

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**  
 390 North Robert St., St. Paul MN 55101  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
 Wednesday, January 18, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hargis, William, Chair	Hegberg, Dennis	Petryk, Becky
Stark, Russ	Westerberg, Andy	Van Hattum, David	Bennett, Tony
Hovland, James	Callison, Jan	Lilligren, Robert	Maluchnik, Randy
Peilen, Lisa	McBride, Scott	Heffelfinger, Thomas	Thornton, David
Krause, Paul	Sanger, Sue	Janovy, Jennifer	Siddiqui, AJ
Donahoe, Margaret	Swanson, Dick	Fawley, Ethan	Isaacs, Aaron
Butcher, Gerry			
ABSENT:	Drotning, Karl	Have, Ron	Duininck, Adam
	Gallagher, Steven	Tjornhom, Bethany	Rossbach, Will
	McKnight, Kenya	Ulrich, Jon	Whalen, Julia
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator		

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the January 18, 2012 TAB meeting to order at 1:35 pm, Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul.

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Hovland, to adopt the agenda for the January 18, 2012 TAB meeting.  
 Motion carried.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Lilligren, to approve the minutes from December 21, 2011 TAB meeting.  
 Motion carried.

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. Public comment on the agenda items has occurred at the respective TAB subcommittee meetings.  
 There were no members of the public present to address the TAB at today's meeting.

**V. TAB CHAIR REPORT**

**A. Information: Welcome New Members to the TAB**

Chair Hargis welcomed new TAB members Jennifer Janovy, Gerry Butcher, Aaron Isaacs, and Ethan Fawley. Each said a few words about themselves. Incumbent TAB members also introduced themselves to the new members. Hargis added he and Kevin Roggenbuck will meet with new members at their place of business, and also that new TAB member orientation is scheduled for Friday 1/20/12.

**B. 2012-02: Approval of TAB Subcommittee Assignments**

A list of members and their subcommittee assignments was provided in the meeting information packet.

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Hegberg:

That the TAB approve the assignments to the TAB Programming and Policy Committees as listed in the roster provided.

Motion passed.

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Technical Advisory Committee**

Pat Bursaw reported that the 1/04/12 TAC meeting included information on the following:

1. MnDOT State Multimodal Plan and Minnesota GO report on the guiding principles and goals and next steps for MnDOT's 50-year vision (by Mark Nelson, MnDOT). Final plan adoption of the Statewide Multimodal Plan is scheduled for April 2012. There will be public meetings prior to final adoption. Kevin Roggenbuck and/or Bill Hargis will e-mail information regarding a 2/09/12 public meeting to the TAB members.
2. TAC Executive Committee discussed review and update of TAC bylaws (last updated in 2007). TAB members are encouraged to comment. The Executive Committee also discussed the Planning and Programming Guidebook, which will also be reviewed by the Planning & Programming Committees.
3. Sunset date extension item for Dakota County SP#91-090-59. The TAC acted favorably on this item; the item is part of the TAB agenda today.
4. Regional Solicitation process and scoring. Kevin Roggenbuck presented to the TAC.

### **B. Policy Committee**

Stark reported that the 1/12/12 Policy Committee meeting was canceled.

### **C. Programming Committee**

Lilligren reported that the Programming Committee met on 1/18/12 and the agenda consisted of the following items:

- a. Information and discussion: Update on the 2011 Regional Solicitation  
Kevin Roggenbuck presented to the Programming Committee. A total of 134 applications were received requesting \$350M in federal funds to be programmed in 2015 or 2016. There is no federal transportation bill yet, so the amount of funds available is unknown. The committees continue to score and rank applications, and will then pause in the process to see if information is available about the federal transportation at that time.
- b. 2012-01: Sunset Date Extension Request: Dakota County  
Lilligren gave a background on the project for the benefit of new TAB members.  
Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Krause:  
That the TAB approve a one year sunset date extension from March 31, 2012 to March 31, 2013 for Dakota County SP#91-090-59 Mississippi River Regional Trail in Rosemount.  
Motion passed.
- c. Information and discussion: MPCA Request for CMAQ funds for Electric Vehicle Recharging Infrastructure.  
Fran Crotty and Kevin McDonald, MPCA, gave an overview of this item prior to anticipated TAB action at the February 2012 TAB meeting. Lilligren explained that this project request is outside of the regional solicitation process as it does not fit into the solicitation categories. Sanger asked where the \$500,00 would go if the project is not approved and Roggenbuck answered that it would go back to the larger pot of money available to all CMAQ projects. Sanger requested that the TAB be provided the reasons that the project does not fit into the regional solicitation categories. Heffelfinger and Peilen stated that there may be conflicts of interests for them and they will abstain from the debate and voting on this item. The committee discussed flexibility in the siting of the charging stations and some members had questions on the calculations. Crotty/McDonald will provide an executive summary of the emission reduction calculations to TAB members prior to the February TAB meeting. TAB members are encouraged to contact Kevin Roggenbuck with questions they may have before the February TAB meeting.
- d. Information and discussion: Conditions for Making Exceptions to Federal Funds Re-allocation Policy  
Kevin Roggenbuck provided a memo in the meeting information packet with scenarios where TAB could be/or has been asked to make exceptions to its federal fund re-allocation policies. These examples are provided to assist the committee and further the discussion. Roggenbuck stated that this item will be on the Executive

Committee agenda in February. The Executive Committee may form a group to establish policy. A report will be forthcoming from the Executive Committee in February.

**VII. SPECIAL AGENDA**

1. Twin Cities Transit Basics

Cole Hiniker, Metropolitan Transportation Services, and John Levin, Metro Transit, gave a presentation about transit basics in the Twin Cities. The presentation included topics such as: transit benefits and regional policy, transit modes, transit planning, transit system overview and performance, and peer region comparisons. This is part of a series of presentations. Presentations to come include: Transit Funding and Programming, and Transit and Transitway Investment Plans.

2. Governance of Transit in the Twin Cities Region

Due to time constraints, this item will be rescheduled for the February 2012 TAB meeting.

**VIII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS**

None.

**IX. AGENCY REPORTS**

None.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hargis adjourned the regular meeting of TAB at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, January 21, 2012.

Respectfully submitted: LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary