
*Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 5, 2014
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Doug Fischer, Lyndon Robjent, Brian Sorenson, Tom Johnson, Tim Mayasich, Lisa Freese, Cory Slagle, Carl Ohrn, Mark Filipi, Adam Harrington, Pat Bursaw, Bridget Rief, Susan Moe, Beverley Miller, Jim Gromberg, Karl Keel, Jean Keely, Steve Albrecht, Michael Thompson, Duane Schwartz, Kim Lindquist, Bruce Loney, Jack Byers

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

P. Bursaw welcomed new TAC members, Michael Thompson and Bruce Loney.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by J. Byers, seconded by T. Mayasich, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Approval of January Minutes

It was moved by T. Mayasich, seconded by D. Fischer, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

4. TAB Report

M. Filipi reported on TAB's January 15 meeting.

TAB Chair Report: Chair Hargis reported that the hiring of the TAB Coordinator was progressing and that a candidate will be recommended to the TAB Executive Committee and will then come before the full TAB. This is expected in February.

Agency Reports: Member Duininck reported that the Green Line opening date will be announced on Jan. 22nd. The opening is scheduled for June 14th, 2014.

TAC Report: TAC Chair Bursaw reported on the January TAC meeting. She reported on the info items presented to the TAC, the action items that would also be appearing before TAB at the meeting, and informed the TAB that TAC was reviewing its' Bylaws and will be making some changes including: electronic voting, remote participation, and membership.

Consent Items: Two items were on the consent list, the minutes and the TIP Amendment for Western Avenue Streetscaping. The Minutes were removed from the consent list and it was then approved with the one remaining item.

Action Items:

1. The Dec. 18th minutes were amended and then approved.
2. TAB Executive Committee: Chair Hargis presented this item, reporting on the method used to develop the proposed committee membership. TAB discussed the membership distribution between elected and non-elected officials. TAB adopted a motion to review the TAB Bylaws in 2014 to add one more elected official to the Executive Committee. The TAB then approved

three members of the committee, deferring action on the citizen, modal, and remaining agency board members.

3. TIP Amendment for Section 5307 Funding for Interchange (Target Field Station) Construction in Minneapolis; TIP amendment approved.
4. TPP amendment for Corridors of Commerce: TAB discussed the TPP amendment, particularly the I-94 project. Some discussion of excluding the I-94 project from the action. A motion was made to this affect and seconded. It failed to pass. Subsequently, the original motion passed.
5. TIP Amendment for I-94 passed.
6. TIP Amendment for TH 610 passed.
7. Regional Solicitation Subcategories for Roadways (Expansion, Reconstruction/Modernization, Roadway System Management, and Bridges) passed

Information Items: Bike Master Study (presented to TAC in January) and TPP Investment Factors Workshop Summary

5. Special Agenda Items

Congestion Management Safety Plan III: Paul Czech, MnDOT, presented the CMSP III. The purpose of the CMSP is to identify mobility or safety needs on the system, within existing pavement and right-of-way, have shorter implementation timeframes, and be less than one mile in length. Five hundred problem areas were identified; with 53 projects selected to move forward.

Defederalization Workgroup: Dan Erickson, MnDOT, presented information on setting up a workgroup to discuss defederalizing projects. Dan reviewed questions that the workgroup will discuss. The reason for defederalizing projects is that projects needing federal funds require a longer process, require more work, and have more cost. It will be easier to manage a smaller list of projects.

Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study: Heidi Schallberg, MTS, and Marie Cote, SRF, presented information on the Solicitation Development Process. Four working groups will be set up to design components of the Regional Solicitation. P. Bursaw invited members to volunteer to serve on the work groups. Each work group could have six to eight individuals and be made up of TAC members, TAC Funding & Programming Committee members, and others who have been involved in process previously, such as on scoring committees. Members will have an opportunity to have an impact on the process.

THRIVE MSP: Dan Marckel, Research, presented an overview of THRIVE MSP and the status of the document. Preliminary forecasts and indicators were released in December. The final forecasts and indicators will be released in May. They are using an outcomes management approach. THRIVE MSP includes five outcomes (stewardship, prosperity, equity, livability, and sustainability) and three principles (integration, collaboration, and accountability) Staff is undertaking how to measure outcomes. The outcomes will be fairly generalized. The System Plans will have more specific measures. Recommend to TAB that its decisions move the region toward the outcomes. A draft for public review will be available on February 26. A public hearing will be held in April. THRIVE MSP will be adopted on May 14.

TPP Update: Amy Vennewitz, MTS, presented an update of the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan. The Project Management Team has been meeting since September developing goals and objectives. A Policymaker Workshop was held in January to prioritize investment factors.

7. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Pat Bursaw, Chair)

TAC Bylaws: P. Bursaw reviewed the proposed changes to the bylaws. The TAC Executive Committee will revisit the bylaws in a year to see how some of the changes are working, in particular moving the action items on the agenda before the information items. An additional change is to combine sections IIA and IIB as the information is similar and renumber the following sections accordingly. FHWA was added as a non-voting representative to the TAC Funding and Programming Committee and the TAC Planning Committee. K. Keel moved and A. Harrington seconded a motion to bring the bylaws changes to vote at the next TAC meeting. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

B. Funding and Programming Committee (Karl Keel, Chair)

Action Item 2014-08: K. Keel moved and J. Gromberg seconded a motion to approve the program year extension request to move the Black Dog Greenway (SP# 179-090-004) to 2015. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Action Item 2014-09: K. Keel moved and A. Harrington seconded a motion to forward the Action Item without recommendation to TAB. TAC asked staff to complete an analysis to show how the funds meet the criteria. A question was asked whether other entities were given an opportunity to utilize these funds. Other entities said no. A. Harrington said the recommendations in the Regional Service Implementation Plan were used to select projects. Members stated that a better process was needed for including all entities in the decision making process. Recommend in the future bringing the process back to Funding & Programming and TAC.

Action Item 2014-10: Forwarded without recommendation as Action Item 2014-09 above.

8. Agency Reports

Heidi Schallberg, MTS, presented information on the TIP adoption schedule. The schedule was revised so that the public comments go directly to TAB after the public comment period rather than coming back to TAC. This will shorten the adoption schedule. Funding & Programming Committee supports the change. Extra time in preparing a more fully developed TIP should reduce comments from MnDOT during the public comment period.

J. Gromberg moved and M. Filipe seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:31 am.

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