

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

Wednesday, July 20, 2016
Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul

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| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Hovland, James, Chair | Parsons, Rolf | Staples, Jamez |
| Bigham, Karla | Miranda, Suyapa | Callison, Jan | Look, Matt |
| Dugan, Peter | Hansen, Gary | Sanger, Sue | Sandahl, Suzanne |
| Tolbert, Chris | Crimmins, Carl | Ulrich, Jon | Rodriguez, Katie |
| Fawley, Ethan | Anderson, Doug | Petryk, Becky | Maluchnik, Randy |
| Thornton, David | McBride, Scott Bursaw, Pat (alt) | Gaylord, Kathleen | Laufenburger, Denny |
| Tabke, Brad | Goins, William | Reich, Kevin | Van Hattum, David |
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| ABSENT: | Lunde, Jeffrey | d'Almeida, Anani | McGuire, Mary Jo |
| | Swanson, Dick | Wosje, Jeff | Hamann-Roland, Mary |
| | McKnight, Kenya | | |
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| 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 1:40 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2016.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Hovland suggested a modification to the agenda: under “Reports” add Item 4 - a report on the Regional Solicitation by Elaine Koutsoukos. Motion by Laufenburger, seconded by Gaylord to adopt the 7/20/16 agenda as modified. Motion carried.

The committee also agreed informally to change the order of the action items so that item 2016-36 would be discussed as the last action item.

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 reported that the TAB Executive Committee met prior to this TAB meeting. The Executive Committee discussed the 2017 Funding Reallocation (later on today’s agenda), and heard a report on the status of the Regional Solicitation.

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

MnDOT: Pat Bursaw – reported that Ramsey County was chosen as a recipient of a grant for “Every Place Counts”. Placemaking Workshops were held July 18 & 19. Over 80 people from communities, agencies, stakeholders and USDOT team attended. The workshops focused on the I-94 corridor, identifying community needs, multi-modal options, and urban design strategies.

MPCA: David Thornton – Reported that a proposed settlement with Volkswagen is out for comment. Volkswagen will make owners whole by either upgrading the vehicle to meet required emission standards, providing a fair price for the vehicle, and paying a penalty. The settlement also includes a mitigation trust fund intended to mitigate the damages that have been inflicted on non-owners of the vehicles. The money

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is intended to be used to retrofit or repower diesel vehicles on the road. The amount of money that each state gets is based on the number of these vehicles sold in the state. The proposed amount for Minnesota is \$43.6M.

MAC: Carl Crimmins – reported that public hearings will be held later today for Transportation Network Companies (TNC) ordinances and livery ordinances at the airport.

Bridget Rief answered a question from Hovland that the current construction at the south side of the entrance road to the airport is for changes to the roadway system in preparation for constructing a parking ramp next year.

Metropolitan Council: Katie Rodriguez – nothing to report.

3. Technical Advisory Committee

TAC Chair Steve Albrecht had nothing to report. The TAC items will be part of the agenda to follow.

4. TAB Coordinator report on the Regional Solicitation

TAB Coordinator Elaine Koutsoukos gave a report on the Regional Solicitation. Applications were due on Friday. Koutsoukos gave a breakdown on the number of applications received in the various categories and the amount of funds requested, compared to the last solicitation. Staff will begin to go through the applications to determine if projects are qualified.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Bigham, seconded by Hansen and carried to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2016 TAB meeting.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2015-43: Streamlined 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Administrative Amendments

Albrecht presented this item. There were no questions from committee members.

Motion by Rodriguez, seconded by Reich:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt three amendments to the 2016 UPWP to add the following activities as described in detail below: 1) Gold Line Station Area Planning; 2) Spending on the Regional Highway System; and 3) TPP Engagement Work.

Motion passed.

2. 2016-37: Lake Elmo Airport LTCP

Albrecht and Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Russ Owen presented this item.

Representatives from the Metropolitan Airports Commission were present to answer questions, if any. Chair Hovland clarified that the TAB is reviewing this item for plan compliance and not for the merit or approval of the project. There will be opportunities to comment in the future as the project moves ahead through the environmental process.

Motion by Look, seconded by Crimmins:

That the Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Metropolitan Council determine that the Final Draft Lake Elmo Airport 2035 LTCP has a multi-city impact, conforms to Council systems, and is consistent with Council policies.

Motion passed.

3. 2016-38: Scope Change Request for City of Brooklyn Center Evergreen School Area Trail and Sidewalk System

Albrecht presented this item. There were no questions from committee members.

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Motion by Fawley, seconded by Callison:

That the Transportation Advisory Board approve the requested scope change with no change to federal funding.

Motion passed.

4. 2016-39: 2017-2020 TIP Amendment: Brooklyn Center Evergreen School Area Trail and Sidewalk System

Albrecht presented this item. There were no questions from committee members.

Motion by Fawley, seconded by Callison:

That the Transportation Advisory Board adopt an amendment into the 2017-2020 TIP to remove curb-and-gutter from the City of Brooklyn Center's Evergreen School Area Trail and Sidewalk System project (SP# 109-591-001).

Motion passed.

5. 2016-36: 2017 Funding Reallocation

Fawley and VanHattum stated that they may have a potential conflict of interest and recused themselves from voting on the item.

Albrecht and Metropolitan Transportation Manager Transportation- Highway Programs & Processes Steve Peterson presented this item. An addendum has been added to the action item addressing the City of Champlin US 169 project and MnDOT comments on HSIP projects.

Discussion of the recommendation and options from the TAC followed.

There was discussion about prorating funds between projects and whether that deviates from the federal funds reallocation processes and policies in place and also discussion about the value of advancing funds to an earlier year.

There was also discussion about unique projects, specifically centering around funding for the TBI. The TBI is required by the federal government and is critical for modeling; information from it is critical to the Air Quality Conformity process which feeds into the TIP and all projects in the TIP and TPP, without which the region would be unable to receive federal funds. It is also used in evaluating all major transit and highway projects in justifying the construction and in the environmental process. Some members thought that the project should be funded now, while looking into a long-term funding solution. Some members thought that it is premature to fund the TBI while discussions about a long-term funding solution are taking place; and finally, others thought the TAB should not fund any portion of the TBI.

Discussion of this item prompted a motion by Rodriguez, seconded by Parsons that the TAB direct the TAC to:

- Review and recommend criteria to evaluate unique projects in the solicitation, and
- Examine a long-term funding solution for the Travel Behavior Inventory in conjunction with Metro Council and MnDOT

Motion passed.

Regarding action item 2016-36, a motion was made by Callison, seconded by Maluchnik:

That the Transportation Advisory Board allocate 2017 funds through the following actions:

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| Funding of the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition project to full federal funding. | \$134,000 |
| Fund the previously unfunded Dakota County CSAH 28 Connector Project | \$4,368,620 |
| Advancement of the Penn Avenue bus purchase project from 2018 to 2017 | \$5,611,760 |
| Fund City of Champlin US 169 Reconstruction Project | \$6,473,147 |
| Distribution of remaining funds to four trail projects with capacity for more federal funding: | |
| Three Rivers Park District Nine Mile Creek Trail West | \$324,624 |
| Dakota Co. Trail (TH 110) | \$172,112 |
| Dakota Co. Big Rivers Trail | \$332,175 |
| Scott Co. West Trail | \$63,323 |

Rodriguez offered to make an amendment to the motion which would include the TLC project as well as the additional trail projects. Callison stated that she would rather take a vote on an amendment to her motion. A vote was taken and passed to call the question on discussion of the motion made by Callison. An amendment to the motion was not made.

A vote was taken on the motion made by Callison, seconded by Maluchnik and the motion passed by a voice vote. When asked by Chair Hovland, the “no” voters declined the offer to take a hand vote.

VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2107 Unified Planning Work Program
Metropolitan Transportation Services Senior Planner Katie White presented this item.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT - Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.