

Minutes

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting date: August 16, 2023

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members present:

Chair, James Hovland
1st Vice Chair, Mark Windschitl
2nd Vice Chair, Trista Martinson
Doug Anderson
Myron Bailey
Deb Barber
Michael Barnes
Carl Crimmins
Peter Dugan
Amity Foster
Chris Geisler
Debbie Goette
Gary Hansen
Mary Liz Holberg
Mathews Hollinshead

~~Mitra Jalali (Chris Tolbert)~~
Mark Jenkins
Julie Jeppson
Glen Johnson
Stan Karwoski
Frank Kohlasch
~~Emily Koski (Elliot Payne)~~
Andy Lewis
~~William Lindeke (Rich Holst)~~
~~Randy Maluchnik (John Morast)~~
Brian Martinson
~~Becky Petryk~~

~~Jess Robertson~~
George Schember
Mark Steffenson
Jon Ulrich
Jeffrey Weisensel
Janet Williams
~~Tom Workman (Jon Fahey)~~

Staff

Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB
Jeni Hager, TAC
Charles Carlson, MTS Director

Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:36 p.m.

Agenda approved

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Windschitl to approve the agenda. Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Reports

1. TAB Chair's Report – Jim Hovland

Chair Hovland reported on his appointment as Chair of the Transportation Committee for the US Conference of Mayors.

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

MnDOT

Barnes had nothing to report.

MPCA

Kohlasch reported that the electric vehicle school bus grant program has been extended, the MPCA is also exploring stacking grants to provide additional funding for programs. Kohlasch shared information about water infrastructure grant proposals.

MAC

Crimmins reported on an ongoing public comment period, the additional lane for pick up and drop off, dynamic pricing is being reviewed.

Metropolitan Council

Barber reported on the TPP workgroup and the ask for an additional member who represents that cities on TAB. Barber also announced that Lesley Kandaras has been hired to permanently fill the role of Metro Transit General Manager. Barber reported that service is increasing and shared State Fair service updates.

STA

Hansen reported that State Fair service and Renaissance Fair service is being planned for and MVTA will have an increased service come September.

3. TAC Report – Jeni Hager, TAC Chair

Hager reported on the technical committees and their discussion about Active Transportation Funding. Staff capacity was discussed and including it in the scope of work for the consultant contract for the 2026 Regional Solicitation Evaluation was the viable solution.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Lewis to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2023, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

There were no items on the consent agenda.

Non-consent business

1. 2023-33: Accept Public Comments and Adopt 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Joe Barbeau, MTS)

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Karwoski, that the Transportation Advisory Board:

1. Accept the attached 2024-2027 TIP Public Comment Report and
2. Recommend adoption of the attached 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which includes the changes made in response to public comment.

Motion carried.

2. 2023-38: Urban Area Boundary (Jeni Hager, TAC Chair)

It was moved by Windschitl, seconded by Jenkins, that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of the proposed smoothed urban area boundary as shown on the attached map.

Motion carried.

3. 2023-40: 2040 Transportation Policy Plan Amendment #2 (Jeni Hager, TAC Chair)

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Williams, that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend the release of the attached draft 2040 Transportation Policy Plan Amendment #2, which adds five regionally significant projects, for public review and comment.

Motion carried.

4. 2023-41: Scope Change Request for Minneapolis E Line Route Signal and Pedestrian Safety Project (Jeni Hager, TAC Chair)

It was moved by Payne, seconded by Goettel, that the Transportation Advisory Board approve Minneapolis' scope change request to remove the Upton Avenue S/Sheridan Avenue S and 43rd Street intersection from Minneapolis' E Line route signal and pedestrian safety

project (SP# 141-030-058) with no federal funding reduction.

TAB members discussed the scope change and policy implications.

Motion carried.

5. 2023-42: Program Year Shift Request for Brooklyn Park CSAH 103 and CSAH 30 Projects (Jeni Hager, TAC Chair)

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Goettel, that the Transportation Advisory Board approve Brooklyn Park's request to shift its CSAH 103 roadway project (110-020-041), its CSAH 103 streetscape/trail project (110-020-042), and its CSAH 30 roadway project (110-020-043) to 2028.

TAB members discussed potential complications in the future and the technical working group's feedback.

Motion carried.

6. 2023-39: Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) Map for the Regional Solicitation (Jeni Hager, TAC Chair)

It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Geisler, that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the updated RBTN with administrative adjustments for use in the 2024 Regional Solicitation.

TAB members discussed various terms and the details included.

Motion carried.

7. 2023-43: Release 2024 Regional Solicitation and HSIP Applications (Jeni Hager, TAC Chair)

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Payne, that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend approval of the release of the 2024 Regional Solicitation and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Solicitation for federal fiscal year 2028 and 2029 with the following changes to the draft Regional Solicitation based on public comments:

- Clarification in the Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities application scoring guidance for Measure 1 specifying that projects not connected to the Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) "will be awarded 50 points if they are a part of a local system and identified within an adopted county, city, or regional parks implementing agency plan."
- Rewording of the Unique Projects application to define scalability and adjust the criteria weights to 100% total.
- Rewording of the Bridge application qualifications to reflect changing state-aid bridge eligibility to require a Local Planning Index (LPI) of less than 60 or a National Bridge Inventory (NBI) Appraisal Rating of three or less in one of three categories (deck geometry, approach roadway, and waterway adequacy).
- Replace the phrase "equity population" with "disadvantaged communities" in the Equity and Housing Criterion within each application category.
- Other minor and grammatical edits as shown in the revised document.

TAB members discussed the RBTN as part of the transportation system. TAB members discussed the definition of equity and the need for a glossary.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Transportation System Performance Evaluation (Liz Roten, MTS)

TAB members discussed the various data points that contributed to this evaluation.



Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

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