

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

MEMBERS PRESENT Holly Anderson, Paul Czech, Bill Dermody, Innocent Eyoh, Mark Filipi, Jack Forslund, Jarrett Hubbard, Anne Kane, Elaine Koutsoukos, Jan Lucke, Steve Mahowald, Paul Mogush, Kevin Roggenbuck, Rachel Wiken

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Beckwith, Tony Fischer, Steve Peterson, Michael Corbett, Dave Burns, Lyn Bly, Cole Hinicker, Amy Vennewitz, Nicole Sullivan, Sara Maaske, Nick Thompson, April Crockett, Mehjabeen Rahman, Jonathan Ehrlich, Sheila Holbrook-White, Paul Morris, Jerome Adams

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Lucke

2. Adoption of the Agenda

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Nov 2018 meetings

4. Action Items

1. 2019-08: TPP Amendment for Gold Line and I-94 lane addition

The TPP amendment brought to the committee involved two parts – a highway project on I94 in Hennepin County and a change to the eastern terminus of the Gold Line BRT project. The information was presented to the committee in three presentations.

First, Christine Beckwith, Gold Line Project Office Manager, presented the details of the Gold Line change. She started with a quick overview of the project and status. The change to the eastern end of the line will move the last stop from the Woodbury Theater Park and Ride to a park and ride at 494 and Guider Drive. The Woodbury Theater stop would still exist but would be reduced in parking size. The change would remove a one decked parking facility at the Theater site, and replace it with a surface lot at both the Guider Drive site and the Woodbury Theater site. These two locations are about two blocks apart. Because of the expense of decked parking facilities, the cost difference is not significant.

The City of Woodbury requested the change. The City hopes to redevelop the Theater site and does not want the decked parking facility there.

Jan Lucke asked about property acquisition for the new site near 494. This property can not be secured until the amendment is passed. Lucke expressed concern about having to re-amend this project if that site could not be purchased. Cole Hinicker answered her question, noting that it would depend where the project was in development, that it would not necessarily trigger another amendment.

Beckwith's full presentation can be seen here: https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2019/TAC-Planning-01-10-19/4-1-1-gold-line-presentation_.aspx

Jerome Adams presented the details of the I94 project for MnDOT. There will be three projects happening on I94 from Maple Grove to Clearwater in the next two years. For this TPP amendment, MnDOT is asking to add lanes between the new Dayton Parkway Interchange and Hwy 101. This would be the 4th project on this section of I94. All through lanes will remain open during these planned projects.

Bill Dermody asked why MnPASS is not being added during this project. Adams pointed out that right-of-way in this section and the bridge clearances still allow for MnPASS to be added in the future. This project is not limiting future MnPASS. Paul Czech clarified that this section is MnPASS tier 3 area, and is not a priority to add to the system at this time.

Adam's full presentation can be seen here: <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2019/TAC-Planning-01-10-19/4-1-2-mndot-presentation.aspx>

Steve Peterson gave the last presentation, highlighting the TPP amendment process and why these two project changes require an amendment. <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2019/TAC-Planning-01-10-19/4-1-3-overview-of-amendment.aspx>

Innocent Eyoh commented that the MPCA will issue conformity letters for both projects.

Mark Filipi moved, Eyoh seconded, the motion passes as written.

2. 2019-12: ITS Infrastructure (Dave Burns)

Dave Burns and Andrew Emanuele from FHWA presented the ITS infrastructure resolution. Full text here: <https://metro council.org/Council-Meetings/Committees/Transportation-Advisory-Board-TAB/TAB-Technical-Advisory-Committee/TAC-Planning-Committee/2019/TAC-Planning-01-10-19/4-b-2019-12-w-Architecture.aspx>

Bill Dermody commented that he welcomes this action and wishes there was something similar to be used at the city / county level. Currently they have to hire out this work to consultants and some kind of standard for locals would be helpful.

Kevin Roggenbuck moved, Mark Filipi second, motion passes as written.

5. Info Items

1. Regional Employment and Transportation Flows (Nicole Sullivan and Jonathan Ehrlich)

<https://metro council.org/transportationflows>

2. Freeway System Interchange Study (Tony Fischer and Michael Corbett, MnDOT)

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6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

Adjourn at 2:25