

Meeting Notes

2050 TPP Technical Working Group



Meeting Date: October 13, 2022

Time: 1:35 PM

Location: Virtual

Members Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7W - Andrew Whitter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council, Research - Todd Graham | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Move Minneapolis - Karl Hedlund, alternate for Tiffany Orth |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co - Jack Forslund | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan Airports Commission - Bridget Rief | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co - Scott Mareck (Chair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burnsville - Regina Dean | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit - Steve Mahowald | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Paul - Bill Dermody |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co – Jack Johansen, alternate for Angie Stenson (Vice Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis - Jasna Hadzic-Stanek | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stillwater - Tim Gladhill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centerville - Mark Statz | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEED - Ed Hodder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Co - Nathan Abney |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen - Charlie Howley | <input type="checkbox"/> MDH - Ellen Pillsbury | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc - Ben Picone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coon Rapids - Tim Himmer | <input type="checkbox"/> DNR - Nancy Spooner-Walsh | <input type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator - Elaine Koutsoukos |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co - Gina Mitteco | <input type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Freight - Andrew Andrusko | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAC Chair - Jon Solberg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FHWA - Vacant | <input type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Metro District - Michael Corbett | <input type="checkbox"/> TC Shared Mobility Collaborative – Will Schroeer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co - KC Atkins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT OTSM - Hally Turner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UMN CTS - Kyle Shelton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Community Development - Michael Larson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Sustainability - Nissa Tupper | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington Co - Lyssa Leitner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council MTS - Dave Burns | <input type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Traffic Safety - Derek Leuer | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant - Metro Cities Appointee |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council, MTS Planning Director - Amy Vennewitz | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MPCA - Innocent Eyoh | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council, Parks - Emmett Mullin | | |

Opening

Chair Scott Mareck, Ramsey County, opened the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Overview of August TPP Advisory Work Group Discussion

Jed Hanson, MTS, reported on the information presented and discussed at the August 26, 2022 TPP Advisory Work Group meeting. Members heard information items on the 2050 plans shared structure, the TPP Goals Review, Engagement, and Update study, and broke into small groups and continued more detailed discussion of thematic prompts on regional values, vision, and goals. A discussion report is available separately.

TPP Policy Review – What We Heard and Next Steps

Bethany Brandt-Sargent, MTS, presented progress on reviewing TPP policies. She summarized feedback from the August Technical Working Group activity by mode and overall themes, described preparation for the second phase of policies review, previewed example policy analyses, and previewed a future Advisory Work Group activity.

Chair Mareck commented on the varying measurability of policies and stated preference for outcome-based policy framing. Cole Hiniker said an evaluation of existing policies will be shared in the future, and suggestions on what information to include would be helpful. Chair Mareck commented there are a large number of policies in the TPP and the focus should be narrowed.

Jon Solberg, TAC Chair, said policies should be presented alongside their related goals and connected to implementation. Cole Hiniker said this will be addressed in the third phase of policy development.

Innocent Eyoh, MPCA, said the MPCA released its climate action framework on September 16, which includes policy direction for multiple agencies to reduce impacts of climate change, a new goal for emissions reduction, and strategies that may be relevant for the Met Council.

Nissa Tupper, MnDOT Sustainability, asked if equity will be considered in the second phase policy gap analysis. Cole Hiniker said the Met Council is developing updated vision, values, and goals as part of the regional development guide, but the amount of work to develop TPP policies and actions cannot wait until that work is completed. He said equity will likely be a lens on the latter portion of the second phase dependent on the vision, values, and goals work.

KC Atkins, Hennepin County, requested that topics and themes of the plan be reconsidered. She said roadways are not just motor vehicles, but also include all activities within the right-of-way like pedestrians, bicycles, and green infrastructure.

Climate Action Work Plan

Eric Wojchik, Community Development, and Tony Fischer, MTS, presented the Council's draft Climate Action Work Plan on internal planning and operations. They presented the plan purpose, development process, current Council emissions performance, commitments and strategies, and schedule.

Adam Harrington, Metro Transit, asked for clarification about transit vehicle reliability in extreme heat. Jeff Freeman, Metro Transit, said they were referencing future impacts of climate change on operation of light rail vehicles and buses in extreme heat events. Adam Harrington asked if the zero-emissions bus transition will improve reliability. Jeff Freeman commented zero-emission buses may be less reliable due to cold weather or electricity availability. Adam Harrington also suggested remote work be included in the list of past and current climate work due to vehicle miles travelled reduction.

Chair Mareck asked if this plan is centered on Met Council as an agency or regional climate action. Eric Wojchik answered that it is focused on the Met Council but those actions can have impacts on other agencies. Jeff Freeman mentioned state agency cooperation towards Executive Order 1927 goals; the Met Council is the largest greenhouse gas emitter and fossil fuel user among these agencies.

Jon Solberg said there is not continuity across commitments between internal and external roles, noting that Commitment 3 on reducing regional emissions appears to be external. Eric Wojchik said no work the Met Council does is entirely internal; interaction with other organizations and agencies create opportunities to promote resiliency. He said there are layered jurisdictions that affect Met Council operations. He provided bus stop maintenance, sanitary sewers, and forestry as examples.

Jack Johansen, Carver County, asked how extreme cold events are considered. Lisa Barajas, Community Development, answered that the Met Council's approach is informed by cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource's State Climatology Office and referenced [a table of climate change trends in the Met Council's Climate Vulnerability Assessment](#).

Jon Solberg asked how cities and counties were engaged in the plan. Tony Fischer referred to previous slides summarizing engagement but noted there has not been a formal public comment period. Jeff Freeman answered that meetings with peer city, county, and state agencies took place.

Chair Mareck asked if future years of Carbon Reduction Program funds not allocated in the 2022 Regional Solicitation could be used for this type of plan. Steve Peterson, MTS, answered some actions may be eligible and that the program is transportation focused.

Bridget Rief, Metropolitan Airports Commission, said the international airport is a key location for electric vehicle charging.



Twin Cities Congestion Management Process Handbook

David Burns, MTS, presented on the draft Twin Cities Congestion Management Process Handbook. He presented purpose and goals, development process, steps and strategies, sample handbook pages, and the next project steps.

Chair Mareck asked if only existing land use is considered. David Burns answered yes. Chair Mareck commented there may be a strategic advantage for the region to encourage transit-oriented development along transitway corridors.

Gina Mitteco, Dakota County, asked if there is an existing tool for the Travel Time Index. David Burns said the Met Council has a tool available based on pre-COVID-19 travel, but there will be an update soon, and it is linked in the handbook.

Closing

Chair Mareck closed the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

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