Metropolitan Council

Minutes

TAC Planning Committee



Meeting date: January 11, 2024 Time: 1:00 PM **Location:** Virtual Members present: St. Paul - Bill Dermody □ Anoka Co – Jack Forslund officio) (Vice Chair) Struve (alternate for Dan Ruiz) Grace Almeida □ Carver Co – Jack Johansen for Bridget Rief) ☐ Chanhassen – Charlie Howley Koutsoukos Minneapolis - Kathleen Mayell Washington Co − Sara Allen Development - Michael Larson \square = present, E = excused (alternate for Lindsey Bruer) Dakota Co - Gina Mitteco (Chair) ⊠ Ramsey Co – Kevin

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.

Roggenbuck

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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