

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 Robert Street North, Saint Paul

#### Committee Members Present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hovland, James (Chair)	Look, Matt	Barber, Deb
Gaylord, Kathleen	Petryk, Becky	Boyles, Frank	Ulrich, Jon
Karwoski, Stan	Anderson, Doug	Sandahl, Suzanne	Lindeke, William
Foster, Amity	Fox, Nick	Dugan, Peter	Goins, William
Reich, Kevin	Windschitl, Mark	Crimmins, Carl	Geisler, Christopher
Bailey, Myron	Hollinshead, Mathews	Swanson, Dick	Giuliani Stephens, Mary
Tolbert, Chris	Gorecki, Bruce	Wosje, Jeff	Hamann-Roland, Mary
Goettel, Debbie	Staples, Jamez	McGuire, Mary Jo	Hansen, Gary
McDonnell, Craig (Biewen, Todd)	Barnes, Michael (Solberg, Jon)		
ABSENT:	Maluchnik, Randy		
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Koutsoukos, Elaine TAB Coordinator	Freese, Lisa TAC Chair	Thompson, Nick MTS Director

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:34 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 and introduced new TAB members.

#### II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Hamann-Roland, seconded by Wosje, to approve the agenda of the June 19, 2019, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

#### III. PUBLIC FORUM

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. There was no one in the audience who wished to speak on items not on the agenda.

#### IV. REPORTS

##### 1. TAB Chair's Report

Hovland reported on the Regional Solicitation Policy Work Group meetings.

##### 2. Agency Reports MnDOT, MPCA, MAC, and Metropolitan Council

MnDOT, Jon Solberg:

Solberg reported that the Transportation Economic Development Program application is now open. MnDOT anticipates awarding up to \$20 million for construction projects on Minnesota's state highways that have measurable economic benefits in calendar years 2020-2022. In addition, DEED has an additional \$2.2 million in general obligation bonds available through the TEDI program. Applications are due September 6, 2019.

MPCA, Todd Biewen:

Biewen reported on the continuing comment period for Phase 2 of the VW settlement. The last public meeting is June 25 in Burnsville. MPCA is accepting written comments through August 16.

MAC, Carl Crimmins:

Crimmins that MSP airport received several more awards. One in particular is 2nd place for “Best ‘Green’ Concessions Concept or Practice” category. Loaves and Fishes, a Minneapolis-based non-profit that serves free meals, picks up ready-to-eat items donated by airport concessionaires and distributes them the same day to those in need. They are also saving money on waste removal. There is a Food Truck Alley on Concourse E.

Metropolitan Council, Deb Barber:

Barber that they have two finalists for candidates for Metro Transit Police chief. The Transit Values Workshops have been scheduled on July 23 and 24. TAB members and Council members can attend either workshop.

Judd Schetnan, Director of Met Council Governmental Affairs Intergovernmental Relations, provided an update on the 2019 Legislative session.

Foster asked about the D Line impacts because of lack of funding this session. Schetnan said this is still being investigated. Goins asked about roadway improvements. Schetnan said a MnDOT representative will come to present. Staples asked about GANS. Schetnan said GANS is a tool to finance at a cheaper rate than the Federal partners are more familiar rate. Foster asked about the UMN campus expansion. Schetnan said it would have been a fourth stop added and an appropriation would have had to have come along with the additional stop. Barber voiced her appreciation for Judd and his work. Hollinshead asked if the Met Council has a role in the study of the Northstar up to St. Cloud. Schetnan said the study is being coordinated by MnDOT and the Met Council’s jurisdiction ends at the seven counties but as the operator of the line the Council will most likely be looped in. Solberg added that 650,000 dollars has been appropriated to study and the Met Council will be a part of this conversation, the other entities involved are still being discerned. Windschitl commented that opt-outs have had to drop routes because of funding and asked what is being done. Schetnan said what the Council and House proposed was a Regional Sales Tax which would benefit the opt-outs as well, he added that by moving Metro Mobility out it ensures they are not in contention for bus funds. Barber said that Metro Mobility going to its own line item gives more certainty as the Council is now starting to discuss its budget.

## V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 1. Approval of Minutes from May 15, 2019

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hamann-Roland, to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

## VI. ACTION ITEMS

### 1. 2019-27 Streamlined TIP Amendment: I-35W Stormwater, MnDOT

TAC Vice-Chair Brian Isaacson presented this item.

Goettel asked why the price increase, Solberg said that it is MnDOT money that is covering the increase.

