
*Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 1, 2013
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Lyndon Robjent, Tom Johnson, Tim Mayasich, Cory Slagle, Kevin Roggenbuck, Mark Filipi, Patrick Boylan, Adam Harrington, Pat Bursaw, Innocent Eyoh, Susan Moe, Karl Keel, Jane Kansier, Chuck Ahl, , Steve Albrecht, Duane Schwartz, Kim Lindquist, Jenifer Hager, Beth Elliott, Allen Lovejoy, Paul Kurtz

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

3. Approval of March Minutes

The April 3, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as written.

4. TAB Report

K. Roggenbuck reported on TAB's April 17th meeting:

TAB adopted two TIP amendments:

- Include FTA section 5310 program funding for non-profit organizations to purchase lift equipped vehicles, and
- Re-allocate \$17.5 million in unspent 2013 STP funds to the seven metro counties. Not much discussion about it.

TAB adopted a revision to the Program Year Policy that would have all TAC actions on the TAB's consent list. Program Year Policy itself is unchanged, just changes endpoint decision. This came from a joint meeting or TAB/TAC leadership about a month ago. We will communicate the new policy to project sponsors, probably through State Aid.

TAB adopted the proposed schedule for development and adoption of the 2014-2017 TIP. The draft TIP is on our agenda today.

Several Information items:

- Libby Starling, Met Council, presented information about the goals and principles in *Thrive MSP 2040*. TAB has set up a task force to meet on May 3 to discuss four unresolved topic areas and provide comments to the Board in May.
- Paul Czech, MnDOT, presented information about the State TIP and the Highway Investment Plan.

- Bridget Rief, MAC, presented information on airport construction projects completed or started in 2012 and upcoming projects in 2013; most notable is the reconstruction of the I-494 and 34th Av interchange.

TAB had been meeting once each month over a six month trial period. TAB membership generally favors holding just one meeting each month and not reinstating the Policy and Programming subcommittees. TAB will extend the trial period through July and put together a group to revise the TAB Bylaws.

1. Special Agenda Items

- **Orange Line BRT**—Christina Morrison, Metro Transit

Christina Morrison gave a presentation on the Metro orange Line Bus Rapid Transit which runs along 35W, from Burnsville to downtown Minneapolis. It will have new vehicles for station to station service, low floor multi-door boarding, new station to station service and connections to transit advantages on 11th and 12th Streets in downtown. Stations will be located at Burnsville, 98th Street in Bloomington and 66th Street in Richfield. The project timeline shows public input for planning, project development and application for funding by the end of 2014; completion of environmental work by the end of 2015; construction beginning in 2017 and Phase I service beginning in 2018.

- **MnSHIP** (Ryan Wilson, MnDOT)

Ryan Wilson gave a presentation on Minnesota's 20-year State Highway investment plan, which establishes investment priorities. The districts create 10 year plans of projects and programs. And the projects are implemented annually through programming schedule. The 10 year plans and the project must be consistent with MnSHIP. The annual performance management cycle ensures consistency with MnSHIP investment priorities. \$18 Billion of revenue is assumed, but construction costs are growing more quickly than revenues. MAP 21 focuses on the NHS and performance requirement in seven national goal areas. He explained the public outreach Phase I which was completed at the end of last year. Stakeholder engagement meetings were held statewide and an online interactive scenario tools was used to determine the approach preference, and showed a much stronger preference for approach C in the metro area. Approach C is more balanced, with less emphasis on asset management.

6. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Pat Bursaw, Chair)

P. Bursaw explained that the Executive committee reviewed and approved a functional classification change request for one block of a minor collector from the city of Chanhassen. The planning committee did not have a quorum to approve the change and the approval of a comprehensive plan amendment is contingent on TAC's approval of this change at today's meeting.

Action Item 2013-22: Functional Classification Change in Chanhassen. C. Ahl moved and L. Robjont seconded a motion that the Technical Advisory Committee approve a request from the city of Chanhassen to add Dakota Avenue, between TH 5 and Lake Drive E, to the TAB-adopted Roadway functional Classification map as a "minor collector" and it be forwarded to the TAB for information.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

B. Funding and Programming Committee (Karl Keel, Chair)

K. Keel explained that three staff persons would give brief background presentations on the Draft 2014-2017 TIP: Heidi Schallberg explained the overview/process, Brian Isaacson described the highway

component of the TIP and Amy Vennewitz described the transit portion of the TIP. T. Johnson asked if there is expansion for the bus fleet for local route reorientation to the Central corridor. A. Vennewitz said the net effect is about zero because the money currently being spent will be redirected to feeder service. There will be about a 3% bus expansion to feed bus service to the Southwest Transit LRT line.

Action item 2013-22: Adoption of Draft 2014 -2017 TIP for Public Comments: K. Keel moved and C. Ahl seconded a motion recommending that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the draft 2014-2017 TIP for the purpose of a public hearing, and set the hearing date for June 19, 2013. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

C. Planning Committee (Allen Lovejoy, Chair)

Allen Lovejoy said the first meeting of the TPP partner agency task force will be held on April 25th. The task force is comprised primarily of TAC Planning Committee members and will be meeting four or five times during the development of the TPP to provide review and comment on an on-going basis.

7. Agency Reports

Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study Update:

Kevin Roggenbuck reported that Project Management Team and the Steering Committee met in early April to finalize the Tech Memo #1 - a history of the regional solicitation process and finalized the format, prepared a draft agenda and put together a list of information items to provide to people invited to the policy-makers workshop on May 6. The workshop will start with Overview and Background information on the regional solicitation and MAP-21 for the large group, then small group discussions around each of the three federal programs.

Policy makers invited include all Met Council members, all TAB members, all seven county board chairs and county engineers, seven additional local elected officials identified with help from Metro Cities, board chairs from the suburban transit providers and executive directors from various advocacy groups. Through March and April, telephone and online surveys were conducted asking a lot of questions about the current solicitation criteria and process, and big picture questions about regional funding priorities. The responses were used to develop a short list of questions for each discussion group for the workshop.

JARC/NEW Freedom project Selection:

Elaine Koutsoukos gave a brief update on the JARC/New Freedom project selection process. This was the fourth and final solicitation since 2005. There were six applications for New Freedom Funding, less than the available funding. There were nine JARC applications, totaling about \$2.9 million with only \$922,000 available. The applicants have been notified of the ranking of the projects and projects ranking below the funding amount have an opportunity to petition the scoring of the criteria. The final ranking will be presented to TAB on May 15. FTA does not require that selected JARC and New Freedom projects be listed in the TIP. Instead, the aggregate program totals can be listed as long as projects are selected from a competitive solicitation process.

Performance Based Policy Plans:

Mark Filipi reported on the performance Based Planning Workshops held last month. Although Performance Based Planning is not a new concept, because of MAP 21 requirements it is likely to be

different for different parts of the region; it will be multi-modal and will address livability and quality of life issues. PBP will also be used for the non-NHS system and jurisdictional integration is important. Data availability /compatibility will affect the measures used. A concern is the “risk of mediocrity”—due to fear of not meeting performance goals, we might avoid setting more aspirational targets.

8. Other Business and Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

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