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*Transportation Advisory Board  
Of the Metropolitan Council*

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**Minutes of a Meeting of the  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, April 3, 2019  
9:30 A.M.**

**Members Present:** Doug Fischer, Lyndon Robjent, John Doan, Brian Isaacson, Lisa Freese, Jan Lucke, Steve Bot, Elaine Koutsoukos, Steve Peterson, Michael Larson, Adam Harrington, Jon Solberg, Innocent Eyoh, Neil Ralston, Andrew Emanuele, Dave Jacobson, Peter Dahlberg, Danny McCullough, Karl Keel, Ken Ashfeld, Anne Kane, Paul Oehme, Michael Thompson, Robert Ellis, Jim Kosluchar, Jennifer Hager, Paul Mogush, Bill Dermody, Paul Kurtz

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lisa Freese at 9:30 a.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was moved by Doug Fischer and seconded by Brian Isaacson. No discussion. Motion passed.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the March 6, 2019 TAC minutes was moved by Paul Oehme and seconded by Innocent Eyoh. Motion passed.

**4. TAB Report**

Elaine Koutsoukos reported on the March 20 TAB meeting.

**5. Committee Reports**

**A. Executive Committee** (Lisa Freese, Chair)

Chair Freese noted that the Executive Committee met during the morning and talked about the meeting's agenda as well as upcoming items for the committees.

**B. Planning Committee** (Jan Lucke, Vice Chair)

Jan Lucke introduced Dave Burns to present on the two performance measures items. Jan Hager said that the text in the document should explain the presentation background and methodology, along with the spike in serious crashes. Dave Burns agreed to add more language also on the difference between a goal and a target. Dave Jacobson asked about the TAM targets. Dave Burns responded that they were created in cooperation between Metro Transit and the suburban transit providers. Lyndon Robjent asked if the pavement and bridge numbers reflected MnDOT's targets. Dave Burns said yes.

**2019-22 TPP Administrative Modification: Performance Measures.** Jan Lucke moved the recommended motion and Brian Isaacson seconded. Motion passed.

**2019-23 TIP Amendment: Performance Measures.** Jan Lucke moved and Brian Isaacson seconded the recommended motion. Motion passed. Brian Isaacson asked if this is the last such amendment that we need to do for performance measures to satisfy federal requirements. Andrew Emanuele said yes.

### **C. Funding and Programming Committee (Paul Oehme, Chair)**

Paul Oehme reported that there are no action items from F&P to consider. The informational items they discussed are presentations below.

## **6. Special Agenda Items**

**Regional Solicitation Before & After Study.** Marie Cote and Lance Bernard presented the results of the study. Karl Keel asked if other regions defederalize projects. Lance Bernard responded that that was not looked at. Brian Isaacson asked how large a dollar value some of the projects max out at. Lance Bernard says it varies, with around \$20M for transit/multimodal projects or PAs. Bill Dermody asked about regions that issue a call for proposals. Lance Bernard responded that two regions are like the Council but the remaining eight pull projects from the long range plan.

Doug Fischer asked if crash rates were calculated to take into consideration increased traffic volumes after improvements were made. Marie Cote said no, the “after” conditions were structured to look like the “before” conditions. Karl Keel advocated for a simpler system for applications to make these easier to understand. Marie Cote said that the old applications had many options to calculate but there is less flexibility now with the post-2014 applications. Steve Peterson added that Streetlight data doesn’t go back that far. Lyndon Robjent asked if this study will be replicated in the future. Steve Peterson said yes but it probably won’t be automated. Doug Fischer asked if the study looked at parallel route improvements. Marie Cote said no.

Lisa Freese asked if bike/ped data was pulled just from bike/ped projects or from roads projects that had a trail component. Lance Bernard responded that for RBTN system improvements the roadway projects were included. Doug Fischer said it was clear from these results that the Regional Solicitation makes improvements to the region.

### **Regional Solicitation Schedule, Analysis, and Feedback**

Steve Peterson and Joe Barbeau spoke on the schedule for the next Regional Solicitation, the statistical analysis of how scoring impacted the projects selected, and the results of the survey of applicants and scorers.

Lyndon Robjent said that a due date in April conflicts with spring construction schedules for jurisdictions. May or June might be better. Lyndon Robjent suggested identifying scenarios in advance to cut down on time. Elaine Koutsoukos suggested discussing scenarios while scoring is underway.

## **7. Agency Reports**

Jon Solberg announced that Mike Barnes is the new MnDOT Metro District Engineer. CAV scenario planning workshops will be held April 26 and 29.

Elaine Koutsoukos said that orientation is being held after this meeting.

**8. Other Business and Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18am.

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