

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
 390 North Robert St., St. Paul MN 55101
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Wednesday, May 16, 2012

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the May 16, 2012 TAB meeting to order at 1:30 pm, Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Whalen, to adopt the agenda for the May 16, 2012 TAB meeting.
 Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Krause, seconded by Whalen, to approve the minutes from April 18, 2012 TAB meeting.
 Motion carried.

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. TAB CHAIR REPORT

Hargis reported that he and Kevin Roggenbuck have completed individual meetings with each TAB member. A summary of comments and issues raised by TAB members has been provided in today's mailing packet. Hargis asked members to consider the first "administrative" bullet in the summary, i.e. consider having Committee of the Whole meetings monthly; replace Policy and Programming subcommittees with ad hoc committees for major action items like the regional solicitation and TIP adoption. Members can direct their comments to Roggenbuck in the next few months for further consideration.
 TAB members have expressed an interest in a glossary of acronyms used in the transportation field. Staff will prepare a list of the most common acronyms and provide to TAB.

The 5/10/12 TAB Executive committee notes are also included in today's mailing packet. Hargis called attention to the notes on the Regional Solicitation process. Nacho Diaz will provide support to Kevin Roggenbuck on refining the Regional Solicitation process. A formal plan will be brought to the TAB for action at the June meeting.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technical Advisory Committee

Pat Bursaw reported that the TAC met on 5/02/12 and discussed the following:

- Phillip Schaffner- MnDOT, gave an update on the Corridor Investment Management Strategy (CIMS). MnDOT has scheduled 18 statewide meetings on this subject, four of the meetings are in the Metro Area.
- MnDOT Federal Program Delivery Group is looking into: 1) Sunset Date: eliminate? or have a program year with extensions? 2) Incentive/disincentives to delivering projects on time; and 3) Regular monitoring of projects and processes to deliver project reports more frequently. Bursaw reported that currently only about 30% of projects are delivered in the program year.
- Reviewed the Planning and Programming Guide noting that TAB needs to be comfortable with the language describing the TAB's role in the MPO.
- Reviewed the 2011 Regional Solicitation scores and recommended approval to the TAB. Also discussed the pros and cons of proceeding with an uncertain funding scenario.
- Approved the TIP amendments on today's TAB agenda.
- Recommended approval of the Draft 2013-2016 TIP.
- TAC Bylaws revision – (copy provided in the meeting packet) Most of the revisions were housekeeping items. The TAC has a similar structure as the TAB. Bylaws include provisions for website enhancements (meeting postings), electronic voting ability and circumstances. No action has been taken on the decision to expand membership of the TAC to include other modal representatives.

Policy Committee

Russ Stark reported that the Policy Committee met and discussed the following:

a. 2012-25: Transportation Planning and Programming Guide for the Twin Cities

The Policy Committee suggested minor edits to the guide to clarify the role of the TAB in the MPO. MTS Senior Planner Ann Braden and MTS Director Arlene McCarthy were present to explain the research that was conducted to reach the language in the guide. Discussion followed by members with differing opinions as to who is the MPO (TAB or Metro Council). The committee agreed to revise the language to include the words: "in conjunction with the TAB" in all of the areas that the guide refers to the Metro Council as the MPO.

Motion by Stark, seconded by Krause:

That the Transportation Advisory Board review and approve the Transportation Planning and Program Guide with the added language "in conjunction with the TAB" in all areas of the guide where the Metro Council is listed as the MPO.

Motion passed.

b. Information: Guideway Status Report

The Policy Committee received a presentation on the Guideway Status Report. This report is required by the legislature and is an update on the transitways.

c. Information: Metropolitan Council Preliminary 2040 Forecasts.

The Policy Committee received a presentation by Libby Starling, Metropolitan Council Community Development, about the preliminary forecasts of population, employment and households in the seven-county region for 2040. The forecasts will continue to be fine-tuned, and are an important element for work on Thrive 2040 (formerly Regional Development Framework).

Donohoe asked about the status of the Freight Study. Roggenbuck responded that the study is underway and there will be a presentation in the future.

Programming Committee

Jim Hovland reported that the Programming Committee met and discussed the items that follow. He made a motion to act on items b (2012-21) and c (2012-22) in one motion as consent items. Motion seconded by Whalen to approve items b & c in one motion as consent items. Motion passed.

a. 2012-20: 2011 Regional Solicitation – Final Scores; Pros and Cons of Allocating Federal Funds

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Bennett:

That the TAB accepts the final score and project ranking from the 2011 Regional Solicitation

Motion passed.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Lilligren:

That the TAB direct the TAC to produce a report for the TAB on scenarios for funding at 100% of 2013-2014 levels for discussion and contingency plans should reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU provide less federal funding.

Motion passed.

Isaacs suggested that future work on the solicitation criteria focus on favoring maintenance projects over expansion projects.

b. 2012-21: 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Request for MnDOT to add St. Croix River Crossing Pre-Construction Work

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Whalen:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopts an amendment to the 2012-2015 TIP that adds SP#8217-82045PE and #8217-82045PR: Bridge Plan Design, Analysis and Review.

Motion passed.

c. 2012-22: TIP Amendment Request for FTA Section 5310 Projects for Transportation for Elderly and Persons with Disabilities

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Whalen:

That the TAB adopts an amendment to the 2012-2015 TIP that adds projects selected by MnDOT to receive FTA Section 5310, Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program funds.

Motion passed.

d. 2012-23: Adoption of the Draft 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Purpose of Holding a Public Hearing

MTS Senior Planner James Andrew gave a presentation on the draft 2013-2016 TIP, including responsibility, criteria to approve projects in the TIP, funding processes and sources.

Brian Isaacs, MnDOT, gave a presentation on the MnDOT Metro District Programs included in the TIP and Amy Vennewitz, MTS, reported on Transit funding for projects in the TIP.

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Hegberg:

That the TAB adopts the Draft 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area for the purpose of public comment ,and schedules a public hearing for June 20, 2012.

Motion passed.

VII. SPECIAL AGENDA

Roadmap 2040

Due to time constraints, Margaret Donahoe, MN Transportation Alliance, will present on this item in June.

VIII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

None

IX. AGENCY REPORTS

None.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hargis adjourned the regular meeting of TAB at 3:10 pm on Wednesday, May 16, 2012.

Respectfully submitted: LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary