

**Minutes of the  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)**

Wednesday, June 19, 2013  
Metropolitan Council Chambers, St. Paul, MN

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hargis, William, Chair	Stark, Russ	Butcher, Gerry
	Swanson, Dick	Callison, Jan	Fawley, Ethan
	Maluchnik, Randy	Lilligren, Robert	Duininck, Adam
	Sanger, Sue	Hovland, James	McKnight, Kenya
	Miron, Fran	Look, Matt	Have, Ron
	Gallagher, Steven	Isaacs, Aaron	Thornton, David
	Drotning, Karl		
ABSENT:	Hamann-Roland, Mary	Janovy, Jennifer	Tjornhom, Bethany
	Huffman, Blake	Rossbach, Will	Gunyou, John
	Peilen, Lisa	McBride, Scott	d'Almeida, Anani
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator		

**I. Call to Order**

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 1:35 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2013.

**II. Adoption of the Agenda**

Chair Hargis stated that Consent Item 2013-36 will be moved from consent to action on the agenda. It was moved by Callison, seconded by Look to adopt the revised agenda. Motion carried.

**III. Public Forum**

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. There were no members of the public present to address the TAB at today's meeting.

**IV. Reports**

**a. TAB Chair's Report**

Chair Hargis reported that there will be a TAB meeting on July 17, 2013 that will include information items pertaining to the bylaws review and update, and a Regional Solicitation Evaluation update.

**b. Agency Reports (MnDOT, MPCA, MAC and Metropolitan Council)**

There were no agency reports at this meeting.

**c. Technical Advisory Committee**

Tim Mayasich, Vice Chair, reported that the TAC met on June 5, 2013 and heard reports on two special agenda items: 1) Legislative Update from Erik Rudeen - MnDOT and 2) Draft Travel Behavior Inventory (TBI) from Jonathan Ehrlich – MTS. The TAC also acted favorably on two business items that are on the TAB agenda today.

**V. Consent Items**

**a. Approval of the Minutes from May 15, 2013.**

The following corrections were made to the 5/15/13 minutes:

June 19, 2013 TAB minutes



Call to order time should be 12:35 – not 2:35, and in the Thrive discussion under water supply and a thriving region, change the word “citing” to “siting”.  
Motion by Krause, seconded by Swanson to approve the May 15, 2013 minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

## VI. Special Agenda

- a. MnDOT Statewide Highway Investment Plan (2014-2033)  
Ryan Wilson, MnDOT Office of Capital Programs and Performance Measures, presented this item. Committee members had questions and comments regarding the targets set for NHS maintenance; whether gas tax assumptions take more fuel-efficient vehicles into consideration; external risks such as geographical patterns, climate change and aging population; DBE goal influence on projects; project categories (mobility vs bridge); analysis of today’s vs tomorrow’s dollars; R&D look at construction materials to improve life of roads.

## VII. Action Items

- a. 2013-26: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment: MnDOT – Safe Routes to School projects  
This item was changed from consent to action because of the funding year date change to 2014 as reflected in the motion.  
Motion by Butcher, seconded by Miron:  
Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add three projects using a total of \$170,000 in federal Safe Routes to School Funding in 2014.  
Motion passed.
- b. 2013-24: Thrive MSP 2040: TAB Task Force  
Robert Lilligren, Thrive Task Force Chair, presented this item and the results of the electronic vote on action transmittal 2013-24, revised comments on four unresolved policy Questions for Thrive MSP 2040. As noted in the action item, the electronic vote that the TAB review and approve the revised comments and recommendations on the four Thrive MSP 2040 policy areas and forward them to the Metropolitan Council did not pass. Additional comments were voiced during the electronic voting phase.  
The item is being presented at this meeting for additional discussion. Members voiced additional desired changes to the comments that will be forwarded to the Council. There was concern that the task force was “west metro oriented”, and there was also discussion of continuing discussions at the task force level, with additional members volunteering to serve.  
In general, comments from members included:
  - Language appearing biased and pitting urban vs suburban areas (inner city vs outer counties) and tending to lean toward social engineering.
  - Do not like the punitive nature of the language, opt for more positive language.
  - Transit expansion language implies that the only way transit can expand is geographically and does not include expansion within the existing system.
  - Transportation applies to more than just transit.
  - Desire more assertive language in the prioritizing of transit facilities language.
  - Addressing poverty is a worthy goal, but don’t like the word “de-concentrating”. Can investments be made where the region is being drained the most (poverty, etc.). Address equity and quality of life.
  - The cost to the public of putting employment in the suburbs where land is cheap and parking free – language also reflects bias. Suburban employees may choose to work locally if employment is available.
  - Add “trails” to the section about adapting communities to transit, bicycling and walking.

The committee also discussed the merit of submitting comments as a group, electronic voting and the bylaws, and concern with electronically voting on an item with so many (bullet) points.

Motion was made by Lilligren, seconded by Gallagher to table action on this item to the July 17 TAB meeting. Motion passed.

Lilligren agreed to be the collector of comments from TAB members, then he will work with the task force to revise comments to be part of the July 17 TAB meeting.

Drotning and Gallagher volunteered to be on the task force, if needed.

c. 2013-25: 2013-2016 TIP Amendment: City of Bloomington

Kevin Roggenbuck presented this item.

Motion by Krause, seconded by Fawley:

Recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the Minnesota River Crossing project at the Old Cedar Avenue Bridge in 2014 using \$2,000,000 of federal Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in the Parks Program funds, \$3,000,000 of state bonding, and \$9,000,000 in local funds.

Motion passed.

### **VIII. Information and Discussion Items**

a. CMAQ funding for a special solicitation for Travel Demand Management activities

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planner Katie White presented this item. McKnight requested more information on the program and application requirements and process. White will connect with McKnight to provide the information.

b. 2013 Legislative Session

Todd Olson, Metro Cities/Association of Metropolitan Municipalities, presented on the results of the 2013 legislative session.

c. Regional Solicitation Evaluation Monthly Report

TAB Coordinator Kevin Roggenbuck presented this item. The steering committee met on June 19 and received a summary of the online and telephone surveys and reviewed and approved Technical Memos 2 and 3 which are part of the scope of work. Key policy questions were also provided to the evaluation team. The consultant contract has been extended to the end of 2013. Remaining tasks include 1) high-level principles, and 2) recommendations to revise the regional solicitation criteria and process. A briefing will be provided for TAB members at the July 17 meeting. The evaluation should be complete toward the end of summer/early fall 2013.

### **IX. Other Business/Items of TAB Members**

a. 2013-23: TAB Bylaws

Jim Hovland, Bylaws Committee Chair, gave a report from the TAB Bylaws ad hoc committee about the process to amend the TAB Bylaws to address the committee of the whole meeting format. The Bylaws Committee is looking at all of the bylaws and hopes to have a draft to present to TAB by the July 17, 2013 meeting.

### **X. Adjournment**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.