Minutes
TAC Planning Committee

Meeting date: January 11, 2024
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Virtual

Members present:
☐ Anoka Co – Jack Forslund
☒ Brooklyn Park – Jesse Struve (alternate for Dan Ruiz)
☒ Carver Co – Jack Johansen
☐ Chanhassen – Charlie Howley
☒ Council Community Development – Michael Larson
☒ Council MTS – Dave Burns
☒ Dakota Co – Gina Mitteco (Chair)

☒ FHWA – Josh Pearson (ex officio)
☒ Hennepin Co – KC Atkins
☒ Metro Transit – Patrick Haney
☒ MAC – Eric Gilles (alternate for Bridget Rief)
☒ Minneapolis – Kathleen Mayell
☒ MnDOT – Jake Rueter (alternate for Lindsey Bruer)
☒ MPCA – Innocent Eyoh
☒ Ramsey Co – Kevin Roggenbuck

☐ St. Paul – Bill Dermody (Vice Chair)
☒ Scott Co – Terri Dill
☒ Suburban Transit Assoc – Grace Almeida
☒ TAB Coordinator – Elaine Koutsoukos
☒ Washington Co – Sara Allen
☐ = present, E = excused

Call to order
A quorum being present, Committee Chair Gina Mitteco, Dakota County, called the regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee to order at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda approved
Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes
It was moved by David Burns, MTS Planning, seconded by KC Atkins, Hennepin County, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2023, regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Public comment on committee business
There were no public comments.

Business
1. 2024-07: Review of Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport (MSP) 2040 Long Term Comprehensive Plan (LTCP)

   Joe Widing, MTS Planning, presented the item. Widing described the Met Council’s role in aviation planning under state law, the purpose and contents of airport long term comprehensive plans, forecasted activity at the airport, and projects identified in the plan.

   Kathleen Mayell, City of Minneapolis, said the city submitted comments previously identifying
need for updated air quality data and analysis on current and future impacts. Mayell said the plan refers to a ten-year-old study that cites even older data. Mayell said it is still important to look at specific outputs of the airport despite the region being in air quality attainment. Eric Gilles, Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), said the MAC appreciates the comment and that they anticipate completing further environmental review. Gilles said, compared to the previous plan, this plan’s forecasts reflect reduced aircraft operations reflective of COVID-19 pandemic recovery and quieter and more fuel-efficient aircraft. Gilles said the MAC is working to progress use of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). Mayell responded this analysis should be inclusive of different types of pollutants.

Innocent Eyoh, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), said MPCA supports the City of Minneapolis comment regarding currentness of air quality data. Eyoh said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is tightening standards for PM2.5 (fine particulate matter) and ozone. Eyoh said MPCA is working on a rulemaking on cumulative noise and odor impacts and related reporting. Eyoh said MPCA can provide newer model data. Gilles responded that the MAC must adhere to federal and state environmental processes before designing and constructing projects identified in the long term comprehensive plan. Gilles said plan contents are conceptual and that COVID-19 recovery may change aircraft operations, which could trigger environmental review. Gilles said projects will not appear in the airport capital improvement program until their environmental review processes are complete. Eyoh recognized the MAC’s target for greenhouse gas reduction and work on airport ground vehicle electrification and fuel reduction.

It was moved by Kevin Roggenbuck, Ramsey County, seconded by Michael Larson, Met Council Community Development, that the TAC Planning Committee recommend a determination that the Draft MSP International Airport 2040 LTCP has an areawide and multi-community effect, and is consistent with the Metropolitan Council comprehensive development guide.

Motion carried unanimously.

Information
There were no information items.

Other business
There were no other business items.

Adjournment
Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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