

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

Wednesday, September 20, 2017  
Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 Robert St. North, St. Paul

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James, Chair	Laufenburger, Denny	Sanger, Sue
Van Hattum, David	Tabke, Brad	Maluchnik, Randy	Gaylord, Kathleen
Villella, Sam	Ulrich, Jon	Parsons, Rolf	Anderson, Doug
Callison, Jan	Look, Matt	Swanson, Dick	Staples, Jamez
Dugan, Peter	Christensen, Carrie	Giuliani Stephens, Mary	Rodriguez, Katie
Hamann-Roland, Mary	McBride, Scott	Hansen, Gary	Thornton, David
	Wosje, Jeff	<del>Fawley, Ethan</del> Privratsky, Matt (alt)	
ABSENT:	Goins, William	McGuire, Mary Jo	Tolbert, Chris
	Petryk, Becky	McKnight, Kenya	Reich, Kevin
	Bigham, Karla	Crimmins, Carl	Sandahl, Suzanne
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 12:07 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Look to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

**III. PUBLIC FORUM**

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. There was no one in the audience who wished to speak on items not on the agenda.

**IV. REPORTS**

**1. TAB Chair's Report**

Hovland reported that the TAB Executive Committee did not meet this month.

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

MnDOT: Scott McBride reported:

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Friday for the Hwy 169 project at Nine Mile Creek. The ribbon cutting is to announce that the bridge will be opening on Tuesday, September 26, one month ahead of schedule.

MPCA: David Thornton reported that due to Hurricane Harvey, the EPA waived fuel volatility requirements for the end of the summer ozone season to ensure that there would be somewhat adequate supply of gasoline around the eastern part of the US. The Minnesota EPA gave their approval. The Metropolitan Area had an ozone alert last Friday, likely due to the smoke from fires in Canada and Montana. The Federal Court established the effective date for the trust for the Volkswagen settlement will be October 3. We have to apply in order to be a beneficiary to receive access to the funds (\$47M available to Minnesota). There have been 5-6 stakeholder meetings. We are going to draft our Beneficiary Mitigation

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Plan which generally outlines how we would recommend using the money. The recommendation should be out late fall/early winter. TAB is welcome to provide comments for the draft plan.

MAC: MAC representative Bridget Rief reported:

Bids on the parking ramp are to be awarded on Monday, this is the largest construction project ever awarded by MAC. She also stated that Phase II Concessions contract bid opening will be Monday. Hovland commented that MAC was part of a presentation that he saw, as part of a Twin Cities Journal presentation on development in the south metro area. The presentation included information about how MAC is re-investing into their facilities, and there was also information about new hotel construction that will be connected to Concourse C with its own TSA check-in.

Metropolitan Council: Katie Rodriguez – not present at time of report.

### **3. TAB Bylaws Committee**

Hamann-Roland reported that the committee will meet on 9/26 and plan to have a first reading to TAB at the October TAB meeting.

### **4. Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Report**

TAC Chair Steve Albrecht reported he has nothing to add other than what is on the agenda at TAB today.

## **V. CONSENT ITEMS**

Two revisions to the August 16, 2017 minutes were requested by Callison. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Callison and carried to approve revised minutes from the August 16, 2017 TAB meeting. The revisions will be shown as “track changes” on the minutes that are posted on the internet.

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items on the agenda.

## **VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. DNR Trail Project – additional discussion**

Metropolitan Transportation Services Manager Highway Planning & TAB/TAC Processes Steve Peterson presented this item, which gave additional information requested at last TAB meeting on project score recalculation, overprogramming levels, and options for the TAB to consider. This item was intended to be information at this meeting, with TAB giving direction to staff to prepare an action item for the next TAB meeting. After discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Privratsky, seconded by Hamann-Roland, to approve option 4a on the information item which is: to select the next trail project to add to the 2018-2021 TIP and direct staff to prepare an amendment to the 2018-2021 TIP.

Motion passed.

### **2. Regional Solicitation Roadway Applications**

Metropolitan Transportation Services Manager Highway Planning & TAB/TAC Processes Steve Peterson presented changes that are proposed in the Roadway categories of the Regional Solicitation. There was discussion about expansion versus reconstruction of a road. Comments regarding 2 to 3 lane (and all of the categories) will go back to staff and committees for more information, actions to come later. Sanger asked whether there has been any consideration to awarding points in the Regional Solicitation to projects that are most adaptable to Autonomous Vehicles. Peterson said some modeling is being done for the TPP, on two scenarios: 1) owned AVs, and 2) shared use AVs. There is also ongoing discussion about roadway system management (traffic signals, etc.) and how signal systems connect to AVs.

Hovland suggested that the TAB start thinking about perhaps including this type of technology in the “unique projects” category, or create a category, to set aside money in future TIP years for future

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technology projects. Other categories had some word changes to better match what is in the TPP. Hovland directed TAB members to look over the information that was provided and direct any questions, changes, or modifications to Elaine Koutsoukos prior to the October TAB meeting.

### 3. CMSP IV Study

Michael Corbett-MnDOT presented this item. There is dedicated CMSP money through 2023, but none dedicated after that time. Hovland asked whether the TAB could partner with MnDOT on CMSP projects through a special category in the Regional Solicitation. Steve Peterson stated that this would be a policy level issue. Hovland requested that staff come back to the October TAB meeting with more information on this funding issue.

### 4. TPP Update – Highways & Freight

Metropolitan Transportation Services Manager Highway Planning & TAB/TAC Processes Steve Peterson and Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analysts Tony Fischer and Steven Elmer presented this item. Privratsky said he would like to see the TPP decouple population growth and vehicle trips, taking into consideration planned BRT, walkable communities, increased investments in transit. Staples asked if newer technologies that lower the cost of some infrastructure are being researched. Some examples were given by Fischer: reclaimed pavement, concrete unbonded overlay rather than mill & overlay, traffic management (ramp meters, etc.). McBride noted the lack of revenue to do preservation properly.

There is a great unknown about what effect autonomous vehicles will have on congestion, technology. Sanger said she would like to see a separate section pertaining to policy questions being explored & researched when looking at autonomous vehicles. Regarding funding, she also stated that it is time to look into tolling for single drivers +1. Tolling would also address electric vehicles not paying their share of gas tax. She said the current system does not encourage carpooling.

Maluchnik said we need to look at why people are moving about: jobs, entertainment, shopping. Locals should be making sure that these things are available in their areas to reduce stress on the grid.

Look stated that we have not accounted for lack of business growth in the suburbs due to congestion, resulting in exporting jobs to the core and resulting in more congestion.

### 5. TPP Update – Bike/Pedestrian

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Steven Elmer and Senior Planner Heidi Schallberg presented this item.

Privratsky asked for a rough estimate of the cost of full build out of the RTBN, and what that might do to other mode shares. Hovland also asked for a list of low-cost/high-benefit Bike/Ped projects. Sanger would like to see some way of making grant recipients commit to maintenance of trails.

The TPP also includes Work Program items. Peterson stated that suggestions from the TAB for work program items are welcome.

### 6. TPP Update - Aviation

Due to time constraints, this item is being deferred to a later TAB meeting.

## VIII. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

1. Staples asked whether there was an opportunity for public input on the bus garage being built in downtown Minneapolis. Rodriguez will look into and report back.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT - Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.