

# Meeting Notes

## 2050 TPP Technical Working Group



**Meeting Date:** June 9, 2022

**Time:** 1:35 PM

**Location:** Virtual

### Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7W - Andrew Whitter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council, Parks - Emmett Mullin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MPCA - Innocent Eyoh
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co - Jack Forslund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council, Parks - Todd Graham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Move Minneapolis - Tiffany Orth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burnsville - Regina Dean	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan Airports Commission - Bridget Rief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co - Scott Mareck
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co - Angie Stenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit - Steve Mahowald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roseville - Marc Culver
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Centerville - Mark Statz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis - Jasna Hadzic-Stanek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Paul - Bill Dermody
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen - Charlie Howley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEED - Ed Hodder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Co - Nathan Abney
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coon Rapids - Tim Himmer	<input type="checkbox"/> MDH - Ellen Pillsbury	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc - Ben Picone
<input type="checkbox"/> City - Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> DNR - Nancy Spooner-Mueller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator - Elaine Koutsoukos
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co - Gina Mitteco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Freight - Andrew Andrusko	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAC Chair - Jon Solberg
<input type="checkbox"/> FHWA - Andrew Emanuele	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Metro District - Michael Corbett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TC Shared Mobility Collaborative – Will Schroerer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co - KC Atkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT OTSM - Hally Turner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UMN CTS - Kyle Shelton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Community Development - Michael Larson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Sustainability - Nissa Tupper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Co - Emily Jorgensen (Chair)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council MTS - Dave Burns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Traffic Safety - Derek Leuer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present

### Opening

Chair Jorgensen opened the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

### Values, Vision, and Goals Follow-Up

Michael Larson, Community Development, reviewed themes discussed in the May meeting’s small group discussions, an overview of development guide project steps, this group’s role and relationship to the policymaker working group, and a proposal for future policymaker engagement. Cole Hiniker, MTS Planning, provided an update on scheduling the first Policymaker Working Group meeting.

Chair Jorgensen stated preference to post Policymaker Working Group information online, particularly for staff who have a Transportation Advisory Board member who is not on the Policymaker Working Group. Jed Hanson, MTS Planning, stated it has not been determined yet if this information will be posted online.

Chair Jorgensen inquired how Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) members who are not part of the Policymaker Working Group will hear updates on the Policymaker and Technical Working Groups. Cole Hiniker stated MTS Planning is considering meeting streaming options, though noted the working groups should decide what topics are brought to the TAB.

Scott Mareck, Ramsey County, stated it would be helpful to reflect on 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) strategies relative to performance before thinking ahead to 2050. Cole Hiniker stated MTS is preparing the Transportation System Performance Evaluation, which is presently in the data gathering phase. It is tentatively scheduled for a July or August update to the Technical Working Group. Chair Jorgensen asked if this item will be shared with the Policymaker Work

Group. Cole Hiniker states yes, though it may need to be narrowed to highlights.

Will Schroeer, Twin Cities Shared Mobility Collaborative, asks if MTS will reflect on both quantitative outcomes and status of addressing TPP policies. Cole Hiniker states there is an ongoing staff review of existing TPP strategies and policies, noting the consistent framework and terminology the development guide and system plans will use. Information on this topic will return between August and November.

Will Schroeer notes that review is relative to Met Council goals and asks how external goals will be considered. Cole Hiniker clarifies the plan is a regional plan not solely a Council plan and states how local and state plans are considered.

### **Planning Studies and 2040 Transportation Policy Plan Work Program**

Cole Hiniker, Jonathan Ehrlich, and Steve Peterson, MTS Planning, provided an overview of completed and upcoming planning studies and activities in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan work program.

A member inquired if the connected and automated vehicle study considered transit use; Jonathan Ehrlich commented it did not address transit use in detail.

Kyle Shelton, University of Minnesota (UMN) Center for Transportation Studies (CTS), offered to share a list of relevant UMN work.

Will Schroeer stated appreciation for focus on safety.

Scott Mareck inquired if the travel demand management (TDM) study will explore transit-oriented development (TOD) as a strategy to reduce congestion. Cole Hiniker answered that the Council has a comprehensive TDM strategy, and while not an explicit part of that strategy, TOD and TDM work together.

Jason Gottfried, Hennepin County, inquired about availability of travel behavior information during the COVID-19 pandemic. Jonathan Ehrlich stated there are results available from related 2020 surveys; staff can share data and analyses on request. The Council will receive 2021 Travel Behavior Inventory data in the next few days, and findings will become available later this summer and fall.

KC Atkins, Hennepin County, inquired if sharing background data on 2040 TPP engagement will be possible. Cole Hiniker stated it is the intent of the TPP Goals Review, Engagement & Update study to share as much reflection as possible.

Steve Mahowald, Metro Transit, asked where access to jobs is addressed in work program items. Cole Hiniker mentions access to destinations is a TPP goal and addressed in all studies.

A member inquired if there is belief the private market will not provide enough electric vehicle (EV) charging locations. Tony Fischer, MTS Planning, stated there is long-term hope the private market will serve the need but it is clear short-term need is not being met. Chair Jorgensen notes the Council's EV work is focused on equitable access for multifamily housing, renters, and low-income households.

Andrew Andrusko, Minnesota Department of Transportation – Freight, inquired on status of studying promotion, protection, or preservation of industrial land use. Steve Elmer, MTS Planning, states this has not been considered as a study topic, though Community Development is working on an inventory of industrial properties as part of the work program.

Innocent Eyoh, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), asked if the 2023 Unified Planning Work Program will become available for MPCA review. Amy Vennewitz, MTS Planning, answered the project schedule is tight and being adjusted; a draft may become available in July with action likely occurring in August.

Charlie Howley, City of Chanhassen, inquired if the service allocation study addressed suburban transit provider routes or just Metro Transit routes. Cole Hiniker stated the study explored regional values including advisors from all transit providers; it did not address specific routes, but rather the



regional approach to transit.

Emmett Mullin, Community Development – Parks, states federal transportation funding is critical to the regional trail system and the Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN). There is evolution in thinking about the relationship and interdependencies between recreational and transportation trails.

## Closing

Chair Jorgensen closed the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

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