

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Metropolitan Council
390 N. Robert St., St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1805

Notes of a Meeting of the
TAC-PLANNING COMMITTEE
June 12, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Freese, Michelle Beaulieu, Patrick Boylan, Innocent Eyoh, Elaine Koutsoukos, Susan Moe, Kevin Roggenbuck, Mike Sobolewski, Ann Pung-Terwedo

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Bachmeier, City of Oakdale

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Freese.

2. Action Transmittal 2014-44 Functional Classification – Oakdale/Washington Co

Ann Pung-Terwedo distributed a map and aerial overlay of the project area and explained the nature of the request and introduced Brian Bachmeier from the City of Oakdale. It was explained that Hadley Avenue currently operates as a reliever for the local area circulation and was expected to increase this role as I-694 becomes more congested. Brian indicated that Hadley Avenue was important to the City of Oakdale in that it provides emergency access to the principal arterial system for fire and ambulance services, among others.

The current plans indicate a future interchange of Hadley and TH 36. The city is attempting to hold land for the planned interchange, which is to replace an existing signalized intersection but at a greater distance from the interchange with I-694.

A question was raised regarding the Gateway Trail which traverses the area. Plans are that this will be grade separated. The county has committed grant funds for the TH36 improvements for this project.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the functional classification as submitted by the county. Motion carried.

3. Action Transmittal 2014-43 Functional Classification – Bloomington/Eden Prairie

The action transmittal encompasses five roadway functional classification changes in the vicinity of TH 169 and I-494. The committee reviewed these separately and, after a bit of discussion on each, approved #1313, #1314 and #1315. The committee, however, engaged in considerable discussion over item #1316, which involved Washington Avenue and Marth Road. This particular element involves not only newly constructed roadway but also a series of roundabouts throughout the interchange area. One major issue concerned the specific functional classification shown on the accompanying map. In some instances the roundabouts were entirely minor arterials; in others they were partially minor and partially principal arterial by designation, since they encompassed exit ramps to and from the principal arterial system. A similar concern was raised on item #1317, which involved West 78th Street. The committee raised the question as to who is responsible for maintaining the roundabout and accompanying roadways, feeling that this has bearing on

the appropriate classification. Are these parts of the local jurisdiction or that of MnDOT? Staff was directed to address this matter and respond to the committee at its July meeting.

The committee tabled action on this until the July meeting.

4. Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 PM.

Bob Paddock, Secretary