
*Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 5, 2012
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Kate Garwood (for Jon Olson), Brian Sorenson, Tom Johnson, Tim Mayasich, Lisa Freese, Kevin Roggenbuck, Mark Filipi, Pat Bursaw, Innocent Eyoh, Robert Vorpahl, Susan Moe, Karl Keel, Jennifer Levitt, Chuck Ahl, Duane Schwartz, Kim Lindquist, Richard McCoy, Allen Lovejoy

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

3. Approval of March Minutes

The November 7, 2012 meeting minutes were approved as written.

4. TAB Report

K. Roggenbuck reported that the TAB met November 28th and adopted three TIP amendments to re-program unspent earmark funds that were released: 35W Lake Street Access for Preliminary Engineering; Hennepin County Interchange project, and the Midtown Greenway Bridge Study.

Mary Karlsson led a discussion of the "A" Minor Arterial Study draft final report, the four recommendations from the technical committees and the comments from the MC Transportation Committee. TAB voted to accept the report with additional comments:

- No supporting data describing how the "A" Minor system impacts land use or supports the regional economy.
- Adding sidewalks and ADA compliant bus stops to "A" Minors that do not have them and should be a priority.
- Realigning the jurisdiction of "A" Minors could be an unfunded mandate.
- The report has data on VMT but not on person throughput.

The "A" Minor study will go to the MC Transportation Committee and full Council for acceptance. TAB voted to defer action until December on the TPP amendment to include LRT as the locally preferred alternative for the Bottineau transitway and include the results of the Arterial Transitway Study. Denise Hesselroth, MnDOT, presented information about the National Highway System and changes brought about by MAP-21. Cole Hiniker presented information about the Highway Transitway Corridor Study and Greg Coughlin gave the Board a presentation on the Statewide Roadway Jurisdictional Study.

5. Special Agenda Items

Greg Coughlin, MnDOT's Director of Operations and Maintenance, reported on the Minnesota Jurisdictional Realignment project, which has just completed the first of a two phase study. The purpose of the project is to

assess, develop and structure a risk management plan to address jurisdictional realignment of the roadways in the state of Minnesota. The intended outcomes will identify programs of specific routes as potential transfers in order to meet changing demands and to ensure ownership, maintenance and function are aligned. It is a two phase project. The first phase includes structure organization, data collection, inventory assessment, risk analysis methodology, problem statement, analysis approach Phase I report which was published in October. The second phase began last month and includes analysis approach testing, risk registers, implementation strategies, programming approaches, funding strategies, recommendations, and publication of a phase 2 report.

T. Johnson noted that the Hennepin County transportation plan identifies what roads should be transferred. The challenge is that the smaller communities don't have incentives to accept county roads, so negotiations at the county level are needed to make it work. Greg said that is what they're trying to get to in Phase 2—the risks and the barriers to implementing jurisdictional realignment. K. Garwood noted that Anoka County has gone to great length to work with their cities to enable jurisdictional transfers. In the metro area they may need a different approach. C. Ahl pointed out that because minor arterials are the lowest functional classification that receives federal funds; this removes an incentive to encourage cities to turn back minor arterials. K. Roggenbuck suggested looking at the functional classification of the roads—and consider changing that instead of changing the jurisdictional designation. T. Mayasich noted that in 1994 when Ramsey County did a major jurisdiction study and looked at shifting CSAHs into the MSA category it quickly got complicated due to mileage caps, etc.

6. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Pat Bursaw, Chair)

No report.

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

Action Item 2012-34: K. Keel moved and T. Mayasich seconded a motion to recommend adoption of the Regional Program Year Policy. **MOTION CARRIED** (T. Johnson, Hennepin County, expressed concern that the policy would apply to projects beginning with the 2014 program year which is a change from what the solicitation applicants expected.)

Action Item 2012-35: K. Keel moved and T. Mayasich seconded a motion to recommend the Scope Change Consultation Process for approval to assist with the management and delivery of transportation projects awarded federal funds through the TAB's Regional Solicitation Process. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Action Item 2012-41: K. Keel moved and K. Garwood seconded a motion that the TAB accept the Metropolitan Council's TDM funding recommendation to defer \$1.2 million from the \$7.0M biennial regional CMAQ allocation previously designated by the TAB for new and innovative TDM projects and that the TAB reconsider solicitation for new projects in 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Action Item 2012-42: K. Keel moved and C. Ahl seconded a motion recommending that the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2012-2016 TIP to add the attached list of the 16 projects as the 2015-2016 allocation of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding; delete 999880M-SHL-15, which was a placeholder for HSIP funding for 2015; and modify the budget for 999880M-SHL-16, which serves as a placeholder for the remainder of HSIP funding in 2016. **MOTION CARRIED**

Action Item 2012-43: K. Keel moved and C. Ahl seconded a motion recommending that the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add SP# 7080-51, unbonded concrete overlay on I-35 from CSAH 2 to the I-35E/I-35W split and SP# 0285-65, mill and overlay of I-694 from the I-94/I-694 split to east of I-35W. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Action Item 2012-44: K. Keel moved and C. Ahl seconded a motion recommending that the TAB approve a scope change for the Robert Street Improvements project (SP#173-010-007) with a \$300,000 reduction in STP-UG funding. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Action Item 2012-45: K. Keel moved and C. Ahl seconded a motion recommending that the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to modify the scope and costs for the Robert Street Improvements project (SP#173-010-007) and reduce the STP-UG funding by \$300,000 to \$6,980,000 and modify the scope for MnDOT's project #1908-84. **MOTION CARRIED**

Action Item 2012-46: K. Keel moved and C. Ahl seconded a motion recommending that the TAB recommend approval of the requested scope change for the CMAQ funded TH 65 Transit Service including land acquisition parking lot construction, bus purchase and service start-up. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Action Item 2012-47: K. Keel moved and C. Ahl seconded a motion recommending that the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to revise the scope and costs SP# TRS-TCMT-13F, SP# TRS-TCMT-13G, SP# 002-596-016 and SP# 002-596-018 (the four components of the Anoka County TH 65 Transit Service project). **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Planning Committee (Allen Lovejoy, Chair)

No Report.

D. Aviation Task Force

Action Item 2012-48: A. Lovejoy moved and K. Garwood seconded a motion that the TAB reviews the findings concerning the MAC 2013-2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and forward any comments and recommendations to the Metropolitan Council for its consideration. **MOTION CARRIED.** (Four projects have been given provisional approval pending completion of environmental review and can't be added to the 2013 CIP until the approvals are given.)

7. Agency Reports

There were no agency reports.

8. Other Business

A. Lovejoy said that Mike Klassen is retiring at the end of the year. The city has not yet decided on his TAC replacement. P. Bursaw said that Bernie Arsenau is the acting MnDOT Commissioner. T. Mayasich said that the Union Depot will have its grand opening this Saturday and he distributed an announcement of all the activities.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM

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