

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

#### Committee Members Present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James (Chair)	Anderson, Doug	Bailey, Myron (Dennis, Steve)
Barber, Deb	Barnes, Michael	Boyles, Frank	Crimmins, Carl
Dugan, Peter	Foster, Amity	Fox, Nick	Geisler, Christopher
Goettel, Debbie	Giuliani Stephens, Mary	Hansen, Gary	Holberg, Mary Liz
Hollinshead, Mathews	Jeppson, Julie	Karwoski, Stan	Kealey, Dan
Look, Matt	<del>McDonnell, Craig</del> (Biewen, Todd)	<del>McGuire, Mary Jo</del> (MatasCastillo, Trista)	Narayanan, Ashwat
Petryk, Becky	Reich, Kevin	Sanger, Sue	Schember, George
Steffenson, Mark	Williams, Janet	Windschitl, Mark	Workman, Tom
ABSENT:	Lindeke, William	Tolbert, Chris	Ulrich, Jon
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Koutsoukos, Elaine TAB Coordinator	Solberg, Jon TAC Chair	Thompson, Nick MTS Director

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:31 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

#### II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

#### III. REPORTS

##### 1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland reported on the Unique Project workgroup meetings.

##### 2. Agency Reports MnDOT, MPCA, MAC, and Metropolitan Council

MnDOT, Mike Barnes:

Barnes reported on upcoming grant due dates.

MPCA, Todd Biewen:

Biewen sent his report to TAB Coordinator Elaine Koutsoukos:

VW Settlement Program: Grants expected Spring 2021

School bus replacements (non-electric). The MPCA intends to issue a grant RFP for the replacement of eligible diesel class school buses. Eligible replacement fuel types include diesel, propane, and natural gas.

Heavy-duty on-road vehicles and electric equipment. The MPCA intends to combine two programs referenced in the Phase 2 Beneficiary Mitigation Plan into a single grant RFP.

Clean Cars MN. All materials are available on our website: [mn.gov/cleancars](http://mn.gov/cleancars)

On 5/7 the Administrative Law Judge published her report approving the proposed rule, stating:

"The MPCA established it has the statutory authority to adopt the proposed rules, it complied with all procedural requirements of law and rule, and that the proposed rules are needed and reasonable. Therefore, the Administrative Law Judge **APPROVES** the proposed rules and recommends they be adopted."

- The report is available on our website above.
- Information on next steps will be provided in future months.

MAC, Carl Crimmins:

Crimmins sent his report to TAB Coordinator Elaine Koutsoukos:

- 1) Terminal 1 received the "Grand Award" for construction of the Silver parking ramp from American Council of Engineering and Top Construction Project from Finance & Commerce.
- 2) Delta Airlines, the MAC's primary airline has been awarded #1 in Customer Service from J D Powers
- 3) April air traffic was at 47% of 2019, improving from 50% in March and 60% in January. We are seeing a steady improvement since January 2021.
- 4) Food and beverage service on flights is starting to improve but each airline has a different plan so for more information on your flight contact your airline.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber reported that on June 12<sup>th</sup> the quarterly service changes will be implemented. This quarter we will begin the increase in local service as ridership begins to come back after the pandemic. Several routes are adding frequency of service to meet demand. One new route to highlight is the Route 63/323. This is an increase in service on route 63 in St. Paul and the extension of a new route into Maplewood and Woodbury from the Sun Ray shopping center. It will serve many jobs in Woodbury including the Woodwinds Hospital Area. This route expansion was funded in the Regional Solicitation.

The partnership between Metro Transit and Mn Department of Health continues for the mobile vaccine clinic. We are providing buses and drivers for pop-up vaccine sites throughout the Metro Area and in areas across the site. Each bus is outfitted and staffed to provide 150-200 vaccines per day and has proven very helpful at reaching populations that had lower vaccination rates.

## IV. ACTION ITEMS

### Consent

Motion was made by Bailey, seconded by Windschitl and carried, to approve the following consent items:

1. **Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2021**
2. **2021-18** Four 2021-2024 Streamlined TIP Amendments

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of four amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP to:

1. add a bridge to, and expand the scope of, MnDOT's MN 55 bridge rehabilitation project (SP # 1909-99);

2. add a bridge to, and expand the scope of, MnDOT's MN 55 bridge re-decking project (SP # 2724-124);
3. add the removal of a free right turn to MnDOT's I-694 / Silver Lake Road ramp signal replacement project (SP # 6285-160); and
4. add a traffic management system project on MN 610 (SP # 2771-177).

Aye: 30 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jeppson, Karwoski, Kealey, Look, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Williams, Windschitl, Workman

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Lindeke, Tolbert, Ulrich

Not Recorded: 0

## Non-Consent

1. **2021-19** Release Draft 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program for Public Comment

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

It was moved by Williams, seconded by Goettel that:

The Transportation Advisory Board release the draft 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program for public comment.

### Motion carried.

Aye: 30 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jeppson, Karwoski, Kealey, Look, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Schember, Steffenson, Williams, Windschitl, Workman

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Lindeke, Tolbert, Ulrich

Not Recorded: 0

## V. INFORMATION

1. Equity Discussion

Center for Economic Inclusion Tawanna Black presented this item.

Karwoski mentioned the investment in making sure projects are impactful to all. Hansen brought up the Rondo neighborhood. Sanger asked about employer involvement. MatasCastillo asked about next steps.

2. Electric Vehicle Study

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Tony Fischer and Great Plains Institute Katelyn Bocklund presented this item.

Hollinshead asked if charger locations were home or public, Bocklund responded that the chargers listed are public. Sanger brought up zoning and parking regulations causing issues. MatasCastillo mentioned equity intersecting with this topic. Kealy noted the price of charging station installation and Windschitl commented on the price of electricity.

## **VI. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS**

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Jenna Ernst  
Recording Secretary