the solicitation and examine a long-term funding solution for the Travel Behavior Inventory in conjunction with Metro Council and MnDOT
3. 2016-37: Approved Lake Elmo Airport LTCP
4. 2016-38: Approved Scope Change for Brooklyn Center
5. 2016-39: Approved TIP Amendment for Brooklyn Center

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. 2017 UPWP – Katie White presented information on the work plan and projects for 2017.

Karl Keel and Adam Harrington asked questions to clarify how the TAB's action different from the recommendation from TAC. Katie White will mail out a summary of the funded projects after this meeting. Karl Keel asked if the modal balance will remain. Elaine Koutsoukos responded that it will rebalance in 2018-2019. Pat Bursaw said that the TAC action would have carried \$700,000 for transit into the next solicitation, but TAB designated those funds for bicycle/pedestrian projects. Doug

Fischer asked if there was concern about Champlin's ability to deliver their project. Elaine Koutsoukos clarified that Champlin had started the process to advance their project but stopped after they believed there were no more funds available.

5. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Steve Albrecht, Chair)

Steve Albrecht welcomed Virgil Hawkins, the Wright County engineer, who sat in for Steve Bot from District 7W today. The Executive Committee discussed the TAB's actions from last month. The Executive Committee would like further direction from TAB about how to score unique projects. A long term funding solution to the TBI will be evaluated through the TAC committee process, beginning with TAB Executive Committee. Additionally, there may need to be changes to the reallocation policy to clarify "current" year dollars and "future" year dollars in how the policy is applied.

B. Planning Committee (Lisa Freese, Chair)

The Planning committee met in July with an information item on the Public Participation Plan.

2016-40 Unified Planning Work Program. Lisa Freese introduced this item. Katie White presented more detailed information on the UPWP. Jan Lucke moved and Adam Harrington seconded. There were no questions. Motion passes.

C. Funding and Programming Committee (Tim Mayasich, Chair)

2016-41 Dakota County Scope Change. Tim Mayasich introduced this item. There were no questions. Tim Mayasich moved the recommended motion and Pat Bursaw seconded. Motion passes.

2016-39 Dakota County TIP Amendment. Tim Mayasich introduced this item. There were no questions. Tim Mayasich moved the recommended motion and Pat Bursaw seconded. Motion passes.

6. Special Agenda Items

PlanIt. Michael Larson from the Council's Community Development division demonstrated the tools available for communities as part of the comprehensive plan process. Adam Harrington said that sometimes comprehensive plans incorporate transit oriented development and expect a transit route to be implemented shortly thereafter. He recommended that communities plan enough density and growth to make transit sustainable over the long term.

7. Agency Reports

Mark Filipi announced that Steve Peterson is the new Manager for Highway Planning in MTS.

Adam Harrington said that Metro Transit is always hiring bus operators and mechanics.

Dave Jacobson said that the suburban transit providers are always hiring bus operators and mechanics.

Bridget Rief explained that with Terminal 1 short term parking closed for construction there has been confusion about the Green and Gold ramps. Therefore new colors will be introduced to help guide travelers.

Doug Fischer announced that Andrew Witter has been made the Sherburne County engineer and may be involved in TAC as a District 7W alternate in the future.

Innocent Eyoh announced that MPCA will receive \$42.6 million from Volkswagen as part of the diesel emissions restitution agreement. MPCA will be accepting comments on how best to spend the money.

8. Other Business and Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:54AM.

Prepared by:

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