

**Minutes of the  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)**

Wednesday, May 20, 2015  
Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James, Chair	Fawley, Ethan	Butcher, Gerry
Crimmins, Carl	McBride, Scott	Hansen, Gary	Slawik, Nora
Van Hattum, David	Look, Matt	McKnight, Kenya	Miron, Fran (Carla Bigham – alt)
Janovy, Jennifer	Petryk, Becky	Maluchnik, Randy	Gunyou, John
	Ulrich, Jon	Tolbert, Chris	Rodriguez, Katie
Schwietz, Patricia	Swanson, Dick	Gaylord, Kathleen	Hamann-Roland, Mary
Laufenburger, Denny	Dugan, Peter	McGuire, Mary Jo	Reich, Kevin
Callison, Jan	Miranda, Suyapa	Thornton, David	Goins, William
Lilligren, Robert	Sanger, Sue		
ABSENT:	d’Almeida, Anani		
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator		

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum was present when Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:40 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Hovland noted that the agenda has been revised, striking Business Item 2 (2015-30) from the agenda. Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded Gaylord to adopt the revised 05/20/15 agenda. Motion carried.

**III. PUBLIC FORUM**

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. There were no members of the public present to address the TAB at today’s meeting.

**IV. REPORTS**

**1. TAB Chair’s Report**

Hovland had nothing to report; there was no TAB Executive meeting prior to the TAB meeting today.

**2. Agency Reports (MnDOT, MPCA, MAC and Metropolitan Council)**

MnDOT: Scott McBride – nothing to report.

MPCA: David Thornton – nothing to report.

MAC: Carl Crimmins reported that the expansion at the Humphrey Terminal has been put on hold. Sun Country Airlines may be considering downsizing and they are one of the biggest tenants at the terminal. Bids have been received but the project is on hold for 30 days.

Metro Council: Katie Rodriguez – nothing to report.

**3. Technical Advisory Committee**

Steve Albrecht gave an update on the 2016 CMAQ re-allocation. There is \$12.3 M in 2016 CMAQ funds available to be reallocated to new projects and possibly the availability of \$1.0 M from past CMAQ funding for reallocation. Alternatives for the reallocation were discussed at the April TAB Executive Committee and brought to TAC in May. The TAC recommended that the item go to TAC F&P in May, TAC and TAB in June. The approval of the final project list in the current Regional Solicitation could affect and help guide the decision(s). If the funding is used to

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select additional projects in the current Regional Solicitation, then an additional three transit projects and two additional bicycle/pedestrian projects could be funded along with the Transit On-Board Survey. Thornton requested a list of the projects that are proposed to be funded with the \$12.3M.

## **V. CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion by Tolbert, seconded by Hansen and carried to approve the consent item below.

1. Approval of the Minutes from April 15, 2015

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

1. 2015-25: 2015-2018 Streamlined TIP Amendment, St. Croix Boom Site, Washington Co. Albrecht presented this item.

Motion Bigham, seconded by Hamann-Roland that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the amendment into the 2015-2018 TIP to add civil engineering to and increase the cost of its rehabilitation at the St. Croix Boom Site Roadside Recreational Area (SP# 082-595-002).

Motion carried.

2. ~~2015-30: 2015-2018 Streamlined TIP Amendment, Section 5307, Metro Transit~~  
This item was stricken from the agenda prior to the meeting.

3. 2015-23: Scope Change Request, Hennepin Co.

Albrecht presented this item and explained the evaluation and scoring change. Callison commented on the regional significance of the project. The additional costs are being funded by Hennepin County and local partners.

Motion Fawley, seconded by Callison that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the request to modify the scope for the Surface Transportation Program-funded project (SP# 027-653-021) in 2016 to change two intersection signals to roundabouts, change bicycle facility termini, change the project termini, and reduce the number of travel lanes.

Motion carried.

