

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 13, 2020

Online meeting

Committee Members Present: Nathan Abney, Holly Anderson, Dave Burns, Paul Czech, Bill Dermody, Jack Forslund, Jason Gottfried, Anne Kane, Elaine Koutsoukos, Michael Larson, Steve Mahowald, Paul Mogush, Ben Picone, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Mehjabeen Rahman, Kevin Roggenbuck, Angie Stenson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved without modification.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April minutes were approved without modification.

ACTION ITEM

2020-29: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for 2021

Dave Burns presented this item. The UPWP includes activities required by federal regulation that address planning priorities of the metropolitan area. The draft 2021 UPWP is posted online at:

https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-8-13-20/IV_1-UPWP-Draft.aspx

MOTION: Steve Mahowald moved to recommend that the TAB adopt the 2021 UPWP; Michael Larson seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Sensitivity Analysis for Twin Cities Highway Mobility Studies

Angie Bersaw from Bolton & Menk presented this item. The presentation is posted at:

[https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-8-13-20/V_1-Presentation-\(Sensitivity-Analysis\).aspx](https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-8-13-20/V_1-Presentation-(Sensitivity-Analysis).aspx)

The report is also posted online at: [https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-8-13-20/V_1-Report-\(Sensitivity_Analysis\).aspx](https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-8-13-20/V_1-Report-(Sensitivity_Analysis).aspx)

Bersaw said they are testing the feasibility of speed data for this type of analysis.

Transportation System Performance Evaluation (TSPE)

Russ Owen presented this item with other Council staff (Tony Fischer, Steve Elmer, Daniel Peña). The report is required by the state legislature before the Transportation Policy Plan is updated. It is designed to provide a comprehensive review of the regional transportation system performance, including highways, aviation, bicycling and walking, transit, and freight in addition to demographics. The data in this report are all before COVID-19 for 2014 through 2019. The presentation is posted at:

[https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-8-13-20/V_2-Presentation-\(TSPE\).aspx](https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-8-13-20/V_2-Presentation-(TSPE).aspx)

Paul Czech noted in the freight section not to read too much into moving up or down one or two spots in the ranking among peers for the costs of freight congestion. Steve Mahowald asked why walking percentages have almost doubled. Jonathan Ehrlich replied that these

types of trips tend to be missed because people tend to forget short walk trips when doing travel diaries, but with the current approach to the Travel Behavior Inventory, we are doing a better job counting these trips and are more likely to see these levels going forward.

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Transportation Policy Plan Comments

Steve Peterson presented this item. The comment report is posted at: https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2020/TAC-Planning-8-13-20/V_3-TPP2020PublicComment.aspx He noted that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) received many public comments, so those that were policy-related will be carried over to the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP). Many comments were directed to both the TPP and the TIP. Sara Maaske noted that the comments received provide an opportunity for the Council to reach out to the interested groups to be part of the planning process.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

After business was completed, the meeting adjourned.