

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Metropolitan Council
390 N. Robert St., St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1805

Minutes of a Meeting of the
FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
July 21, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Mayasich (chair, Ramsey County), Lynne Bly (MnDOT), Colleen Brown (MnDOT Metro State Aid), Anna Flintoft (Metro Transit), Jenifer Hager (Minneapolis), Craig Jenson (Scott County), Jane Kansier (MVTA), Elaine Koutsoukos (TAB), Lyssa Leitner (Washington County), Paul Oehme (Chanhassen), Ryan Peterson (Burnsville), Steve Peterson (Metropolitan Council), John Sass (Dakota County), Amanda Smith (MPCA), Carla Stueve (Hennepin County), Michael Thompson (Maplewood), Anne Weber (St. Paul), and Joe Barbeau (staff)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jacob Rezac (Dakota County)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order just after 1:30 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Kansier moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Bly. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the June 16, 2016 Meeting

MOTION: Thompson moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Oehme. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. TAB Report – Information Item

Koutsoukos reported on the July 20, 2016, TAB meeting. At the TAB meeting, she reported that 149 applications were submitted for the 2016 Regional Solicitation: 21 for Roadway Expansion, 35 for Roadway Modernization, four for Roadway System Management, nine for Bridge, 39 for Multiuse Trails, eight for Pedestrian Facilities, four for Safe Routes to Schools, 10 for Transit Expansion, 13 for Transit Modernization, and six for Travel Demand Management. TAB approved the following action items:

- Streamlined administrative amendment to the 2016 UPWP
- Lake Elmo Airport Long-Term Comprehensive Plan
- Scope change and TIP amendment for Brooklyn Center
- Allocation of \$17.5 million in 2017 funds:
 - Fully fund Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition project
 - Advance Penn Avenue bus purchase project from 2018 to 2017
 - Fund Dakota County CSAH 28 connector project
 - Fund City of Champlain US 169 reconstruction
 - Reallocate remaining funds to four bikeway projects with the ability to accept additional federal funds

5. Dakota County US Hwy 52 & CSAH 42 Interchange Scope Change Request – Action Item 2016-41

Barbeau said that Dakota County was awarded \$7.28 million in the 2014 Regional Solicitation's Roadway Expansion category to reconstruct the interchange at US 52 and CSAH 42 in Rosemount. The project will reconstruct the interchange, replace two bridges on US 52, expand CSAH 42 from a two-lane to a four-lane roadway, and provide left turn lanes on CSAH 42. The County is requesting an extension of the eastern terminus by 0.2 miles. This extension would accommodate construction of a left-turn lane into the existing golf course parking lot and tapering of the four-lane roadway to the existing two-lane section beyond that entrance. The project's increased cost led to a score reduction from 595 to 566, which is still higher than the

540 points awarded to the lowest-scoring project in the category. The proposal does not reduce the project's benefit so no federal funding should be removed.

MOTION: Koutsoukos moved to recommend approval of the request. Seconded by Oehme. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. TIP Amendment; Dakota County Scope Change Request – Action Item 2016-42

Barbeau said that the scope change recommended for approval in the previous item requires a TIP amendment. Because the project is regionally significant, the amendment is subject to a 21-day public review period. Because the amendment will be approved after the final TIP is prepared, it should be approved pending approval of the TIP in the fall.

MOTION: Thompson moved to recommend that the proposed amendment to the 2017-2020 TIP to adjust project cost and description of the Dakota County US 52 / CSAH 42 interchange project be released for a public comment period. Seconded by Oehme. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Other Business

Barbeau reported that the scoring committees for the 2016 Regional Solicitation have been formed and scorers will be contacted soon.

Mayasich reported that Andrew Witter will be leaving for a position in Sherburne County. He is currently slated to be chair of the Bridges scoring committee. Steve Peterson said that while part of Sherburne County is within the urbanized area, its federal funding comes through MnDOT District Three. Ryan Peterson suggested that being out of the region could lead to impartiality. Mayasich said he prefers someone from in the region serve as chair. Leitner suggested that a scorer from the Bridge category could fill the role. Hager volunteered to chair the Committee.

Steve Peterson said that qualifying review of the applications is underway. Staff will inform applications that may not qualify. They will have a chance to appeal at next month's meeting.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.