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Reich, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment into the 2019-2022 TIP to change the description and cost of MnDOT’s I-35W stormwater storage project (SP # 2782-347). **Motion carried.**

## 2. 2019-28 Streamlined TIP Amendment: MN 5 Reconstruction, MnDOT

TAC Vice-Chair Brian Isaacson presented this item.

Goettel asked how and why the bridge was added. Isaacson said usually the condition of bridge or timing changes.

It was moved by Gaylord, seconded by Crimmins, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment into the 2019-2022 TIP to update the project description and add an additional bridge rehabilitation for MnDOT's MN Highway 5 concrete pavement and bridge rehabilitation project (SP # 2732-105). **Motion carried.**

## 3. 2019-26 Draft 2020-2023 TIP Release for Public Comment

TAC Vice-Chair Brian Isaacson presented this item.

Barber asked about the process for setaside money. Thompson said there is a list of projects ranked and specific TIP amendments will have to be in compliance with the TPP. Thompson added that projects cannot be added during the public comment period. Look asked for clarification on projects not listed. Solberg said Rum River and 10 are in the STIP so should be listed. Thompson shared that during the public comment MnDOT usually submits a list of changes and those changes are made before the approval of the document. Geisler and Staples asked about the public engagement period. Giuliani Stephens asked what role the Met Council roles play in disseminating information to their districts. Barber said Council Members handle it differently, but Transportation Committee Council Members are very fluent with this work. MatasCastillo asked what level detail the public sees. Metropolitan Council Outreach Coordinator Maaske said there will be pop-up promotions and disseminated through all the channels. Maaske added that Council partners are also invested on promoting on behalf of the Council. Staples requested that one pop-up be hosted at the UMN Urban Outreach Center location.

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Hamann-Roland, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board adopt the draft 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for release for a public comment period. **Motion carried.**

## 4. 2019-24 Scott County Functional Classification Principal Arterial Change

TAC Vice-Chair Brian Isaacson presented this item.

Goettel asked for the names of roads to be included as well. Hollinshead asked if there was precedent for this evaluation. Isaacson said to his knowledge there has been.

It was moved by Reich, seconded by Hamann-Roland, that:

The TAB recommend to the Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee to make the following functional classification changes and to administratively modify the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan to reflect these changes:

1. Upgrade CSAH 42 from an A-Minor Expander to a Principal Arterial.

Upgrade CSAH 17 from an A-Minor Expander to a Principal Arterial.

Downgrade CSAH 21 from a Principal Arterial to an A-Minor Expander.

2. Continue evaluating CSAH 78 as a future Principal Arterial, but do not change the current functional classification of the roadway at this time.

**Motion carried.**

## 5. 2019-10 Prog Year Extension: TH5 Regional Trail, Carver Co Parks

TAC Vice-Chair Brian Isaacson presented this item.

Geisler asked about this project going through the Regional Solicitation. Isaacson said it was part of the risk but not that nuanced. Solberg added that the risk was a historic property that turned out to be a road and then the entire area needed to be looked at.

It was moved by Windschitl, seconded by Hamann-Roland, that:

The Transportation Advisory Board recommend to TAB approval of the program year extension request to move Carver County's TH 5 Regional Trail project (SP# 010-090-008) to 2020 on condition of not receiving clearance from FHWA by June 26, 2019. **Motion carried.**

## VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 1. 2020 Regional Solicitation

Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Joe Barbeau presented this item.

Lindeke asked about geographic balance. Gorecki said spot mobility will help as an outer city. Goettel asked if the safety will include pedestrian measure. Geisler asked about Spot Mobility and Modernization differences. Barbeau said there will be applications that can apply in either category and staff will encourage applicants to contact staff for guidance when this happens. Chair Hovland added that the technical funding and programming committee suggested this and if this category was added staff would need to come up with criteria. Look commented that it would be worthy of trying. Sandahl shared that the projects in Richfield made a big difference. Crimmins asked how long the award has been \$7 million. Barbeau said at least since 2014. Crimmins asked if the award could be a percentage, Barbeau said the problem with that is if the projects go up you would run out of money. Anderson said interchanges take a long time to be built but the cost increase went up so he would be in favor of \$10-12 million maximum. Look and Swanson said they are in favor of going to \$10 million.

### 2. Regional Bicycle Barriers Study

Metropolitan Transportation Services Planning Analyst Steve Elmer presented this item.

This item was moved to a future meeting.

## VIII. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

Barber read a tweet from the FTA. Windschitl reported on the LPGA event.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Jenna Ernst  
Recording Secretary