

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

Wednesday, May 17, 2017
Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James, Chair	McGuire, Mary Jo	Goins, William
Bigham, Karla	Van Hattum, David	Parsons, Rolf	Gaylord, Kathleen
Villella, Sam	Laufenburger, Denny	Giuliani Stephens, Mary	Petryk, Becky
Callison, Jan	Look, Matt	Sanger, Sue	Thornton, David
Dugan, Peter [Fox, Nickolas (alt)]	Christensen, Carrie Johnson, Conor (alt)	Swanson, Dick	Rodriguez, Katie Elkins, Steve (alt)
Hamann-Roland, Mary	Hansen, Gary	Sandahl, Suzanne	Crimmins, Carl
Staples, Jamez	McBride, Scott		
ABSENT:			
Maluchnik, Randy	Tabke, Brad	Wosje, Jeff	Anderson, Doug
McKnight, Kenya	Fawley, Ethan	Ulrich, Jon	Tolbert, Chris
Reich, Kevin			
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator		

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:35 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was no objection to Hovland amending the agenda to move Information Item #6 to Information Item #3. Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Stephens to adopt the amended agenda. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. Andrew Emanuele, FHWA, addressed the TAB to share information about a Peer Exchange for Congestion Management Process that will be held on the 3rd Floor of Cray Plaza in the "old" Galtier Theater in St. Paul on May 23 & 24. Peers from Portland, Wilmington, Delaware, Salt Lake City & St. Louis will be visiting to share information about how they handle their congestion management process. Elaine Koutsoukos will forward the information.

IV. REPORTS

1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland reported that there was no TAB Executive Committee meeting this month. Hovland will be appointing a TAB Liaison to the Metro Council Transportation Committee to replace Maluchnik. Dugan volunteered to serve as the Liaison. An appointment by Hovland will be forthcoming.

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

MnDOT: Scott McBride – reported that the Legislature is in its last week of regular session and the Transportation Bill is being debated.

MPCA: David Thornton – reported that the CMAQ funds in the solicitation have been awarded to the Twin Cities area because in the 1980s and early 90s the area did not meet the air quality standards for carbon monoxide.

The Twin Cities does meet the standards now and has been in a Maintenance Area for 12-15 years and continue to get CMAQ funds (currently \$30M/year). The Twin Cities area will no longer be in the

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maintenance status after 2019 and the amount of CMAQ funding awarded will drop significantly. He will know more in a few months and will report back to TAB.

The Volkswagen settlement language is in several bills at the Legislature (Transportation, Jobs & Energy, & Environment).

MAC: Carl Crimmins – reported that the MAC has recently received several awards: Best Airport Retail Program; Best New Food and Beverage Concept-Quick Serve Category; Best News and Gift Concept (Explore Afar store).

Metropolitan Council: Steve Elkins – reported that public information meetings and hearings have begun for the potential fare increase. The schedule is posted on the Metropolitan Council website and TAB members are encouraged to attend.

3. TAB Bylaws Task Force

Task Force Chair Mary Hamann-Roland reported that the Bylaws Task Force continues to discuss citizen representation eligibility, including identifying language on the districts represented, Roberts Rules of Order and relationship to quorum, and composition of the Executive Committee. Recommendations and discussion will come to TAB later this summer.

4. Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Report

TAC Chair Steve Albrecht will address the action items later in the meeting as part of this agenda.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Hamann-Roland, and carried to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2017 TAB meeting.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2017-11: 2017-2020 TIP Amendment for MnDOT: MN Highway 149 Bridge over Mississippi River
TAC Chair Albrecht presented this item. There were no questions.
Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by McGuire:
That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2017-2020 TIP and update the description, mileage, and project funding for the MN 149 bridge over the Mississippi River (SP# 6223-20).
Motion passed.
2. 2017-12: 2017-2020 TIP Amendment for MnDOT: US Highway 169 pavement and acceleration lane
TAC Chair Albrecht presented this item. Van Hattum asked for an explanation of the difference between rehabilitation and adding a lane and how expansion fits with the definition. McBride explained the work schedule and that this acceleration lane will facilitate traffic mobility.
Motion by Swanson, seconded by Look:
That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2017-2020 TIP to add a project to rehabilitate pavement and construct an acceleration lane on US 169 in Champlin (SP# 2750-85).
Motion passed.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2016 Regional Solicitation Survey Results
Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item.
Hovland stated that 1/3 of TAB members responded to the survey, and asked for more information about when the TAB can address the themes and talk about continuing to refine the solicitation. He suggested a schedule for comments and supplemental input on particular topics, i.e., comments from local governments, counties, citizen members, freight, non-motorized, etc.
Bigham expressed her general concern over the division of projects and geographical balance.

Koutsoukos said that the staff responses to themes and specific discussions will happen mostly during August-October. Information will come through the technical committees (TAC & F&P).

2. 2040 TPP Update

Metropolitan Transportation Services Deputy Director Planning & Finance Amy Vennewitz presented this item and explained the timing of the TPP Update, and answered questions relating to whether it is conceivable that a new administration would wish to make changes to this update. There were also discussions about future changes in technologies & travel (ride share, autonomous vehicles, land use changes) and whether the TPP is addressing the possible changes. The TPP must be fiscally constrained.

McBride added that autonomous vehicle discussions and developments are being driven in large part by the private sector; MnDOT's Traffic System Management Group is watching industry changes and MnDOT is performing some modeling pertaining to autonomous cars. Sanger requested a future presentation at TAB regarding autonomous/connected vehicles.

3. Transportation System Performance Evaluation (TSPE)

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Russ Owen presented this item.

4. Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan (MnSHIP)

Brad Utecht – MnDOT presented this item. The plan is an investment plan but is not project specific.

5. TPP Performance Measures

Due to time constraints, this item will be moved to a future TAB meeting.

6. Regional Truck Highway Corridor Study

Due to time constraints, this item will be moved to a future TAB meeting.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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