

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, February 17, 2020

#### Committee Members Present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James (Chair)	Anderson, Doug	Bailey, Myron
Barber, Deb	Barnes, Michael	Boyles, Frank	Crimmins, Carl
Dugan, Peter	Foster, Amity	Fox, Nick	Geisler, Christopher
Goettel, Debbie	Giuliani Stephens, Mary	Hansen, Gary	Holberg, Mary Liz
Hollinshead, Mathews	Jeppson, Julie	<del>Karwoski, Stan</del> (Johnson, Wayne)	Kealey, Dan
Lindeke, William	Look, Matt	<del>McDonnell, Craig</del> (Biewen, Todd)	<del>McGuire, Mary Jo</del> (MatasCastillo, Trista)
<del>Narayanan, Ashwat</del> (Johnson, Glen)	Petryk, Becky	Reich, Kevin	Sanger, Sue
Steffenson, Mark	Tolbert, Chris	Ulrich, Jon	Williams, Janet
Windschitl, Mark	Workman, Tom		
ABSENT:	Schember, George		
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Koutsoukos, Elaine TAB Coordinator	Solberg, Jon TAC Chair	Thompson, Nick MTS Director

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:32 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

#### II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

#### III. REPORTS

##### 1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland reported on the TAB Executive Committee.

##### 2. Agency Reports MnDOT, MPCA, MAC, and Metropolitan Council

MnDOT, Mike Barnes:

Barnes reported that the federal COVID funding coming to the state is still being evaluated, reporting requirements are being looked into.

MPCA, Todd Biewen:

Biewen reported on the Clean Cars Minnesota Rule Making. The Climate Change Subcabinet is hosting events and one is upcoming in March.

MAC, Carl Crimmins:

Crimmins reported that the CDC is not requiring COVID testing for domestic flights at this time but international arrivals still require a test before departing their countries. It is important to allow extra time for testing if flying internationally. Windschitl asked about those who have received the vaccine.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber reported on the D Line and a service date of December 2022. Barber also mentioned the public comment period for the Orange Line. Foster asked if there has been conversation about rerouting the D Line and Route 5 because of George Floyd Square. Barber said conversation has taken place about it. Reich added that the Public Works Staff have multiple touchpoints to interact with members of the public.

TAC, Jon Solberg:

Solberg reported that the TAC Executive Committee finalized membership for the TAC Funding & Programming Committee and TAC Planning Committee.

## IV. ACTION ITEMS

### Consent

Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Goettel and carried, to approve the following consent items:

1. **Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2021**
2. **2021-10** 2021-2024 Streamlined TIP Amendment for MnDOT: US 212 Lighting Improvement

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to include funding for MnDOT's lighting upgrade on US 212 (SP# 2763-62).

3. **2021-11** 2021-2024 Streamlined TIP Amendment for Richfield: Railroad Gate Installation

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to add an additional location and additional cost to Richfield's West 77th railroad gates installation (SP# 27-00327).

Aye: 31 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jeppson, Johnson G, Johnson W, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, MatasCastillo, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Steffenson, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Schember

Not Recorded: 1 Tolbert

### Non-Consent

1. **2021-04** Proposed 2021 Safety Targets

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

It was moved by Windschitl, seconded by Goettel that:

The Transportation Advisory Board recommend Council adoption of 2021 safety performance targets.

**Motion carried.**

Aye: 32 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jeppson, Johnson G, Johnson W, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, MatasCastillo, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Steffenson, Tolbert, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 1 Schember  
Not Recorded:0

**2. 2021-05 Scope Change Request for St. Louis Park’s CSAH 25/Beltline Blvd Pedestrian Improvements**

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

Sanger moved to revise funding with no reduction to St. Louis Park. Sanger said timing delays have contributed to escalated costs.

It was moved by Sanger, seconded by Dugan that:

The Transportation Advisory Board approve St. Louis Park’s request to eliminate two segments from its CSAH 25/Beltline Blvd Pedestrian Improvements project (SP# 163-291-08) with no reduction in federal funds.

**Motion carried.**

Aye: 32 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jeppson, Johnson G, Johnson W, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, MatasCastillo, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Steffenson, Tolbert, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 1 Schember  
Not Recorded:0

**3. 2021-06 TIP Amendment for St. Louis Park: CSAH 25/Beltline Blvd Pedestrian Improvements**

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

It was moved by Windschitl, seconded by Sanger that:

The Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP to reduce the scope and increase the cost of St. Louis Park’s CSAH 25 Beltline Boulevard Pedestrian project (SP# 163-291-008).

