

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Metropolitan Council
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Notes of a Meeting of the
TAC-PLANNING COMMITTEE
Thursday Oct 10th, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nathan Abney, Holly Anderson, Dave Burns, Charlie Cochrane, Paul Czech, Innocent Eyoh, Jason Gottfried, Elaine Koutsoukos, Jan Lucke, Paul Mogush, Kris Riesenberg, Kevin Roggenbuck, Angie Stenson, Rachel Wiken

OTHERS PRESENT: Monika Mlynarska, Russ Owen, Andrew Emanuele, Joe Barbeau, Jonathan Ehrlich, Michael Corbett, Steve Peterson, Mehjabeen Rahman, Amy Vennewitz, Sarah Maaske, Mark Nelson, Bobbi Retzlaff

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Jan Lucke

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted

3. Approval of the Minutes from the July 2019 meeting

The July 2019 minutes were approved without correction.

4. Info Items

1. MnDOT Functional Class Review – Bobbi Retzlaff and Mark Nelson (MnDOT)

Mark Nelson began with an overview and recap of the statewide functional class review that MnDOT recently finished. He also recapped how the metro area was initially excluded because of timing of comp plans and regional solicitation process.

Bobbi Retzlaff then walked through the scope of work. Online <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2019/TAC-Planning-10-10-19/4-a-Handout-1-Metro-Review-Proposed-Scope-of-Work.aspx>

She highlighted the peer review being done of Seattle, Denver, Portland and St. Louis.

The committee had a few questions about the advisory committee and how disagreements will be handled in this process. Dave Burns asked if it was correct that no staff person from the Met Council was being included on that advisory group. Bobbi confirmed that was correct. There would be a staff person, likely Mark Filipi, on the project management team for this whole review. Several others asked clarifying questions about TAC Planning role in this process and Bobbi referred back to the scope of work document, showing that the final map would come to the committee but individual changes would not.

Paul Mogush asked if TAC would have an opportunity to hear this presentation and MnDOT staff were non-committal to that. Said they had not been invited to TAC.

Jan Lucke asked if there was a way for counties and MnDOT to meet before initial maps of changes were made. Mark Nelson would not commit to that but acknowledged that last go around of maps were not well received and they would try harder this time around to be sensitive to county needs.

Jan also asked how many changes the counties should prepare for. Bobbi did not directly answer the question but deferred to the outstate numbers of changes, where changes were a minor percentage of lane miles.

Kris Riesenberghighlited the upcoming FHWA training on functional class to be held in November. He said FHWA is trying to get a process and results which are consistent but did not reference which inconsistency now is a problem.

Kevin Roggenbuck asked if this review would end up changing the TABTAC process for functional class. Mark Nelson said no.

The discussion also referenced the FAQs brought by MnDOT <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2019/TAC-Planning-10-10-19/4-a-Handout-2-Metro-Review-FAQs-20191002.aspx>

2. Regional Solicitation Changes – Joe Barbeau

<https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2019/TAC-Planning-10-10-19/4-b-2019-10-10-Reg-Solic-Changes.aspx>

3. Comprehensive Plan Updates – Russ Owen

<https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2019/TAC-Planning-10-10-19/4-c-MTS-Comp-Plan-Review-TAC-Planning-10102019.aspx>

Jason Gottfried asked about public participation trends in the comp plans. Russ Owen replied that there is a process for sending to adjacent communities, but he is not familiar with wider public participation for comp plans.

Innocent Eyoh asked about the communities which are not submitting comp plans. Is there any enforcement? Russ said that withholding grant money and planning services are the main two ways that the Met Council has any leverage to encourage participation in the process.

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

Innocent moved to adjourn; Kevin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm.