

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

Wednesday, March 18, 2015
Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James, Chair	Fawley, Ethan	Butcher, Gerry
Crimmins, Carl	McBride, Scott	Miranda, Suyapa	Slawik, Nora
Van Hattum, David	Look, Matt (Schulte, Scott – alt)	McKnight, Kenya	Miron, Fran (Bigham, Karla – alt)
Janovy, Jennifer	Petryk, Becky	Maluchnik, Randy	Sanger, Sue
d’Almeida, Anani	Ulrich, Jon	Stark, Russ	Rodriguez, Katie
Schwietz, Patricia	Goins, William	Gaylord, Kathleen	Hamann-Roland, Mary
Laufenburger, Denny	Thornton, David	McGuire, Mary Jo	Reich, Kevin
Callison, Jan			
ABSENT:	Swanson, Dick	Gunyou, John	Hansen, Gary
	Dugan, Peter	Lilligren, Robert	
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 1:40 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Stark, seconded by McGuire to adopt the 03/18/15 agenda. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. There were no members of the public present to address the TAB at today’s meeting.

IV. REPORTS

1. TAB Chair’s Report

Hovland thanked Bill Hargis for his leadership as the TAB Chair and thanked the TAB for their support in his role as Chair.

Hovland introduced and welcomed new appointed TAB members and each said a few words about themselves: Patricia Schwietz-Citizen F, Suyapa Miranda-Citizen G, Peter Dugan-Citizen H (absent), and Katie Rodriguez as Metropolitan Council Rep.

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

MnDOT: Scott McBride- nothing to report.

MPCA: David Thornton – nothing to report. Thornton answered questions from Ulrich and TAB members regarding electric car charging stations funded through TAB and electric car charging stations in general, including information about the charge rates/minimums, popularity of the stations.

MAC: Carl Crimmins – MAC heard a report from staff on the environmental highlights from 2014. Crimmins will provide a summary to Elaine Koutsoukos to share with TAB members.

Metro Council: Katie Rodriguez reported Metro Council Chair Duinick is finishing his 7-county tours this week with Hennepin County. Metropolitan Council Chairs of various committees have been named and are available on the website. Today is Transit Driver Appreciation Day.

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3. Technical Advisory Committee

Steve Albrecht was not present; Hovland stated that the TAC items are part of the TAB business included on this TAB agenda.

4. Regional Solicitation Update

Elaine Koutsoukos provided a schedule for the Regional Solicitation and gave an update on the appeals and process. Funding & Programming Committee will begin discussing funding options; recommendations will come forward through the TAC and TAB. An information item will be brought to TAB so that TAB can provide feedback to staff and the committees regarding funding options.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Butcher and passed to approve the consent item below.

1. Approval of the Minutes from February 18, 2015.

Chair Hovland introduced and welcomed Alternate TAB members present: Karla Bigham (Washington County) and Scott Schulte (Anoka County).

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2015-12: TAB Executive Committee

Chair Hovland reported that more people were interested in serving on the TAB Executive Committee than there are available positions. Action Transmittal 2015-12 lists the interested members. Hovland stated that Matt Look has withdrawn from the County Board member section, leaving two candidates allotted: Jon Ulrich-Scott County and Mary Jo McGuire-Ramsey County. Two other categories have the allotted number of candidates: Kevin Reich-Minneapolis (board member from the cities of the first class) and Kenya McKnight-Citizen D (representative of citizen, modal and remaining agency board members).

The committee discussed the remaining category – board members from remaining cities not of the first class. Hamann-Roland expressed a desire for representation from the southeast metro area and stated she would be interested in serving on the committee in this category. Four names were presented to represent the cities not of the first class: Denny Laufenburger-Chanhassen, Sue Sanger-St. Louis Park, Nora Slawik-Maplewood, and Mary Hamann-Roland-Apple Valley. Each of the candidates was given a chance to speak to the group. Slawik was not present to speak at the time, Hovland read a letter from her, later when she arrived she was given a chance to speak. Because of the number of candidates in relation to the allotted amount, it was decided to take a vote by written ballot for members to serve in the “board members from remaining cities not of the first class” category with each TAB member voting for two candidates.

Motion by Gaylord, seconded by Hamann-Roland that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the following to serve on the TAB Executive Committee, and also to accept the results of a written ballot vote for the Board members from the remaining cities not of the first class with each TAB member having voted for two candidates:

County Board Members: Jon Ulrich-Scott County, Mary Joe McGuire-Ramsey County

Board member from the cities of the first class: Kevin Reich-Minneapolis

Member representing the citizen, modal and remaining agency Board members: Kenya McKnight-District D

Board members from the remaining cities (results of the written ballot vote): Nora Slawik-Maplewood, Mary Hamann-Roland-Apple Valley.

Motion passed.

2. 2015-07: Federal Funding Reallocation Policy

Pat Bursaw-MnDOT presented this item and the committee discussed. Bursaw provided a presentation in which the last slide listed “additional recommendations”. TAB members received clarification that the

“additional recommendations” are not part of the action being taken today. d’Almieda asked for clarification of the term “regional” (as in projects) and Bursaw stated that in this case it means TAB-selected/7-county area projects. Members expressed concern with previous fund shifting and lack of clarification (specifically noting Penn Ave project, from January TAB meeting). Hamann-Roland stated that having this process in place will help to make funding awards equitable in the future.

Fawley suggested an additional sentence be added to the motion requiring staff to provide a yearly report to TAB stating what projects were selected in the regional solicitation, delivered in calendar year, deferred, moved from another mode. The additional sentence to the motion was accepted by TAB members.

Motion by Sanger, seconded by Hamann-Roland that the Transportation Advisory Board approves the Federal Funding Reallocation Policy as attached to Action Item 2015-07, and adoption of the guiding principles as listed on Action Item 2015-07, and that staff provide a yearly report to TAB stating what projects were selected in the regional solicitation, delivered in calendar year, deferred, moved from another mode.

Motion passed.

McGuire asked whether TAB can review the policy periodically and Hovland stated that the TAB has the prerogative to review and revisit this and any other policy adopted by them when they see fit.

3. 2015-08: Scope Change: Consultation Process Update

Pat Bursaw-MnDOT presented this item and stated that TAB has been following the scope change process for a couple of years, but the process was not formally adopted. There was no further discussion.

Motion by Fawley, seconded by Butcher that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the Scope Change Consultation Process as attached to Action Item 2015-08 to assist with the management and delivery of transportation projects awarded federal funds through the TAB’s Regional Solicitation Process.

Motion passed.

4. 2015-13: Scope Change: City of Minneapolis TE project

MTS Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item and he and Kevin Reich clarified the termini and the project in response to Sanger.

Motion by Fawley, seconded by Reich that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the request to modify the scope for the Transportation Enhancement-funded project (SP#141-030-022) in 2016 to remove some project elements, add other project elements, and expand the project area.

Motion passed.

Maluchnik noted that the next four items on the agenda are fairly routine and could be voted on in one motion. TAB members were given an opportunity to address any of the items separately, with no response.

Motion by Maluhnik, seconded by Hamann-Roland to approve the following four items (2015-14, 2015-16, 2015-17, 2015-18). Motion passed.

5. 2015-14: 2015-2018 TI Amendment: CSAH 18 at CR 62, Anoka County

Motion as passed above:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2015-2018 TIP to increase the cost for construction of a roundabout on CSAH 18 at CR 62 in Columbus (002-618-030).

6. 2015-16: 2015-2018 TIP Amendment: HSIP Project, Minneapolis

Motion as passed above:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2015-2018 TIP to add a project to install bike lane pavement markings on Emerson Ave N, 2nd St S, 15th Ave SE, and Como Ave SE (141-030-032).

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7. 2015-17: Streamlined TIP Amendment: E 7th Street, St. Paul

Motion as passed above

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2015-2018 TIP to add local road work and increase the cost of its pedestrian bike improvement project (SP# 164-030-011) on east 7th Street from Arcade Street to Bush Avenue.

8. 2015-18: Streamlined TIP Amendment: CSAH 135 Bridge, Henn. Co.

Motion as passed above:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2015-2018 TIP to increase the cost of replacing Bridge #90621 on CSAH 135 over the Maxwell Channel of Lake Minnetonka in Orono (SP# 027-735-003).

9. 2015-15: Regional Solicitation Funding Level Adjustment

MTS Planning Analyst Carl Ohrn presented this item. There was no further discussion.

Motion by Maluchnik, seconded by McBride that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the funding levels to be used in 2017, 2018, and 2019 along with inflation adjustments of 4% for 2017, 6% for 2018, and 8% for 2019, shown in the attached memo.

Motion passed.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Modern Streetcar Policy Update

MTS Director Arlene McCarthy and Nick Thompson-Parsons-Brinckerhoff presented this item. Thompson gave an overview of streetcars and the differences between light rail and bus. McCarthy presented on the Metro Council's Regional Streetcar Policy Development. The TPP adopted in January committed to looking at streetcars; any streetcar policy will go through the public comment process and a TPP amendment action.

The presentations and the report from Parsons-Brinckerhoff are attached to the TAB agenda posted online.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT - Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.