

## Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 Robert Street North, Saint Paul

### Committee Members Present:

Nathan Abney, Holly Anderson, Dave Burns, Michael Corbett, Paul Czech, Bill Dermody, Innocent Eyoh, Jack Forslund, Jason Gottfried, Anne Kane, Elaine Koutsoukos, Jan Lucke, Paul Mogush, Angie Stenson, Rachel Wiken

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lucke called the regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee to order.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda was adopted. The January 2020 minutes were approved without correction.

### INFORMATION

#### *Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Review of Investment Chapters*

Amy Vennewitz gave a brief overview of the process of reviewing the modal chapters. The presentation for all chapters can be seen here <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-2-13-20/TPP-Modal-chapter-changes-presentation.aspx>

#### Highways

Tony Fischer presented the highway slides, highlighting the expected changes to the highway chapter. A draft of the chapter was also provided electronically. <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-2-13-20/1a-Chapter-5-Highway-Investment-TAC-Planning.aspx>

Amy Vennewitz noted that MnDOT is moving away from the term “mobility”. It is not well understood to a wider audience. New language to replace the term was not yet decided. Also, the wording around congestion will be changing. Instead of “congestion free” the discussion will be about “congestion relief”.

#### Transit

Daniel Pena presented the transit slides as Cole Hiniker (Manager of Multimodal Planning) was on vacation. The chapter can be seen here <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-2-13-20/1b-Chapter-6-Transit-Investment-TAC-Planning-clean.aspx>

Committee discussion was around Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (ABRT). The B Line (Lake St / Selby Ave) is being included in Current Revenue as a partially funded transitway. The D Line (Emerson / Fremont) is shown a fully funded corridor. Legislative bonding still needs to be secured for full funding.

#### Bike / Pedestrian

Steve Elmer presented the slides for the bike and pedestrian chapter. There was no committee discussion. Chapter can be seen here. <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC->

[Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-2-13-20/1c-Chapter-7-Bike-Ped-Investment-TAC-Planning-clean.aspx](https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-2-13-20/1c-Chapter-7-Bike-Ped-Investment-TAC-Planning-clean.aspx)

## **Freight**

Steve Elmer presented the slides for the freight chapter. There was no committee discussion. Chapter can be seen here. <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-2-13-20/1d-Chapter-8-Freight-Investment-TAC-Planning-clean.aspx>

## **Aviation**

Russ Owen spoke briefly about the aviation chapter, which does not have substantial changes. Chapter can be seen here. <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-2-13-20/1e-Chapter-9-Aviation-Investment-Direction-and-Pla.aspx>

Innocent Eyoh asked about ongoing noise mitigation programs for homes near the airport. Owen explained that the widely used program in the early 2000s has ended. That program provided central AC and new windows for homes. A new program has started, allowing for homes in the changing noise contours to apply once they have been within the noise area for 3 years.

Amy wrapped up the TPP presentation by giving future timeline. The non-modal chapters would be coming to the March TAC Planning meeting and the full plan would be coming in April.

### *Climate Change Mitigation Tools Related to Land Use and Transportation*

Mauricio Leon from the Met Council Community Development Division presented the Climate Change Mitigation Tools his unit has developed. His presentation can be seen here.

<https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-2-13-20/Climate-Change-Mitigation-Tools.aspx>

Innocent Eyoh asked if MnDOT has been involved in this project. Leon told the committee that the MnDOT sustainability coordinator was involved in the development of the tools. Also MnDOT had helped with the procurement process.

### *Discussion of Transportation Safety Work Group Membership*

Chair Jan Lucke brought this idea forward to the group for discussion. Washington County staff had a discussion with Rep. Steve Sandell about the idea of forming a workgroup for bringing transportation and land use planning together. The idea seems bigger than what the County was able to do, so Chair Lucke wanted to bring it to TAC Planning for consideration. Workgroup would consider safety performance measures, both MnDOT and Met Council targets. She requested members take the idea back to their organizations and send comments to herself, Dave Burns, or Heidi Schallberg.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

After business was completed, the meeting adjourned.