

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
 390 North Robert St., St. Paul MN 55101
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Wednesday, August 15, 2012

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the August 15, 2012 TAB meeting to order at 1:30 pm, Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Stark, to adopt the agenda for the August 15, 2012 TAB meeting.
 Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Callison, seconded by Have, to approve the minutes from June 20, 2012 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. TAB Executive Committee meeting August 9. Roggenbuck's summary of the executive committee meeting was emailed to members. The purpose of the Executive Committee is to keep the committees focused and not intended to be a decision-making body. Subjects addressed at the Executive Committee are on the agenda for today's TAB meeting. Members can contact Roggenbuck or Hargis with any comments.

b. Southwest Transit (SWT) request to reconsider CMAQ funding for the TH169 and Pioneer Trail park-and-ride; response from Chair Hargis; additional market area information.
 SWT and TAB correspondence were included in the meeting mailing. Whalen stated that she was disappointed that she was not aware that reconsideration was an option, and said that the City of Champlin would have also wanted reconsideration given to their project.
 A **motion** was made by Maluchnik, seconded by Krause to reconsider the scoring for SWT's TH 169 and Pioneer Trail Park-and-Ride Facility.
 Discussion followed as noted below.

Dave Jacobson, SouthWest Transit, addressed the committee with the request to reconsider the CMAQ funding and handed out additional response information from SWT to TAB. He noted that the market analysis map included in the TAB correspondence was not the same as was included in the CMAQ application, and also discussed potential ridership numbers. He requested that the TAB follow the expertise of their Technical Advisory Committee and award CMAQ funds to SWT as originally proposed. The committee discussed potential ridership numbers, capacity in Shakopee Park & Ride lots, the possible impact of completion of the I-494/169 interchange on congestion, the impact of this reconsideration on other projects and the processes followed. Hargis noted that the scoring of projects was not changed; the cut-off line for awarding to projects was changed.

Arlene McCarthy, MTS, addressed the committee and stated that the TAC put options on the table for TAB to consider, not recommendations. The main concerns of Metro Council are that the area already has significant park and ride capacity and facilities would be competing with each other for ridership.

Maluchnik questioned whether awarding the funding to a bike/ped project is getting the best project for the money in terms of safety, congestion reduction and air quality. Maluchnik and Heffelfinger believe that there is a market for potential ridership in Eden Prairie/Bloomington. Van Hattum said he believes that the committee needs to know the details of the federal transportation bill before making a decision. Hovland stated that in the future the committees need to be sure that project proposers are aware of potential questions about their projects in order to work out the questions.

The **motion** made by Maluchnik, seconded by Krause to reconsider the scoring for SWT's TH 169 and Pioneer Trail Park-and-Ride Facility **did not pass**.

c. Questions about the regional solicitation from TAB Member Sue Sanger; reply from Chair Hargis. Roggenbuck and Hargis met with Sanger to clarify answers to her questions about the Regional Solicitation.

d. Summary of comments and issues raised during TAB member visits; discussion on pursuing action. Discussion of this item was deferred to the September TAB meeting due to time constraints.

e. Discuss restructuring Policy and Programming Committees into Committee of the Whole; staff memo. Discussion of this item was deferred to the September TAB meeting due to time constraints.

f. Regional Solicitation Evaluation: TAB feedback on the proposed Scope of Work. The Scope of Work for the upcoming Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study is included in the meeting packet. A zero-based budgeting approach is proposed. Roggenbuck outlined the timeline for the Regional Solicitation Process.

g. Chair Hargis recognized Julia Whalen for over seven years of service to the TAB. Whalen is moving out of Champlin and will resign from the Champlin City Council.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technical Advisory Committee

Pat Bursaw reported on the August 1 TAC meeting which included a tour of the Union Depot. The TAC heard information from Serge Phillips, MnDOT, about MAP-21 - (also on the TAB agenda today). TAC also heard a report on the Federal Program Delivery Work Group - a recommendation regarding sunset date, scope changes, etc. should come to the F&P in September and the TAC in October. The TAC passed three items that are on the TAB agenda. TAC also tabled an item regarding the TPP amendment for Bottineau Transitway Locally Preferred Alternative & Arterial Transitway Corridor Study until the September meeting.

