
*Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 3, 2015
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Doug Fischer, Brian Sorenson, Jim Grube, Tim Mayasich, Lisa Freese, Jan Lucke, Steve Bot, Elaine Koutsoukos, Mark Filipi, Adam Harrington, Pat Bursaw, Innocent Eyoh, Bridget Rief, Beverley Miller, Danny McCullough, Karl Keel, Jean Keeley, Steve Albrecht, Paul Oehme, Michael Thompson, Bruce Loney, Steve Hay, Jack Byers, Paul Kurtz (Members Excused: Michael Larson, Kim Lindquist)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Steve Albrecht recommended that Action Items 2015-32 and 2015-28 be switched on the agenda. Mark Filipi moved and Michael Thompson seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

3. Approval of March Minutes

The May 6, 2015, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as written. Mark Filipi moved and Pat Bursaw seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

4. TAB Report

Elaine Koutsoukos reported on the May 20, 2015 TAB meeting.

Reports:

TAB Chair: James Hovland did not have a report.

Met Council, MPCA, MnDOT: No reports

MAC: Carl Crimmins reported that the expansion of Humphrey terminal was on hold, as Sun Country may be downsizing.

TAC Report: Steve Albrecht, TAC Chair, reported that TAC members had an initial discussion on the 2016 CMAQ funding re-allocation. They reviewed several alternatives and decided to send the item to the Funding & Programming Committee for further review of the details. Funding & Programming Committee will meet after the TAB decides on the list of projects for the Regional Solicitation and this will assist in narrowing down alternatives. It is expected that three additional transit projects, the Transit On-Board Survey, and two Trail or Pedestrian projects can be funded.

Action Items:

1. 2015-25 2015-2018 Streamlined TIP Amendment was approved for St. Croix Boom Site, in

Washington County. Civil engineering is being added to the project scope and increases the project cost by \$75,500. The funding will come from unused preliminary engineering from another project for this site.

2. 2015-23 Scope Change Request for Hennepin Co
3. 2015-24 2015 TDM Solicitation Release Authorization
4. 2015-22 2014 Regional Solicitation list of projects were approved and will be included in the Draft 2016-2019 TIP. TAB approved the Mid-Level Base Scenario; 51 projects will be funded.

Information Items:

- Steve Peterson, MTS, presented information on Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study.

5. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Steve Albrecht, Chair)

Steve Albrecht reported that the new MnDOT-Freight representative will be John Tompkins. Duane Schwartz's (Roseville) position has not yet been filled by Metro Cities. Jim Grube is now joining TAC from Hennepin County. The July meeting of the TAC will likely be cancelled, and a formal email with that determination will be sent as the date approaches.

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

2015-26: Metro Transit TIP Amendment

Tim Mayasich presented this item. Mark Filipi moved and Adam Harrington seconded. Motion passed.

2015-27: HSIP Solicitation Project Selection

Tim Mayasich presented this item. Mark Filipi moved and Pat Bursaw seconded. Motion passed.

2015-229: Hopkins Scope Change

Tim Mayasich requested a presentation from Hopkins staff and noted that other funding options are available as part of the staff report. Adam Harrington stated that this project had a huge overmatch to begin with, nearly 50/50 funding split, so it might not be necessary to further pull funds as a result of the project change. Doug Fischer said that the 4.3 option sounded reasonable with a \$5.5 million award. Michael Thompson asked how the remaining \$500,000 would be funded. Hopkins staff suggested that Southwest Project Office could contribute, however given the concerns about cost overruns on the project, that is not a given. Karl Keel pointed out that \$5 million in savings has already been achieved as a result of the private developer taking on more work.

Doug Fischer moved to recommend option 4.3 to the TAB. Karl Keel seconded. Tim Mayasich noted that Funding & Programming mostly spoke about the project itself, not the funding options. Motion passes.

2015-31: Hastings Scope Change

Tim Mayasich requested a presentation from Hastings staff. Michael Thompson stated that this new project as scoped meets the original intent of the original project. Karl Keel appreciated that the project is all segments together.

Michael Thompson moved and Pat Bursaw seconded. Motion passed.

2015-28: CMAQ 2016 Funding Options

Steve Peterson presented the information that went to Funding & Programming.

Tim Mayasich moved and Adam Harrington seconded. Motion passed.

2015-32: Draft 2016-2019 TIP

Joe Barbeau, Mary Gustafson, and Tom Styrbicki presented on the content of the TIP. Steve Bot asked if all districts are doing CHIP documents. Pat Bursaw responded yes, and that there is no need for the 7W part of District 3 to be incorporated into the Metro CHIP because it is a programming document, not a planning document.

Tim Mayasich moved and Innocent Eyoh seconded. Motion passed.

C. Planning Committee (Lisa Freese, Chair)

The Planning committee met in April for information items. We would like to get more involvement in MTS' discussion of performance measures. Conversations were also had on the PA study and the CHIP. As a result of MTS' meetings with all seven counties, it is clear that more work needs to be done on data collection.

6. Special Agenda Items

There were no special agenda items.

7. Agency Reports

There were no agency reports.

8. Other Business and Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:22AM.

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