

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
 390 North Robert St., St. Paul MN 55101
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Wednesday, November 28, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hargis, William, Chair	Stark, Russ	Butcher, Gerry
Bennett, Tony	Westerberg, Andy	Petryk, Becky	Isaacs, Aaron
Gallagher, Steven	McKnight, Kenya	Duininck, Adam	Sanger, Sue
Hegberg, Dennis	McBride, Scott	Callison, Jan	Thornton, David
Drotning, Karl	Maluchnik, Randy	Fawley, Ethan	Peilen, Lisa
Ulrich, Jon	Siddiqui, AJ	Janovy, Jennifer	Swanson, Dick
Donahoe, Margaret	Hovland, James	Lilligren, Robert	Krause, Paul
Van Hattum, David	Have, Ron	Rossbach, Will	
ABSENT:	Heffelfinger, Thomas	Mary Hamann-Rowland	Tjornhom, Bethany
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator		

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the November 28, 2012 TAB meeting to order at 12:25 pm, League of Minnesota Cities, St. Paul, Minnesota.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Maluchnik, seconded by Krause, to adopt the agenda for the November 28, 2012 TAB meeting. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded by to approve the minutes from October 17, 2012 TAB meeting. Drotning made a suggestion to clarify page 4, 4th bullet from the bottom of paragraph e – Thrive MSP 2040, by changing it to read “Concern with arbitrary targets for development (in developing communities); development densities will be based on market demand”. Motion was made by Have, seconded by Drotning to approve the minutes as amended by Drotning. Motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. Public comment on the agenda items has occurred at the respective TAB subcommittee meetings. There were no members of the public present to address the TAB at today’s meeting.

V. REPORTS

a. TAB Chair’s Report

Chair Bill Hargis reported that the TAB Executive Committee met on November 8 and discussed items that are provided in the meeting notes included in TAB 11/28 mailing. Kevin Roggenbuck added to the information on the Regional Solicitation Study. He stated that SRF is the consultant that has been selected from the three proposers. Roggenbuck will be the Project Manager on the project and will work with a Project Management Team (PMT) consisting of: Mark Filipi-MTS, Carl Ohrn-MTS, Brian Isaacson-MnDOT, Tim Mayasich-Ramsey Co. RRA, and Nacho Diaz. There will also be a Steering Committee (TAB Executive Committee and MC Transportation Committee Chair Steve Elkins) that will work with the consultant and the PMT to share information. The Steering Committee will meet frequently during the next 6 months; TAB will receive updates from the Steering Committee. The scope of work for the consultant includes incorporating MAP-21

into the Regional Solicitation. Policy issues will be decided at the TAB level with reports from the Steering Committee.

Donahoe asked for a status report on the RALF program. Hargis and Roggenbuck will bring this up at the next Jt. TAB Executive Committee/Metro Council meeting.

Roggenbuck reported on the cost of video streaming and recording TAB meetings (memo provided in the TAB mailing). Hargis stated that there is a motion on the floor from the October TAB meeting that has not had a vote, to not video stream the TAB meetings. The vote was taken and passed to not video stream the meetings. Discussion followed regarding audio streaming the TAB meetings, perhaps for a 6-month period. Motion by Peilen, seconded by Butcher to table the audio streaming vote until more information is available. Motion to table passed.

b. Agency Reports (MnDOT, MPCA, MAC and Metropolitan Council)

Scott McBride reported that the STIP has been approved by FHWA. He also stated that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the TH169/I494 project on 11/29.

c. Technical Advisory Committee Report – Pat Bursaw

Bursaw reported on the November 7, 2012 TAC meeting.

The TAC heard a special agenda item on the Highway Transitway Corridor Study (on the TAB agenda today). TAC also heard an update on the Federal Program Delivery Work Group. Results of their work have gone to F&P, with recommendations to go the TAC & TAB in December. The TAC also took action on establishing a task force to MAC as required by their bylaws, and approved the three TIP amendments that are on the TAB agenda today.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Pat Bursaw gave a background on the following three TIP amendments. The Federal Govt. released earmarked funds (\$11M to Minnesota) to states with stipulations and a very quick turn-around. MnDOT developed a plan to deliver projects in the time frame stipulated.

Discussion followed regarding whether the original money was MnDOT or Regional funds and how MnDOT made the decisions as to which projects to spend the \$11M on. The Board also discussed the spending of earmarked funds on non-motorized projects. Hovland stated that this is an example of the need for a process in place on how to handle returned earmarks.

Donahoe and Krause asked for examples of other projects that make up the total \$11M (projects that did not require TIP Amendments).

TAB Action 2012-36: Transportation Improvement Program Amendment: I-35W Lake Street Access

Jim Grube-Hennepin County gave an update of the project and answered questions from committee members regarding exits/entrances from 35W, bike/walk elements in the project, impact to businesses and the need for early involvement with businesses and the effect of this project on other intersections.

Motion by Callison, seconded by Lilligren:

To recommend that the TAB adopts an amendment to the 2012-2015 or the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program to include SP#027-603-049, \$2.0 million for MN061 – Lake Street Access to I-35W, Minneapolis, Preliminary Engineering.

Motion passed.

TAB Action 2012-37: TIP Amendment: Hennepin County Interchange Project

Bursaw stated that the TAC approved this item unanimously; there was no further discussion from the TAB. Motion by Isaacs, seconded by Gallagher:

To recommend that the TAB adopts an amendment to either the 2012-2015 or the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program to include SP#027-030-028, \$6,941,500 for the Transportation Interchange facility in Minneapolis.

Motion passed.

TAB Action 2012-39: TIP Amendment: Midtown Greenway Bridge Study

Bursaw stated that the TAC approved this item unanimously; there was no further discussion from the TAB.

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Isaacs:

To recommend that the TAB adopts an amendment to the 2012-2015 or the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program to include SP#027-070-006, \$14,735 for a Midtown Greenway Corridor Bridge Study from France Ave. to the Mississippi River Bridge.

Motion passed.

TAB Action 2012-38: "A" Minor Arterial Study: Accept final report, conclusion and recommendations with comments.

MTS Senior Planner Mary Karlsson presented this item. She noted that the TAC approved the item with the revisions as noted on the business item.

TAB members had comments:

- There is nothing said about connections and relationship to land use, no data supporting the claim that the study follows regional goals.
- Funding issues for all transportation is the biggest challenge.
- Recommendation 9: "Realigning" roads – is this an unfunded mandate? What funds come with the roads being realigned? Developed and developing areas need to be clear and easy to understand. Need to expand identifying where sidewalks are/and are needed.
- Recommendation 10: needs to be stronger to include mapping of, and priority to retrofit, "A:" Minors with sidewalks and ADA-accessible bus stops.
- Page 15: it would be helpful to see the trend line of crashes.

A member questioned how much the results of the study will cost agencies. The results should be determined prior to the Regional Solicitation so that the TAB can make use of it.

A member said it would be helpful to have appendages in the back of the study for each county showing the types of roads and traffic volumes, and this information should be periodically updated if it is to be used by the counties.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Drotning:

That the TAB accepts and recommend Metropolitan Council accept the "A" Minor Arterial System Evaluation Final Report with the four revisions as noted on the business item and with *additional comments from the TAB shown in italics below*:

Study Recommendation 1

- Include the text from the Regional Development Framework & TPP in an attachment to clearly demonstrate the cause & effect relationship of the policy. (p.5)
- Give an example of how the TPP should more fully explain the purpose of the "A: Minor Arterial system and the difference between "A:" and "B" Minor Arterials. (p.6)

Study Recommendation 2

- The four types should be maintained and definitions updated, including revisiting the definitions of developed and developing areas as part of Thrive MSP 2040. (p.7)

Study Recommendation 3

- Strike, "...as appropriate within the context of all transportation system needs." from the recommendation. (p.11)

Study Recommendation 5:

- *Revise the recommendation to include metrics to be used in the allocation of federal funding among the Regional Solicitation categories including vehicle miles traveled, average daily traffic, bus miles traveled, person throughput, and freight use (using data that can be identified for these metrics). (Report p.17)*
- *Revise the table in the study findings to include bus miles traveled. (Report p.17)*

Study Recommendation 10:

- *Revise Recommendation 10 to include transit and specify collection of sidewalk/trail and ADA-compliant bus stop location data. (Report p. 28)*
- *Revise the study findings to explicitly mention and include a map of the 2030 Arterial Bus Rapid Transit system plan and explicitly mention the Council's upcoming Regional Bicycle System Master Study. (Report p. 28)*

Motion passed.

TAB Action 2012-30: TPP Amendment: Bottineau LPA and transitway corridor study results

Motion by Callison, seconded by Gallagher to table a vote on this item to the December TAB meeting.

Motion passed.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. National Highway System

Denise Hesselroth, Minnesota Department of Transportation, presented this item. She reported on the changes to the NHS from MAP-21. Some principal arterials have been added to the NHS and MAP-21 added miles to the NHS. Hesselroth provided maps and tables specific to counties.

b. Highway Transitway Corridor Study

MTS Senior Planner Cole Hiniker presented this information item and gave background leading to the need for this study. A Transit Master Study done by the Council in 2008 evaluated potential transit investments. Corridors were studied for intensive transit investments, but did not evaluate Highway BRT. The master study made recommendations of what transitway corridors should be incorporated into the TPP and identified future corridors for study. In 2010, a TPP was adopted that incorporated the concept of Managed Lanes in addition to the transitway component. This Highway Transitway Corridor Study will look at highway corridors that have a strong market, the demand and type of market, and look at the demand for Highway BRT, which is a different investment than express bus. The study will also act as a model for future corridor alternatives studies.

VIII. SPECIAL AGENDA

a. Statewide Roadway Jurisdictional Realignment Study

Greg Coughlin, Director MnDOT Metro District Operations and Maintenance, presented this item. The study will assess the need and the ability to transfer jurisdictions of certain roads, and will look at the function of roads and the opportunity for modal choices. MnDOT is working collaboratively with other jurisdictions.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

Rogenbuck announced that Mary Hamann-Rowland has been appointed a new TAB member, replacing Julia Whalen. Hamann-Rowland was not able to attend today's meeting, but will be at the December meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hargis adjourned the regular meeting of TAB at 3:40 pm on Wednesday, October 17, 2012.