

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE TAC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 12, 2021 - Online meeting

Committee Members Present: Nathan Abney, Dave Burns, Michael Corbett, Innocent Eyoh, Jack Forslund, Jason Gottfried, Emily Jorgensen (chair), Elaine Koutsoukos, Michael Larson, Gina Mitteco, Ben Picone, Angie Stenson, Jim Voll, Andrew Emanuele

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with no changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 2021 minutes were approved without modification.

BUSINESS ITEMS

2021-23: 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Dave Burns from the Council presented this item. The draft document is [posted on the agenda](#).

Burns said comments that have been sent from partner agencies (FHWA, MnDOT, MPCA) will be addressed as this item moves through the committees, so there may still be some changes to the program.

MOTION: Michael Larson moved to recommend adoption with the understanding that changes will still be made to address partner agency comments. Michael Corbett seconded. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

2021-24: Regional Bicycle Transportation Network and Regional Bicycle Barriers Updates

Steve Elmer from the Council presented this item. The presentation is [posted on the agenda](#).

Angie Stenson asked about a request from Carver County. Elmer said he would go back and recheck it was addressed and will make any needed edits to the map, if that is acceptable to the committee. Elmer said this will be a regular process to submit requests for changes before each Regional Solicitation. Cole Hiniker clarified that the next TPP update will have a draft in 2023 or early 2024, so there would not likely be another update cycle connected to that plan update considering the timing of it in relation to the solicitation.

MOTION: Gina Mitteco moved to recommend that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend to the Transportation Advisory Board to accept the updated RBTN and regional bicycle barriers and release for public comment as part of the 2022 Regional Solicitation packet. Ben Picone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2021-25: MnDOT Functional Classification System Changes

Steve Peterson from the Council presented this item with Joe Widing from MnDOT. Maps and information for this item are [posted on the agenda](#).

Angie Stenson said the county appreciated being able to work with them on this but still has a few concerns going forward: more coordination is needed with other districts where there are county borders with the metro region; it would be helpful to look at principal arterials as a region (which was not part of this work); and not all cities responded to the outreach done as part of this work. There were three cities in Carver County that did not respond but have changes proposed in this item, and the county was concerned because this relates to local comprehensive plans and asked if it could be possible to default to not changing until cities respond. Widing said outreach was done for each city and county multiple times and it was unclear what else could be done for those who had not replied after

multiple attempts. Michael Larson said the regional functional classification process is the controlling document but they would not discourage cities from amending their comprehensive plans to address this issue but they are not required to do so. Those are typically administrative amendments for comprehensive plans. Peterson said state DOTs and MPOs are responsible for review of the functional classification system. Nathan Abney suggested that in the future, counties could take the lead in communicating with cities and townships. Peterson said they could pass along the comments about working on border issues and consistencies in the future, as well as how to better communicate with cities and townships when roadway classifications would change and how to handle it when cities do not respond.

MOTION: Gina Mitteco moved that TAC Planning recommend (as in the action transmittal) that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Administratively modify the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan to:
 - A. Include MnDOT's recommended systemwide changes to the Minor Arterial system;
 - B. Upgrade Dakota County State Aid Highway (CSAH 23) from an A-Minor Arterial Expander to a Principal Arterial from CSAH 42 to CSAH 70.
 - C. Upgrade Dakota County CSAH 70 from an A-Minor Arterial Expander to a Principal Arterial from CSAH 23 to Interstate 35.
2. Recommend that the MnDOT Commissioner submit all of the changes from the functional classification study to the Federal Highway Administration for approval.

Dave Burns seconded. The motion passed with two votes against (10-2).

2021-26: MnDOT Functional Classification A-Minor Arterials Changes

Steve Peterson from the Council presented this item with Joe Widing from MnDOT. Maps and information for this item are [posted on the agenda](#).

Peterson said the A Minor arterial system is just for the metro area and is not recognized by FHWA or MnDOT, so TAC is the final action on this item. In response to a question, he said an upcoming study will review the A Minor system, including definitions and purpose, so any changes to subclassifications with the A Minor system would be done after that, not as part of this action item.

MOTION: Jason Gottfried moved to recommend that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) adopt the subclassifications to the A Minor Arterial Network. Michael Corbett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS Steve Elmer said the regional freight truck corridors would likely come to this committee in October after additional time for local partners to review. Heidi Schallberg said the committee will still be meeting online in September and likely in October; future months are still to be determined. The committee's regular November meeting date falls on the federal Veterans Day holiday, so there may not be a regular November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT After business was completed, the meeting adjourned.