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*Transportation Advisory Board  
Of the Metropolitan Council*

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**Minutes of a Meeting of the  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, February 6, 2019  
9:00 A.M.**

**Members Present:** Lyndon Robjent, John Doan, Joe Lux, Lisa Freese, Emily Jorgenson, Kevin Roggenbuck, Steve Bot, Elaine Koutsoukos, Steve Peterson, Lynne Bly, Innocent Eyoh, Bridget Rief, Dave Jacobson, Danny McCullough, Karl Keel, Paul Kauppi, Paul Oehme, Michael Thompson, Bill Dermody, Paul Kurtz, Matt MacPherson

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lisa Freese at 9:12 a.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

**3. Approval of Minutes**

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

**4. TAB Report**

Elaine Koutsoukos reported on the January 16 TAB meeting.

**5. Committee Reports**

**A. Executive Committee** (Lisa Freese, Chair)

**2019-07: Amendment to TAC Bylaws.** Chair Lisa Freese and Elaine Koutsoukos presented this item. Ms. Koutsoukos noted that the first change to the bylaws was the removal of the language regarding the 9:00 a.m. start time. The removal of this language would allow the TAC to start meetings at 9:30, which will serve to better accommodate drivers experiencing congestion. Also included in the proposed changes to the bylaws is a correction of the modal representative on the Funding and Programming committee to represent MnDOT Metro District Multimodal Planning.

Ms. Koutsoukos continued by explaining that the State Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Board, which designates one member to the TAC, is defunct. While there are many small bicycle and pedestrian groups within the metro area, none has taken on the role of the now-defunct State Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Board. It was recommended that the TAC Executive Board fulfill the role of appointing a non-motorized representative to TAC until a new non-motorized advisory board is established. Also discussed was whether there is a need to have separate individuals representing bicycle and pedestrian modes. Chair Freese concluded the discussion by noting that this would be

discussed in greater detail and brought forth to the committee in the future. A motion to approve the bylaw changes as written was moved by Karl Keel and seconded by Lynne Bly. Motion passed. A motion to change the meeting time of TAC to 9:30 was moved by Steve Bot and seconded by Lyndon Robjent. Motion passed.

#### **B. Planning Committee (Kevin Roggenbuck, Vice Chair)**

**2019-08: TPP Amendment for Gold Line and I-94 Lane Addition.** Chelsea Johnson and Joseph Kline presented on the Gold Line TPP Amendment. This extension would create a new bus-rapid transit line to connect downtown St. Paul to Woodbury. The capital cost is \$420 million with a \$5 million annual operating budget.

Jerome Adams from MnDOT presented on the MnDOT I-94 Maple Grove to Rogers TPP Amendment. This project would add an additional lane on the project limits. Joe Lux presented an amendment to the proposed TPP amendment to add additional language and change the total number of stations associated with the Gold Line to 21. The amendment was moved by Mr. Lux and seconded by Bridget Rief. The motion to amend the amendment passed. A motion to release the TPP amendment for public review and comment was moved by John Doan and seconded by Innocent Eyoh. The motion passed.

**2019-12: ITS Architecture.** Mr. Roggenbuck provided the committee with an explanation of the function of the ITS architecture and its role in creating and maintaining an efficient transportation network. A motion to approve the ITS architecture for the region was moved by John Doan and seconded by Paul Oehme. The motion passed.

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

**2019-09: Scope Change: St. Paul Safe Routes to School.** Mr. Oehme explained that the City has identified that pavement conditions on Arlington Avenue are insufficient for supporting an on-street separated bicycle lane. In lieu of this project element, the City proposes the installation of ADA ramps on 12 corners spanning across eight intersections. A motion to approve the request was moved by Michael Thompson and seconded by Joe Lux. Motion passed.

**2019-10: Program Year Extension: Carver County TH 5 Regional Trail.** Mr. Oehme presented this item by explaining that, due to MnDOT's review of environmental documentation, Carver County is requesting a program year extension from 2019 to 2020. A motion to approve the request was moved by Innocent Eyoh and seconded by Lyndon Robjent. Motion passed.

**2019-11: Scope Change Consultation and Evaluation Process.** Mr. Oehme explained that the proposed scope change policy will address shortcomings of the existing process as well as simplify and clarify the scope change process. A motion to approve the scope change consultation and evaluation process was moved by Innocent Eyoh and seconded by Matt MacPherson. Motion passed.

**2019-13: Federal Funds Reallocation Policy.** Mr. Oehme explained that the current policy often leads to tedious administrative processes to distribute small amounts of funds. The proposed changes to the policy would help improve the impact on recipient project funding. A motion to approve the policy was moved by Lyndon Robjent and seconded by Matt MacPherson. Motion passed.

## **6. Special Agenda Items**

**Freeway System Interchange Study.** Tony Fischer of Met Council and Michael Corbett of MnDOT presented on the progress of the ongoing Freeway System Interchange Study. Steve Bot inquired as to how many projects would be included in the evaluation of the study, to which Mr. Fischer explained that there will be approximately 20 interchanges would be evaluated in-depth. Lynne Bly noted that MnDOT has a desire to analyze all system-to-system interchanges in the future and not be limited to the 20 that will be evaluated as part of this study.

## **7. Agency Reports**

Chair Freese noted that Paul Oehme will be taking over as the new Public Works Director for the City of Lakeville.

Innocent Eyoh noted that the MPCA has a new Assistant Commissioner.

Elaine Koutsoukos announced that TAB orientation sessions would be occurring during the month of February and invited TAC members to attend.

## **8. Other Business and Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Joe Lux and seconded by Innocent Eyoh. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

### **Prepared by:**

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