

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Metropolitan Council  
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Notes of a Meeting of the  
**TAC-PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
Thursday July 11th, 2019

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nathan Abney, Holly Anderson, Dave Burns, Paul Czech, Bill Dermody, Jason Gottfried, Anne Kane, Elaine Koutsoukos, Michael Larson, Jan Lucke, Steve Mahowald, Mehjabeen Rahman, Kevin Roggenbuck, Angie Stenson, Joe Barbeau

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Amy Vennewitz, Steve Peterson, Heidi Schallberg, Jonathan Ehrlich, Mark Filipi, Cole Hiniker, Daniel Pena.

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Jan Lucke

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

Elaine Koutsoukos moved to approve the agenda with elimination of item 5a, Comprehensive Plan Review Status Report. Mehjabeen Rahman seconded. The motion passed.

**3. Approval of the Minutes from the May 2019 meeting**

Kevin Roggenbuck moved to approve the May 2019, minutes. Seconded by Dave Burns. The motion passed.

**4. Action Items**

**1. 2019-34: 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (Dave Burns)**

Dave Burns provided an overview of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Angie Stenson asked whether the overhead rate has changed. David Burns replied that it fluctuates and will be higher than normal in 2020. Angie Stenson asked about Appendix C, which states that the Travel Behavior Inventory (TBI) will be funded in part by funds returned from other MPOs. David Burns said that appendix is going to be eliminated. Amy Vennewitz said that the TBI is only funded from unused Council funds with no funding from other MPOs.

- i) Committee Feedback on Consultant Studies in the UPWP  
Council Staff provided summaries of consultant studies in the UPWP.

Steve Peterson reported on the Roadway Right-Sizing Study, which will focus on two-to-four-lane expansion projects. Kevin Roggenbuck said that Ramsey County is looking into four-to-three-lane conversions. Elaine Koutsoukos asked whether two-to-three lane expansions will be addressed to which Steve Peterson responded in the affirmative, particularly regarding pedestrian safety.

Steve Peterson reported on the Twin Cities Mobility Needs Analysis. Jan Lucke asked whether Chisago County would be included, to which Paul Czech said that the study team will try to include them.

Heidi Schallberg reported on the Regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. Jan Lucke said that crash data is frequently outdated, which can be a challenge. Heidi Schallberg said that there is a process to allow local governments to report crashes and that 2018 data should be out

soon. Steve Mahowald asked what can be used aside from crash data, to which Heidi Schallberg said that is still be fleshed out.

Heidi Schallberg reported on the Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) Facility & Corridor Spacing Guidelines study. Jan Lucke asked whether a recommendation contrary to the current RBTN may lead to a change in the RBTN, to which Schallberg replied that updating the RBTN is the purpose of the study.

Amy Vennewitz reported on the Peer Region Research and Literature Scan on Vehicle Electrification study. Jason Gottfried suggested that this should include school bus fleets.

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Jonathan Ehrlich reported on collaborations with the University of Minnesota: the Transitways Impacts Research Program (TIRP) and the Accessibility Observatory Pooled Fund and Local Analysis. He also reported on collaborations with national peers and partners: ActivitySim Consortium and the Zephyr Foundation.

Jonathan Ehrlich reported on model implementation activities: Tourcast software upgrades, ActivitySim, regional Simplified Trips-on-Project Software (STOPS) transitway model consolidation, and CityCast. Jan Lucke asked whether the STOPS model would provide the same results as other models, to which Ehrlich replied that the results may be different, in which the reason would be examined. Angie Stenson said that modeling is valuable at the county level and any improvements are helpful.

Mark Filipi reported on documentation of Congestion Management Process (CMP) corridor analysis methodology.

Dermody moved to recommend approval of the UPWP. Larson seconded. Motion approved.

## 5. Info Items

### 1. Info: Bus Allocation Study (Daniel Pena and Cole Hiniker, Metropolitan Council)

<https://metrocouncil.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2019/TAC-Planning-7-11-19/5-2-Service-Allocation-Intro-Presentation.aspx>

Bill Dermody asked who the stakeholders will be. Cole Hiniker replied that this is not yet determined. Bill Dermody said that there is interest in reducing the number of cars on the roads, which is different than increasing ridership. Jan Lucke said that it is important that technical groups consisting of city and county representative be convened to advise the project.

### 2. Info: Coordinated Plan Update (Heidi Schallberg, Metropolitan Council)

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## 6. Other Business

## 7. Adjournment

Kevin Roggenbuck moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dave Burns. The motion passed.