

Meeting Notes

2050 TPP Technical Working Group



Meeting Date: June 8, 2023

Time: 1:35 PM

Location: Virtual

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7W - Andrew Witter | <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 type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan Airports Commission - Bridget Rief | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co - Scott Mareck (Chair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burnsville - Regina Dean | <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit - Steve Mahowald | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Francis - Kate Thunstrom |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co – Jack Johansen, alternate for Angie Stenson (Vice Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis - Kelsey Fogt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Paul - Bill Dermody (Acting Chair) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen - Charlie Howley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEED - Ed Hodder | <input type="checkbox"/> Stillwater - Tim Gladhill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coon Rapids - Tim Himmer | <input type="checkbox"/> MDH - Ellen Pillsbury | <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Co - Nathan Abney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co - Gina Mitteco | <input type="checkbox"/> DNR - Nancy Spooner-Walsh | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc - Grace Almeida |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FHWA - Josh Pearson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Freight - Andrew Andrusko | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator - Elaine Koutsoukos |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co - KC Atkins | <input type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Metro District - Michael Corbett | <input type="checkbox"/> TAC Chair - Jenifer Hager |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Community Development - Michael Larson | <input type="checkbox"/> MnDOT OTSM - Vacant | <input type="checkbox"/> TC Shared Mobility Collaborative – Will Schroeer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council MTS - Dave Burns | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Sustainability – Kristina Heggedal, alternate for Nissa Tupper | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UMN CTS - Kyle Shelton |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council, MTS Planning Director - Amy Vennewitz | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Traffic Safety - Derek Leuer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Co - Sara Allen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council, Parks - Emmett Mullin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MPCA - Innocent Eyoh | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> West Saint Paul - Ross Beckwith |
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Opening

Acting Chair Bill Dermody, City of Saint Paul, opened the meeting at 1:35 p.m. and reminded members of virtual meeting norms.

Standing Briefing on TPP Advisory Work Group

Cole Hiniker, MTS Planning, previewed the agenda for the upcoming TPP Advisory Work Group meeting. Hiniker described the Young Leaders Collaboration presentation the group will be hearing, and referenced a Met Council Committee of the Whole presentation members could reference on the same topic. Hiniker said the Advisory Work Group will also hear the update on safety studies and may hear a shortened version of the legislative update scheduled for the Transportation Advisory Board.

2024 Work Plan Preview

David Burns & Amy Vennewitz, MTS Planning, presented a preview of the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), explained its purpose, and the process for the UPWP's annual update. Burns described studies underway. Vennewitz described upcoming studies and potential future studies, and she invited feedback on specific tasks within projects identified or missing projects.

Andrew Andrusko asked via chat which transportation modes the climate change multimodal measures study included. Tony Fischer answered the study is focused on projects funded in the Regional Solicitation.

Innocent Eyoh, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, referenced recent statutory and regulatory changes regarding air pollutants, cumulative impact studies, and other programs. Eyoh stated the

importance of resolving air quality issues in environmental justice areas despite the region being in attainment, noted communities near certain transportation projects are interested in learning how these issues will be resolved in their area, and raised the possibility of using the Unified Planning Work Program to improve air quality sensor data or analysis in environmental justice areas. Amy Vennewitz mentioned a potential connection to the Freeway Harms Mitigation study, and that the study is inclusive of air quality impacts to environmental justice areas and related mitigation measures.

Todd Graham, Met Council Community Development – Research, said via chat that the sidewalk inventory work should coordinate with MetroGIS.

Safety Planning Update

Heidi Schallberg, MTS Planning, presented an update on safety planning activities. Schallberg presented information on crash fatalities year-to-date, key findings from the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, and the recent kick-off of the Regional Safety Action Plan and its purpose. Schallberg mentioned a web map displaying information from the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan will become available later this summer.

Scott Mareck, Ramsey County, asked for clarification about the finding that lower speeds do not necessarily correlating to safer streets. Heidi Schallberg said the study was limited to looking at posted speeds not observed speeds, that 30mph is still a high-speed impact for people who are walking or rolling, and that pedestrian crashes may be higher in lower-speed, higher-comfort areas since there may be higher pedestrian exposure due to more pedestrian activity. Schallberg cautioned against concluding that lowering speeds will not improve safety, and mentioned need to consider the Safe Systems Approach and the limits of human bodies to take impact.

2050 TPP Chapter Structure

Cole Hiniker, MTS Planning, described the existing 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) chapter structure and the proposed approach to the 2050 TPP chapter structure. Hiniker explained that the TPP Overview will shift to a briefer form as the Regional Development Guide's Transportation Chapter. Hiniker said the bicycle and pedestrian content are currently being developed separately, and they may stand alone or merge. Hiniker pointed out the addition of a travel demand management chapter, specific chapters to tie transportation investments to regional vision and goal statements, and a combined evaluation and performance chapter.

Todd Graham asked where strategies to mitigate vehicle miles travelled will be included in the plan, referencing legislative changes. Cole Hiniker answered that vehicle miles travelled reduction relates to more topics than just climate change, specifically including safety, and it will likely be mentioned throughout the 2050 TPP.

Cole Hiniker said it's the role of TPP Technical Working Group members to coordinate with staff within their agencies to delegate and distribute draft 2050 Transportation Policy Plan content for review, because draft chapters are not being directly shared with other technical committees.

Closing

Acting Chair Dermody closed the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

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