4. 2015-24: 2015 TDM Solicitation Release Authorization

Albrecht presented this item and stated that this solicitation does not jeopardize \$7 M funding that was awarded for innovation awards previously.

Motion Hamann-Roland, seconded by Goins that the Transportation Advisory Board authorize a 2015 TDM solicitation for \$1.8 million in CMAQ funds.

Motion carried.

5. 2015-22: Regional Solicitation Funding Scenarios

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Steve Peterson presented this item and the proposed schedule for adoption. Peterson detailed each scenario (A, B & C), and noted the City of Champlin letter requesting the inclusion of US 169 Bridges for discussion.

Motion by Look, seconded by Hamann-Roland to eliminate Scenario C from the options.

Discussion: For the next Regional Solicitation, Fawley and Reich suggested more directives on how fund bridges as they are unique and perhaps they need their own category and not competing with roadways.

McBride explained the request from Champlin to fund US 169 bridge, and the options for Champlin without regional solicitation funding. Hovland answered Goin's question, that there is an element of return on investment/or economic prosperity embedded the scoring system of the projects. Gunyou encouraged sticking with the process as laid out and not pitching for individual projects and Lauffenburger said that the foundation of the decision making is in the scoring of the projects. Maluchnik called the question on discussion, carried.

A vote was taken on the motion above, the motion to eliminate Scenario C carried.

A motion was made by Reich, seconded by Maluchnik to recommend that the TAB approve Scenario A.

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The committee discussed Scenarios A & B and the possibility of modifying the scenarios and move some projects around in each scenario.

Ulrich questioned what would happen to some of the projects related to Southwest LRT, if the LRT project does not proceed. Hovland said that the Federal Funds Management Process passed in March addresses how federal funds are to be reallocated in the event a TAB selected project is deferred or canceled. MTS Planning Analyst Carl Ohrn added that there will be another solicitation coming within a year and most of these projects are for the 2018-2019 timeframe. If the timing worked out, the funds could be added to the next solicitation. The decision depends on whether the projects are delayed or cut permanently. For future Regional Solicitations, Bigham noted the need for a more equitable way to evaluate Transit Expansion projects between the suburbs and the urban core, perhaps having two categories or scoring systems.

There was discussion about whether it is appropriate to fund all System Management projects in spite of the lower scoring compared to projects in another category, and the desire to use some of the System Management funding elsewhere.

McGuire suggested looking into the concerns raised today for refinement for the next Regional Solicitation (i.e. scoring minimums, categories).

A motion was made by Fawley, seconded by Van Hattum to amend the motion above to modify Scenario A by not approving the bottom two (#s 9 & 10) System Management projects, and reallocate those funds to the project ranked #5 on the Transit Project list. After discussion and explanation from Ohrn about the cost benefit analysis, the cost effectiveness to improve Air Quality, and importance to the Federal Government in T-21, Fawley withdrew his motion and Van Hattum withdrew his second to the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion made above by Reich, seconded by Maluchnik that the Transportation Advisory Board select the program of projects set forth in Scenario A, which includes expenditure of 2017 STP funds, 2017 CMAQ funds, and the 2018-2019 Regional Solicitation funds that will become available from the federal government.

Motion carried.

Fawley reminded staff that TAB members had requested an overview of how Regional Solicitation funds fit in with the broad array of funding that comes from other sources. Steve Peterson said that staff will circulate this information via email to the TAB.

## **VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study**

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Steve Peterson presented this item. In answer to members' questions, Peterson stated that the RFP calls for working with the counties and cities (and stakeholders), MnDOT/Metro Council/and the Consultant will be performing the final analysis, and part of the analysis will look at limited access and adding frontage roads. McBride noted that two PAs in the study are owned by counties (Dakota and Anoka).

## **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS**

Ulrich reported that Scott County enacted a ½ cent sales tax for transportation purposes. This will bring in \$6M/year, \$1M of which will go to transit needs.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT - Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.**