

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
 390 North Robert St., St. Paul MN 55101
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Wednesday, March 21, 2012

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Vice Chair Hovland called the March 21, 2012 TAB meeting to order at 1:45 pm, Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul.

Hovland stated that he will step aside as Chair of the meeting during the discussion of item 2012-11 pertaining to the City of Edina, as he is Mayor of the City, and at that point in the meeting Robert Lilligren will take over as Chair.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Lilligren, to adopt the agenda for the March 21, 2012 TAB meeting.
 Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Petryk, to approve the minutes from February 15, 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. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Technical Advisory Committee

Pat Bursaw reported that the TAC met on 3/07/12 and received information and/or discussed the following:

- 1) A presentation on the Regional Development Framework by Libby Starling, Metro Council Community Development Department.
- 2) Discussion on the TAC Bylaws.
- 3) Continued discussion on the Planning and Programming Guidebook.
- 4) Four action items that are on today's TAB meeting agenda.
- 5) From the TAC Planning Committee: Allen Lovejoy will be the Chair of TAC Programming Committee.
- 6) Federal Program Delivery: A work group has been established (Tim Mayasich-chair) to assess status of projects and delivery, timing, funds to identify options, institute data reporting and incentives.

B. Policy Committee

Russ Stark reported that the Policy Committee heard reports on the following:

- a. **Information: St. Croix River Bridge**
Discussion on the modest reduction in cost and project impact on communities.
- b. **Information: Coordinated Action Plan**
The plan includes JARC, New Freedom and other public and private access programs. A needs assessment is being performed.
- c. **Information: Transportation Planning and Programming Guide**
The third time the item has appeared before committee. In general the Policy Committee believes the document is in good shape. A final draft to the Policy Committee is scheduled in May.

C. Programming Committee

Lilligren reported that the Programming Committee met and discussed the following items and noted that a number of non-Programming Committee were members present at the meeting:

- a. **Information:** Update on the 2011 Regional Solicitation and Presentation on the Regional Solicitation Scoring Process
Update presented by Kevin Roggenbuck. The scoring process from years past was followed, TAB's direction is to stop after completing the scoring – waiting for news of a Federal Transportation Bill.
- b. **Information:** Moving Toward a Performance-Based Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) and Transportation System Performance Assessment (TSPA)
Mark Filipi, MTS Manager Technical Planning Support, presented to the Programming Committee. Work is being performed in preparation for the 2014 TPP. A group consisting of Metro Council, CTIB, MnDOT, Counties, is establishing performance measures that are attainable. It is possible that the new Federal Transportation Act may require performance measures.

Lilligren stated that the Programming Committee voted unanimously in favor of, and is forwarding Action Items 2012-12, 2012-13, and 2012-14 as consent items.

Item 2012-11 is not consent and will be discussed following the consent items.

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Callison, to approve Consent Items 2012-12, 2012-13 and 2012-14 (motions follow). Motion passed unanimously.

- d. **2012-12: Scope Change and 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Request: Lakeville**
Motion: That the TAB approves a scope change request for Lakeville SP#188-118-004: Lake Marion Trail Extension and right-of-way acquisition, and amend the 2012-2015 TIP to include the revised project scope and cost.
- e. **2012-13: 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment: Hennepin County**
Motion:
That the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2012-2015 TIP that adds Section 5309 FTA discretionary funding for construction of the Transportation Interchange Facility in Minneapolis.
- f. **2012-14: 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment: MnDOT**
Motion:

That the TAB adopts an amendment to the 2012-2015 TIP that adds SP#164-070-025: Nice Ride expansion at the St. Paul Capitol Complex and State Offices.

Jim Hovland asked Robert Lilligren to assume the Chair of the meeting.

c. 2012-11: Scope Change, TIP Amendment and Sunset Date Extension Request: Edina

The original project was for a pedestrian bridge across France Avenue at 72nd Street. After turnover in City staff and after accomplishing a lot of work on bicycle and pedestrian planning since submitting the project, Edina no longer supports providing a grade separated crossing of France Avenue. The city instead proposes enhancements to the pedestrian crossings at three intersections in the Southdale area in the vicinity of the original project.

TAC Funding and Programming and TAC passed and forwarded the following motion to the TAB Programming Committee:

That the TAB deny a scope change and sunset date extension request for Edina SP#120-020-037: France Avenue/72nd Street Pedestrian Bridge.

TAB Programming Committee discussed at length and voted 7-6 with 1 abstention, to approve the scope change and sunset date extension request for Edina.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Callison:

That the TAB approves a scope change and sunset date extension request for Edina SP#120-020-037: France Avenue/72nd Street Pedestrian Bridge, and amend the 2012-2015 TIP to include the revised project scope and cost.

Discussion followed the motion including some of the following:

Some members stated that this is a new and different project than as originally proposed; there are processes in place that should be adhered to, that the TAB should respect and trust the technical review of its committees and that the FHWA will need to add to the STIP - and may consider it a new project.

Some members stated that the processes need to allow for exceptions to reach a project's goal, that this project meets the original goal and will be a benefit to transit and a wide range of people, that the project addresses safety concerns, that past practice has allowed this type of scope change.

The motion to approve the project passed 16 yes, 6 no, with 1 abstention.

Members expressed the need for definition of a scope change and clarifying the policies concerning scope change and sunset date extensions and this should be a priority so that the committee is not put in the position of weighing the importance of projects in order to grant these changes. Westerberg suggested that any meeting(s) discussing the present policies and proposed changes on scope changes and sunset date extensions be open to all TAB members.

VI. SPECIAL AGENDA

2040 Regional Development Framework

Libby Starling, Metropolitan Council, presented on the 2040 Regional Development Framework (RDF).

Lilligren asked that members come forth, through Kevin Roggenbuck, if they have comments on how the TAB should be engaged in discussions about the RDF. Lilligren stressed, to Starling, the importance of equity and economic development in the RDF.

Minnesota GO! And Statewide Multimodal Plan

Due to time constraints, this item is being held over to the April meeting.

VII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

Lilligren stated that he has been attending Metropolitan Council Transportation at their regular bi-monthly meeting that follows the TAB meeting. He reports relevant TAB business to the Transportation Committee.

VIII. AGENCY REPORTS

None.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chair Lilligren adjourned the regular meeting of TAB at 3:15 pm on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

Respectfully submitted: LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary