Minutes

TAC Planning Committee

Meeting Date: April 14, 2022 **Time**: 1:00 PM **Location:** Virtual

Members Present:

- ☒ Anoka Co - Jack Forslund
- ☐ Carver Co - Angie Stenson
- ☒ Chanhassen - Charlie Howley
- ☒ Council Community Development - Michael Larson
- ☒ Council MTS - Dave Burns
- ☒ Dakota Co - Gina Mitteco
- ☐ FHWA - Andrew Emanuele (ex-officio)
- ☒ Hennepin Co – KC Atkins
- ☒ Metro Transit - Steve Mahowald
- ☐ MAC - Bridget Rief
- ☒ Minneapolis - Jim Voll
- ☒ MnDOT – Michael Corbett
- ☐ MPCA - Innocent Eyoh
- ☒ Ramsey Co - Scott Mareck (Vice Chair)
- ☒ Roseville - Marc Culver
- ☒ St. Paul - Bill Dermody
- ☒ Scott Co - Nathan Abney
- ☒ Suburban Transit Assoc - Ben Picone
- ☒ TAB Coordinator - Elaine Koutsoukos
- ☒ Washington Co - Emily Jorgensen (Chair)

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Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Jorgensen called the regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee to order on a roll call. She also notified the committee they would continue to meet virtually through August, at which point the TAC Executive Committee will re-evaluate the best format. She also announced Jed Hanson will be replacing Heidi Schallberg as staff to the committee beginning with the next meeting.

Agenda Approved

Chair Jorgensen noted that a roll call vote was not needed for approval of the agenda unless a committee member offered an amendment to the agenda. Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 10, 2022, regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee were approved unanimously.

Public Comment on Committee Business

There were no public comments.

Information

1. MnDOT Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Recommendations

Nissa Tupper and Siri Simons from MnDOT presented this item. The presentation slides are posted on the agenda. David Burns asked what the methodology was for urban miles traveled. Simons said it is about overall vehicle miles traveled (VMT), and the consultant used factors such as population and average miles traveled in the metro versus greater Minnesota in

consideration of the different abilities to reduce VMT in those areas. They can provide the specific methodology to the committee; Simons didn't recall why it was referred to as "urban miles traveled." The Pathways to Decarbonizing Transportation report was an overall first step, but other more current strategies are guiding the work at this point. MnDOT needs additional research to better understand what achieving a VMT reduction goal looks like for the state, including considerations of our weather patterns. MnDOT has had preliminary discussions with MPOs in the state about adopting similar goals and will be doing additional engagement with these partners in the fall after the state VMT target is finalized. Jorgensen said she appreciated the different tiers and recommendations and is excited to see what comes from this work. Burns asked if any partners in greater Minnesota are working with MnDOT to look at travel demand management strategies. Tupper said in the fall, MnDOT will be working more with partners to tailor strategies to different community needs. Marc Culver said it will be challenging to work with the transportation community to build better understanding of how to work toward those VMT goals, what happens if they aren't met, and how to get there with all of our systems.

2. Overview of 2050 Regional Development Guide and Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Development

Dan Marckel and Michael Larson from the Council's Community Development division and Jed Hanson from MTS presented this item. The presentation slides are posted on the agenda. Jorgensen noted that if current committee members are not the right people to serve on TAC Planning as their agency's lead for the TPP update with the Technical Working Group, they should discuss who to have serving during this plan development process. Cole Hiniker noted the group will start meeting in May, so committee members will be invited to those unless their agencies change TAC Planning members. The VMT goal mentioned in the previous presentation will be part of these discussions in the working group.

3. Twin Cities Functional Classification Process Update

David Burns from MTS and Jack Corkle from WSB presented this item. The slides are posted on the agenda. Jorgensen said cities and counties don't use functional class in their daily work, usually only when required for something at the federal or regional level, so it can be confusing (but even recent federal RAISE and INFRA grant applications did not ask for it). It would be helpful to have information on when to consider new functional classification with new facilities. Larson said it can also be confusing for local agencies to understand the update process order with comprehensive plans and the Council's regional process. Mareck asked if the project would include a peer review to understand how our regional system compares to others with the proportionality of different functional classification types. Corkle said the region is slightly higher with minor arterials and lower with rural principal arterials and collectors. This project will look at recommendations. Larson asked if there are multimodal considerations for functional class, and Corkle replied that Appendix D includes some vague guidelines now, but there could be more definition to those. Corkle asked about committee member experiences with submitting change requests. Agencies can't apply until the road actually meets the classification criteria. Otherwise, feedback shared indicated it has been a simple process that is sometimes initiated by Council staff pointing out inconsistencies with comprehensive plans. Updates for collectors have been included in GIS after MnDOT's recent work. Mareck asked if there would be any consideration of geographic separation. Corkle said that will be looked at, and there are some guidelines.

Other Business

Heidi Schallberg said the calendar invite for committee meetings for the rest of the year will be resent to separate the TAC Planning Committee from the upcoming TPP work group. Michael Corbett said that he is replacing Paul Czech on the committee because Paul is retiring from MnDOT in June.

Adjournment

Business completed, the meeting adjourned.

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