

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Metropolitan Council
390 N. Robert St., St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1805

Notes of a Meeting of the
TAC-PLANNING COMMITTEE
Nov 8, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT Paul Czech, Innocent Eyoh, Jack Forslund, Jarret Hubbard, Anne Kane, Elaine Koutsoukos, Michael Larson, Jan Lucke, Paul Mogush, Bridget Rief, Kevin Roggenbuck, Angie Stenson, Rachel Wiken, Katie White, Katie Walker

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Burns, Sara Maaske, Amy Vennewitz, Russ Owen

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Lucke

2. Adoption of the Agenda

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Oct 2018 meetings

4. Action Items

1. 2018-54: MAC CIP (Russ Owen)

Russ Owen presented the 2019 – 2025 Metropolitan Airport Commission (MAC) Capital Improvement Program (CIP). His slides can be seen at the link below. The Met Council is required to review and comment on the MAC CIP. MAC must also include a public participation process for comments.

The findings of the staff review for the CIP were that there was an adequate public participation process, that adequate funding was identified, and that the CIP is consistent with the 2040 TPP update.

Two projects are of large enough scope they require individual approval: The Lake Elmo Airport runway relocation and extension and the Crystal Airport Runway Improvements, which will move to 2020 and be reviewed again next year.

Katie White asked if Lake Elmo neighbors had expressed concern about the project. Jan Lucke (Washington County) said that there was some local concern being raised but they had formed a joint airport zoning board to give neighbors a voice in the project decision making.

Anne Kane asked if the Lake Elmo project was to allow larger aircraft. Bridget Rief (MAC) said the updates are to improve the airport to the federal minimums. The runway is currently undersized. The project will not majorly increase aircraft numbers.

Jan Lucke added that she felt MAC had done a great job listening to local concerns and was impressed with the process.

Katie Walker asked about the Crystal project and community concerns. Bridget Rief explained more details about the project and how it will expand the fleet and change noise contours around the airport. Neighbors have expressed concern about tree removal and MAC has responded with graphics trying to show the impacts visually.

White Moved to recommend the staff analysis, Roggenbuck second, motion passed.

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2. 2018-55: Safety Performance Measure Adoption (Dave Burns)

Dave Burns presented on the Safety Performance Measure Adoption. His slides can be seen at the link below. The Met Council needs to adopt the five federally required safety performance measures and recommended targets. The five measures are 1) number traffic fatalities 2) rate of fatalities per 100 million VMT 3) Number of suspected serious injuries 4) Rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT 5) number of non motorized fatalities and serious injuries. MnDot has already adopted state wide targets for these five measures. The Metro Council is adopting targets just for the metro area.

Kevin Roggenbuck asked clarifying question if the metro targets are for all roads or just MnDOT roads. Burns clarified it was all roads in the metro area.

Bridget Rief asked if the state generally meets their targets. Burns said yes they do. There are federal consequences for funding and future projects if safety targets are not met.

The committee had a short discussion on the traffic fatality number and how much higher the statewide target was than the metro number. Paul Czech reminded committee members that outstate roads are often two lane with no barriers causing more fatal/serious head-on accidents. Katie White related a memory from a recent MPO conference where an MPO in Tennessee was discussing their target for fatalities was actually still an increase, but just a less severe increase than previous years, because of unsafe infrastructure and driving habits.

Michael Larsen moved, Czech seconded. Targets were recommended for approval.

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6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

Adjourn at 1:36