

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Metropolitan Council
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Notes of a Meeting of the
TAC-PLANNING COMMITTEE
August 13, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Beaulieu, Jean Keely, Elaine Koutsoukos, Michael Larson, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Katie White, Rachel Wiken

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Dugan (CBRE), Michelle Fure, Connie Kozlak, Noel Nix, Brad Utecht,

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Ann Pung-Terwedo, who was acting as chair in Lisa Freese's absence.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted

3. Approval of the Minutes

Notes of the meeting of the May 14th meeting were approved as submitted

4. Info Items

1. Update on Performance Measures Workgroup

- Brad Utecht presented on the performance measures workgroups. He last presented at the May 2015 meeting of this group. As TAC planning will act as a steering group for these modal workgroups, he wanted to keep the committee updated on progress.
 - Two groups have met - transit and bike/pedestrian. Highway group will meet next week, and freight and aviation will meet the first week in September. All groups have selected members. Municipalities / Counties are present on all groups. Transit group includes provider representatives. Freight group includes trucking groups and port authority. Aviation is MAC focused.
 - A prioritized list of measures will be brought to TAC Planning once the groups have met.

2. Public Participation Plan

- Michelle Fure and Noel Nix presented on the Council's work in updating the public participation plan (PPP).
- Michelle gave some background on the project. Coming out of the Thrive MSP 2040 process, the Council heard feedback that the Council's engagement didn't provide enough opportunities to give feedback; and the settings for interaction were not always effective places for participation. The Council asked staff to evaluate the process. Also, the Corridors of Opportunity grant had \$750k (of a \$5 million grant) for community engagement. There were

many lessons learned from that project that were rolled into this evaluation as well.

- Themes discussed included focusing on building relationships, giving clear direction so communities know where to plug in, accountability on reporting feedback, and flexibility to meet the needs of the people, not just the organization.
- Michelle highlighted Strategy E6 from the Transportation Policy Plan, calling for engagement with underrepresented communities.
- This work will not change the MPO process. It will change the tactics the Council uses in community engagement.
- Presentations to TAB / TAC late summer and fall. Followed by public input. Draft document by December, adopted in Jan.
- Michelle asked the TAC Planning committee what roll they would like to play in developing this draft. The group concurred they would like to see a draft when available. And after TAC next month, other absent members of the group might have further direction for the communications staff.

4. Action Transmittal

- **2015-36 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
 - Katie White presented on the UPWP, which is brought to TAC Planning yearly. She highlighted some changes in this year's proposed budget.
 - Planning activities are organized into 5 categories, instead of 6. Old categories A and B are combined into category A this year.
 - New sections under Comprehensive and Surface planning include Thrive MSP, Congestion Management Process, Performance Management, Environmental justice and Equity, RALF (which is not federally funded but included to fully describe what MTS is working on).
 - The TIP and Regional solicitation process were split into two distinct categories.
 - MPO payments to rest of the council (for legal, communications, etc) went up significantly in 2016.
 - Future year projects also included (2017 and beyond) not included in the funding but to give the feds an idea of projects looking forward to next TPP
 - There are lots of projects carrying over from 2015, which was a big year for starting new projects after completing the TPP. 2016 will have fewer new big projects starting.
 - A few new projects Katie did highlight include: Met Mo demand projections, Bike Ped Counts (program to purchase hardware), bike ped barriers and gaps study, last mile employer shuttle connection study, evaluation of the regional solicitation.
 - The UPWP will go to TAC in September
 - Elaine Koutsoukos made a motion to approve, seconded by Michelle Beaulieu

5. Other Business

- Connie Kozlak brought up the soon to be published Local Planning Handbook and the issue of collectors in the functional class. Currently, the Council does not require a city / county functional map match the regional system for the collector roads. (A Minors and PAs have been carefully reviewed).

FHWA is now asking for a more accurate depiction of the collector system nationally. After much discussion the group agreed to the suggestion to change the language in the local planning handbook to reflect the need for cities/ counties to highlight difference in the collector system but these changes will not need to be brought formally to this committee and onto TAB, like an A Minor change would. A summary of changes would be reported to the committees.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58pm