

Minutes

TAC Funding and Programming Committee



Meeting date: March 21, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Members present:

- Bloomington – Karl Keel
- Lakeville – Paul Oehme (Vice Chair)
- Eden Prairie – Robert Ellis
- Fridley – Jim Kosluchar
- Minneapolis – Katie White
- Plymouth – Michael Thompson (Chair)
- St. Paul – Anne Weber
- Met Council – Steve Peterson
- Metro Transit – Scott Janowiak

- TAB Coordinator – Elaine Koutsoukos
- MnDOT Metro District – Aaron Tag
- MnDOT Metro District State Aid – Colleen Brown
- MnDOT Bike/Ped – Mackenzie Turner-Bargen
- MPCA – Innocent Eyoh
- DNR – Nancy Spooner-Walsh
- Suburban Transit Assoc. – Heidi Scholl

- Anoka Co. – Jerry Auge
 - Carver Co. – Darin Mielke
 - Dakota Co. – Jenna Fabish
 - Hennepin Co. – Jason Pieper
 - Ramsey Co. – vacant
 - Scott Co. – Nathan Thomas
 - Wash Co. – Madeline Dahlheimer
- = present, E = excused

Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Vice Chair Keel (Acting Chair) called the regular meeting of the TAC Funding and Programming Committee to order at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda approved

Vice Chair Keel noted that a roll call vote was not needed for approval of the agenda unless a committee member offered an amendment to the agenda. Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Maddie Dahlheimer, seconded by Jason Pieper, to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2024, regular meeting of the TAC Funding and Programming Committee. **Motion carried.**

Public comment on committee business

There were no public comments.

TAB report

E. Koutsoukos reported on the March 20, 2024 Transportation Advisory Board meeting.

Business

2024-16: Scope Change Request – Hennepin County CSAH 52 (Nicollet Ave) and CSAH 66 (Golden Valley Rd) Improvements

Robbie King of the Metropolitan Council’s Metropolitan Transportation Services office presented the scope change request and background information to the committee.

The county is proposing that planned safety improvements at the intersection of CSAH 52 (Nicollet Avenue) and 67th Street be removed so that the improvements can be completed within a separate county project (CP # 2120800). Hennepin County will be reconstructing CSAH 52 (Nicollet Avenue) from 77th Street to 66th Street; a stretch that contains the intersection identified above. This separate Hennepin County project is currently funded through MnDOT State Aid and local sources as part of the county’s 2024-2028 Transportation Capital Improvement Program.

Hennepin County is requesting approval of the scope change request with retention of federal funds originally awarded for this project.

Vice Chair Karl Keel noted that for previous scope change requests where the removed element is completed within a separate project federal funds are retained. Keel asked if staff from Hennepin County have any additional notes on the request.

Cole Partridge of Hennepin County declined additional comment.

It was moved by Jerry Auge, seconded by Paul Ohme, to “recommend to TAC that TAB approve Hennepin County’s scope change request to remove planned safety improvements at CSAH 52 (Nicollet Avenue) and 67th Street.”. **Motion carried.**

2024-17: Program Year Extension Request – MnDOT US8 HSIP Project

Robbie King of the Metropolitan Council’s Metropolitan Transportation Services office presented the program year extension request and background information to the committee.

In 2020, MnDOT was awarded \$544,500 (currently \$556,200) in HSIP funding to construct a left turn lane at Hazel Avenue and close 250th Street (SP # 1308-29S) on US 8 in Chisago County, supplementing its US 8 reconstruction project (SP # 1308-29). MnDOT requests a program year extension so that this project can remain a part of SP # 1308-29, which has moved to 2026. The larger reconstruction project on US 8 from Interstate 35 in Forest Lake to Chisago City will be included in the 2025-2028 TIP.

MnDOT requests a program year extension for its US 8 intersection access project to move from 2025 to 2026.

Vice Chair Keel asked if there were additional comments from MnDOT staff on this request.

Dmitry Tomasevich from MnDOT noted that the project was summarized well.

Vice Chair Keel noted that this program year extension request satisfies TAB policy by exceeding the minimum score to qualify for a recommendation for approval.

It was moved by M. Dahlheimer, seconded by Colleen Brown, to “recommend that TAB approve the program year extension request for MnDOT’s US 8 intersection access project to move from



2025 to 2026". **Motion carried.**

2024-18: 2024 Regional Solicitation Scoring Appeal for City of Hopkins

Joe Barbeau of the Metropolitan Council's Metropolitan Transportation Services office presented the scoring appeal and background information to the committee.

J. Barbeau began by noting that the title of this action transmittal is not properly titled, but the recommended motion is properly worded to include a motion to approve the regional solicitation scores.

J. Barbeau continued by outlining an error in the regional solicitation scoresheet. He inquired about whether this would require a separate motion to approve.

K. Keel noted that this would not require a separate motion and that any error correction would be included in the item's overall motion.

J. Barbeau outlined that regional Solicitation applicants were given the opportunity to appeal their scores with a due date of Wednesday, March 13. The City of Hopkins provided an appeal discussed on subsequent pages. Metropolitan Council staff consulted with the scorer and the scoring committee chair to generate a recommended course of action as shown in the pages below.

J. Barbeau asked if Craig Jenson, the scorer, would like to present their scoring appeal.

J. Barbeau outlined the scoring measure for Measure 4A which addresses the application's ability to close gaps, remove barriers, and/or encourage continuity between jurisdictions.

J. Barbeau outlined the appeal from the applicant and the recommendation that no score change be made. The recommendation is based on a further review by the scorer themselves as they believe their score was accurate and appropriate.

C. Jenson concurred with J. Barbeau's presentation of the appeal and noted that the score for this application was accurate. The trail, as applied, does not have proper crossing across the barrier to necessitate a higher score in this category. This is further noted that other applications in this category do have proper crossings across barriers which allowed them to score higher within this measure.

K. Keel called upon Kurt Howard of Hopkins, the applicant, to provide additional information if they wished.

K. Howard outlined that they do not have additional information. They thanked the committee and staff for their attention to the review.

K. Keel outlined the two motions for consideration and waited for motions to be made by members.

J. Barbeau noted that these items are not recommendations, these are actions, because these items do not proceed to the Technical Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Robert Ellis, seconded by J. Pieper, that "the TAC Funding & Programming Committee not change the score to Hopkins's Measure 4A". **Motion carried.**

It was moved by J. Pieper, seconded by J. Auge, that "the TAC Funding & Programming approve the final regional solicitation scores that corrects the sorting error on the bikeway category". **Motion carried.**



Information

Regional Solicitation Evaluation Survey Results (Bethany Brandt-Sargent, MTS and Tom Holmes, Zan Associates)

Bethany Brant-Sargent, MTS, and Tom Holmes, Zan Associates, presented.

Keel asked about the rate of participation in comparison to other surveys.

Holmes noted that there were 126 more participants in this survey. More participants with disabilities and more women were reached within this survey.

Auge asked about differences between the counties in responses to the survey.

Holmes outlined that there was a missing link between the zip code and the survey questions, so locations were not captured reliably.

Keel asked if respondents put all of their money into one category or if more respondents spread their money around to many categories.

Steve Peterson noted that this presentation will be brought to TAC and TAB.

Jim Kosluchar asked about the historical investment within each category of the Regional Solicitation.

Jason Pieper noted that this is very helpful to have this information now. They also noted that Hennepin County staff submitted one survey as an aggregate of all opinions within their staff.

Heidi Scholl noted that the comments slide was only from Scott County and asked for clarification.

Reports

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

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