
*Transportation Advisory Board
of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 6, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Jon Solberg, Joe MacPherson, Lisa Freese, Lyndon Robjent, Erin Laberee, Chad Ellos, Brian Isaacson, Emily Jorgensen, Andrew Witter, Elaine Koutsoukos, Steve Peterson, Michael Larson, Adam Harrington, Innocent Eyoh, Bridget Rief, Matt Fyten, Praveena Pidaparathi, Danny McCullough, Karl Keel, Ken Ashfeld, Charlie Howley, Paul Oehme, Michael Thompson, Kim Lindquist, Robert Ellis, Jim Kosluchar, Jenifer Hager, Paul Mogush, Bill Dermody, Paul Kurtz

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Solberg at 9:03 a.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held via video conference. Chair Solberg welcomed four new members: Erin Laberee from Dakota County; Andrew Witter, representing Region 7W; Praveena Pidaparathi, representing freight; and Charlie Howley from Chanhassen.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Committee approved the agenda with no changes. Therefore, no vote was needed.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the December 2, 2020, TAC minutes was made by Mr. Keel and seconded by Mr. Isaacson. Motion carried.

(Meeting minutes for the March 4, 2020, minutes will be presented for approval at a future committee meeting.)

4. TAB Report

TAB Coordinator Ms. Koutsoukos provided a summary of the December 16, 2020, meeting.

5. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee (Jon Solberg, Chair)

Chair Solberg reported that the Executive Committee discussed membership of TAC and its subcommittees, some upcoming requests coming to TAC, and increasing the importance of the TAC Planning Committee.

2. TAC Action Items

a) 2021-02: 2021-2024 Streamlined tip Amendment for MnDOT: MnDOT FTA Section 5310 Transit Projects

Mr. Barbeau provided a brief overview on the streamlined TIP amendment process.

Mr. Barbeau said that this TIP amendment request is made annually because the list of projects is not usually ready in time for the initial TIP.

A motion to recommend approval of the request was made by Mr. Isaacson and seconded by Mr. Ellos. Motion carried.

b) 2020-40: 2021-2024 Streamlined tip Amendment for MnDOT: MnDOT CSAH 13 Roundabout

Mr. Barbeau clarified that the agenda and action item should refer to this project as being on CSAH 13 and not US 10 as is shown. He added that this will be corrected for the TAB item. Mr. Barbeau said that this TIP amendment request is to increase the project cost and extend the project from Line Avenue to Tyler Street.

A motion to recommend approval of the request was made by Mr. Witter and seconded by Mr. MacPherson. Motion carried.

3. Planning Committee (Emily Jorgensen, Chair)

The Planning Committee did not meet in December 2020. Chair Solberg introduced Emily Jorgensen as new chair of the Planning Committee.

4. Funding and Programming Committee (Michael Thompson, Chair)

The Funding and Programming Committee did not meet in December 2020. Chair Solberg introduced Michael Thompson as new chair of the Planning Committee.

6. Special Agenda Items

1. Functional Class Metro Review (Joe Widing, MnDOT)

Joe Widing from MnDOT discussed the process of MnDOT's functional classification review for its Metro District. Anoka County is complete, Carver and Scott counties are nearly complete, and the other counties are either underway or nearly underway.

Mr. Keel asked why the Twin Cities has fewer principle arterials compared to peer regions. Mr. Widing replied that it is related to how the various areas are classifying roadways. Keel asked whether regions with more principle arterials get more federal funding. Mr. Widing replied that he does not think so but added that the Twin Cities has a lot of minor arterials because of federal funding and that there is an incentive for counties and cities to upgrade roads prior to when they are ready.

Chair Solberg asked Mr. MacPherson how well the process went in Anoka County. Mr. MacPherson replied that the process went very well.

Mr. Peterson said that this issue will be brought through the committees to generate a recommendation to MnDOT. He added that funding has been set aside for implementing recommendations and addressing other documents and activities.

7. Agency Reports

Chair Solberg reminded members that there will be a CIC meeting on Friday. He said that comments are due on January 13 for the Minnesota Statewide Pedestrian Plan. He also said that Congress passed a Covid relief bill and an omnibus bill. The former provides \$160 million for Minnesota Transportation, including \$50 million to the Metropolitan Council.

Mr. Eyoh reported that MPCA has published Clean Cars Minnesota rule and has completed a greenhouse gas report for 2021.

8. Other Business and Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Eyoh and seconded by Mr. Ellos. The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by:

Joe Barbeau