

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 Robert Street North, Saint Paul

Committee Members Present: Nathan Abney, Dave Burns, Bob Byers, Paul Czech, Michael Larson, Mehjabeen Rahman, Angie Stenson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Paul Czech chaired the meeting. Jan Lucke has been promoted and will no longer be able to participate on the committee. The agenda was adopted. February minutes were unavailable due to staff illness. Both the February and March minutes will be available at the April meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Review of Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Chapters

Amy Vennewitz presented this item, which covered the remaining chapters with changes. Bob Byers asked if information from the latest round of local comprehensive plans was included in this update; Vennewitz said not all local plans have been submitted yet, so those are still in process. This update does not include information on trends from those plans since they are not all complete, but staff are tracking transportation elements within the plans reviewed and can come back to this committee in the future with trend summaries once that information is available.

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Chapters were reviewed individually with an overview of changes (outlined in the linked presentation). Angie Stenson asked if requested changes in demographics for employment and household allocations are included. Jonathan Ehrlich said the dataset used for model runs is periodically updated, and staff will check between this draft plan version and the final plan to ensure it is as current as possible. Vennewitz said if committee members have any comments on the draft chapters to send them to Heidi Schallberg. At the April meeting, the committee will be asked to recommend the draft TPP be released for public comment.

2. Freeway System Interchange Study

Tony Fischer and Michael Corbett presented this item. The purpose of the study is to prioritize opportunities to reduce vehicle delay and crashes, address the needs of freight and transit, and right-size freeway investments. MnDOT wants this study to be a useful tool for its use as well as by MPOs. It will be updated every few years, and some locations may be added as they are identified.

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3. UN Climate Change Conference Reflections

Eric Wojchik from the Council's Community Development staff presented this item about participating in the 30-member Minnesota delegation to the UN Conference of the Parties, which addresses climate change. At the Council he works on resilience with local communities. One clear message from other participants around the world was that what we do in Minnesota to address climate change matters. Paul Czech asked if any discussions addressed equity. Indigenous people were part of the conference and are often the most impacted by climate issues. One of the main challenges with international climate markets is that many indigenous people are worried about

being able to use their lands for their livelihoods. The US is technically still in the Paris agreement until November 5, 2020, so the US had a seat at the table for this conference.

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4. Update on Regional STOPS Model

Jonathan Ehrlich presented this item. Committee members had no questions.

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OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

After business was completed, the meeting adjourned.