**Motion carried.**

Aye: 32 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Hollinshead, Jeppson, Johnson G, Johnson W, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, MatasCastillo, Petryk, Reich, Sanger, Steffenson, Tolbert, Ulrich, Williams, Windschitl, Workman

Nay: 0  
Absent: 1 Schember  
Not Recorded: 0

**4. 2021-08 Highway 252 Program Year Change**

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

Four projects were applied for by local entities in 2016, 2018, and 2020 for improvements along Hwy 252 corridor. In 2018 the state awarded MnDOT \$19M to develop the 252 corridor as a MnPASS corridor. In 2019 the environmental review changed from an Environmental Assessment (EA) to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This change impacts the project development for all the projects. Even though the entities applied separately, they are now considered connected. Completing the EIS moves the projects to 2026. This is not consistent with TAB policy. However, the Corridors of Commerce money was directed by the legislature, not by the applicants. Moving the projects as limited financial impacts. Combining the project is beneficial to the traveling public. By not approving the shift of the projects, funds could be lost. The Corridors of Commerce could not cover two of the projects.

Hovland reiterated that this is against policy of not granting more than one program year extension, but the unique circumstances create the conversation. Geisler commented that the series of project and the Corridors of Commerce project are regionally significant. It is beneficial to build the projects together; it lessens the impact on the travelling public. The EIS is important and is no fault of the applicants. TAB is doing due diligence considering the exception. This is an extenuating circumstance. In response to a question on funding gaps of moving the projects, TAB Coordinator Koutsoukos said applicants in the 2020 solicitation indicated whether they could go earlier, if selected, and there are enough projects that could go earlier. Total funding for the projects doesn't change when projects are moved. Steve Peterson, MTS Anderson agreed that the regional benefit goes beyond the immediate area.

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Geisler that:

The Transportation Advisory Board consider technical committee comments and determine whether to approve moving the following four TH 252-related Regional Solicitation grants to 2026:

- TH 252/66th Ave intersection improvements
- TH 252/70th Ave pedestrian overpass
- TH 252/85th Ave intersection improvements
- TH 252/Brookdale Dr intersection improvements

**Motion carried.**

Aye: 28 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Hollinshead, Jeppson, Johnson G, Johnson W, Kealey, Lindeke, MatasCastillo, Petryk, Sanger, Steffenson, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl, Workman  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 1 Schember  
Not Recorded: 4 Holberg, Look, Reich, Williams,

**5. 2021-09 CSAH 103 Program Year Change**

TAC Chair Jon Solberg presented this item.

Steffenson commented that the projects are distinct and in different areas. Geisler asked if there will be another extension if the Blue Line does not move forward. Metropolitan Transportation Services Highway Planning and TAB/TAC Process Manager Steve Peterson said the applicant could come in for a scope change or the money may be returned to the region and the reallocation policy would be applied.

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Goettel that:

The Transportation Advisory Board consider technical committee comments and determine whether to approve moving the following two CSAH 103-related Regional Solicitation grants potentially changing years:

- CSAH 103 from 85th Ave to 93rd Ave reconstruction/lane expansion from 2022 to 2025 (110-020-041)
- CSAH 103 from 74th Ave to 93rd Ave streetscape and transit improvements from 2023 to 2026 (110-020-042)

**Motion carried.**

Aye: 28 Anderson, Bailey, Barber, Barnes, Biewen, Boyles, Crimmins, Dugan, Foster, Fox, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Goettel, Hansen, Holberg, Jeppson, Johnson G, Johnson W, Kealey, Lindeke, Look, MatasCastillo, Petryk, Sanger, Steffenson, Tolbert, Ulrich, Windschitl  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 1 Schember  
Not Recorded: 4 Hollinshead, Reich, Williams, Workman

**V. INFORMATION**

**1. 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development Schedule**

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

**2. Equity – General Information**

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning and Finance Deputy Director Amy Vennewitz and Equity Consultant Roderic Southall presented this item.

There were no comments or questions from TAB members.

**VI. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS**

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Jenna Ernst  
Recording Secretary