Policy Committee

Russ Stark reported from the Policy Committee.

a. **Information:** Transportation Policy Plan amendment for Bottineau Transitway Locally Preferred Alternative and Arterial Transitway Corridor Study Results.

TAC action was to table the amendment request, and the Policy Committee did not take action. The full TAB discussed the process of obtaining municipal support of all communities involved in the Bottineau Transitway prior to making a LPA decision. Also discussed changes in MAP-21 as to what is required for preliminary engineering on a project. Lilligren, as TAB Liaison to the MC, will report to/from TAB/Metro Council the discussions and progress on obtaining Golden Valley's support for Bottineau Transitway.

b. 2012-31: 2012 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment: Metropolitan Council.

Request to amend the 2012 Unified Planning Work Program to include the Regional Solicitation Evaluation Study, Highway Transitway Corridor Study, Penn. Emerson/Freemont, Broadway Corridor Studies, and Thrive MSP 2040 Transportation.

Elaine Koutsoukos, MTS Senior Planner, presented this item. The Policy Committee recommended approval.

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Heffelfinger to recommend adoption of the amendment to the 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area as noted on the attachment to the business item.

Motion passed.

c. Information: Regional Forecasts and Thrive MSP 2040: Metropolitan Council.

Presentation on the 2040 forecasts and timeline; discuss TAB/TAC involvement in Thrive MSP 2040.

Libby Starling, Metro Council Community Development, presented this item. Staff is reaching out to the public and agencies for feedback and input for Thrive MSP 2040. Information is posted on the Metro Council website. Roggenbuck will be the liaison to/from the TAB, working with Starling to provide information flow and proactive involvement for the input to Thrive MSP 2040.

Programming Committee

Robert Lilligren reported that the Programming Committee met and discussed the following items.

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Callison to approve items 2012-27, 2012-28, and 2012-29 (items a, b, and c below) in one motion as consent items. Motion passed.

a. 2012-27: 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Recommendation to accept the public comment report on the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Motion:

That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) accepts the Public Comments report for the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area provided as part of the business item.

b. 2012-28: 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Recommendation to adopt the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Motion:

That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopt the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and forward to the Metropolitan Council for concurrence.

c. 2012-29: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) -Recommendation to award funds to the HSIP projects submitted in the 2011 Regional Solicitation.

Motion:

That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) allocates Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding to 16 reactive safety projects; list provided as part of the business item.

d. Information: Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)
The Programming Committee heard a staff briefing on preliminary analysis of MAP-21 and a regional work plan to understand its impacts on transportation planning and programming. Special Agenda Item below also addresses this subject.

VII. SPECIAL AGENDA

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)
MnDOT Federal Relations Manager Serge Phillips, and Mark Gieseke - MnDOT Office of Capital Programs and Performance Measures, presented this item. The new Transportation Bill was passed in June; new provisions go into effect 10/01/12. Decisions about MAP-21 will be made when Federal rulemaking is complete in the next 18 months. MAP-21 appears to be less flexible than SAFETEA-LU. MnDOT provided charts converting the old programs of SAFETEA-LU to the most similar new programs of MSP-21, for beginning discussions. MnDOT will hold an all-day workshop on MAP-21 on September 17 at the Prom Center in Oakdale.

VIII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

Hovland requested future discussion about contingency planning for a process to follow involving turning back funds. He also requested discussion of contingency planning to include the SWT project in the event that there are turnback funds. And he also asked that the committees look at a process for proper notification to project proposers who have projects being scored in the Regional Solicitation. Roggenbuck will research and provide documentation of the process to turnback funds from projects dropped from the Regional Solicitation and the notification process documentation.

IX. AGENCY REPORTS

McBride reported two items of interest from MnDOT:

1. On 8/18 the Maryland Bridge over I-35E will be moved into place. I-35E will be closed for the day; there will be a live webcast on the MnDOT website.
2. The Hastings River Crossing structure has been constructed on land. After Labor Day, the arch structure will be taken from land to water and hoisted up into place on the bridge.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hargis adjourned the regular meeting of TAB at 3:25 pm on Wednesday, August 15, 2012.

Respectfully submitted: LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary