
*Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 6 2018
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Doug Fischer, Lyndon Robjent, Brian Sorenson, John Doan, Ted Shoenecker, Lisa Freese, Jan Lucke, Steve Bot, Elaine Koutsoukos, Steve Peterson, Adam Harrington, Brian Isaacson, Innocent Eyoh, Andrew Emanuele, Dave Jacobson, Peter Dahlberg, Danny McCullough, Ken Ashfeld, Anne Kane, Paul Oehme, Michael Thompson, Kim Lindquist, Robert Ellis, Jen Hager, Jack Byers, Bill Dermody, Paul Kurtz (Excused: Bridget Rief, Jim Kosluchar, Michael Larson)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Freese at 9:03 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was moved by Elaine Koutsoukos and seconded by Paul Oehme. No discussion. Motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Brian Isaacson and seconded by Steve Peterson. Motion passed.

4. TAB Report

Elaine Koutsoukos reported on the May 16 TAB meeting.

Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Lisa Freese, Chair)

Lisa Freese reported on the Executive Committee meeting, which discussed the day's agenda. She also welcomed John Doan, now representing Hennepin County, to the group.

B. Planning Committee (Jan Lucke, Chair)

Jan Lucke reported that there was no May committee meeting.

C. Funding and Programming Committee (Paul Oehme, Chair)

2018-32 TIP Amendment: Washington County Hadley Interchange. Paul Oehme presented the item. Jan Lucke moved and Lyndon Robjent seconded the recommended motion. Motion passed. Lyndon Robjent asked why this was not a streamlined amendment. Joe Barbeau responded that there was a 35% increase in project cost which was significant. MnDOT also indicated that this was not a time-sensitive request so streamlining was not required.

2018-33 Scope Change: Anoka County Hanson Boulevard Expansion. Paul Oehme presented the item. Robert Ellis moved and Innocent Eyoh seconded. Motion passed.

2018-34 TIP Amendment: Anoka County Hanson Boulevard Expansion. Paul Oehme presented the item. Michael Thompson moved and Brian Isaacson seconded. Motion passed.

2018-35 Draft 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program. Paul Oehme presented the item. Brian Isaacson moved and Doug Fischer seconded. Motion passed.

6. Special Agenda Items

MnDOT Project Selection. (Philip Schaffner, MnDOT) Philip Schaffner presented on the progress on this work. Ted Schoenecker asked the intent behind stating that the urban context can be less than half a mile long. Philip Schaffner said that projects don't need to be that short, but it was included as an example. Brian Sorenson commented that there is a good focus on pavement quality, but safety should be addressed as well. Philip Schaffner said that was still under consideration. Doug Fischer said that bridge replacement should consider functional obsolete characteristics as well, such as lack of pedestrian facilities, since this is considered for roadway projects as well.

Doug Fischer commented that the mobility category doesn't take safety into consideration either. Philip Schaffner noted that this is included in the cost/benefit component, along with the outcomes of various regional plans and studies. Brian Sorenson recommended that the coordination/synergy category be incorporated into the pavement category too. Doug Fischer asked how local governments can recommend expansion projects for MnDOT's consideration. Philip Schaffner responded that projects must be in the TPP or other regional study for consideration.

Ted Schoenecker asked how much overlap that is between this process and the Corridors of Commerce screenings. Philip Schaffner responded that COC was legislatively-based for its criteria. They ran parallel but distinct processes. Lyndon Robjent asked how scoring relates to the proposed budget, as many of these projects tend to balloon in scope. Philip Schaffner responded that the CHIP and STIP are fiscally constrained. John Doan asked how locals can review the scoring before ratings are released. Philip Schaffner responded that scores are available with the CHIP process and can be contested.

Doug Fischer asked how the Metro vs. Outstate split is occurring, given that so many Metro projects were skipped from COC in order to get to Outstate projects. Philip Schaffner responded that the split has already been adjusted as part of MnDOT's program. Doug Fischer asked how far out they are identifying projects. Philip Schaffner said ten years.

MnDOT Transportation Asset Management Plan. (Shannon Foss, MnDOT) Shannon Foss presented on this work. Doug Fischer asked if there was a model to determine the deterioration of the pavement; Shannon Foss responded in the affirmative. Robert Ellis encouraged MnDOT to include stormwater and floor control assets in this work. Shannon Foss agreed and said that they want to include more hydrology components, including flood vulnerability to consider as part of risk. Steve Peterson asked what the update cycle for this work will be. Shannon Foss responded that it is every four years. Lyndon Robjent asked if the interstate pavement quality number in the year 2027 was accurate; Shannon Foss responded in the affirmative.

Innocent Eyoh asked if climate change indicators were part of this work. Shannon Foss responded yes, that this shows up in the risk analysis for flood and slope vulnerability. Lyndon Robjent advocated for a

central system for this data, similar to how the Metropolitan Council operates MetroGIS. Shannon Foss said that that is a goal for MnDOT as well. There are currently three asset management databases at MnDOT. Lisa Freese asked if this work includes the non-MnDOT operated PAs. Shannon Foss said not yet.

TPP Update on New Highway Projects. (Steve Peterson, MTS) Steve Peterson presented this work, updated since the TAC voted to release the TPP for public comment. Lisa Freese asked about the two projects in Scott County. Lyndon Robjent asked about the green project dots. Steve Peterson clarified that they are included because they are either PAs or on A Minors greater than one mile.

7. Agency Reports

Brian Isaacson reported that MnDOT and FHWA will allow local governments to contribute to HSIP projects for widening shoulders beyond the two foot maximum.

Adam Harrington reported that on Friday, June 8 I-35W into downtown Minneapolis will close for four months. Route 54 extension begins operation on June 9.

Steve Peterson reported that the July TAC meeting is cancelled. Joe Barbeau will be setting up solicitation scoring committees over the summer.

8. Other Business and Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:37AM.

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