
*Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 5, 2019
9:30 A.M.**

Members Present: Doug Fischer, Lyndon Robjent, Gina Mitteco, John Doan, Brian Isaacson, Lisa Freese, Jan Lucke, Elaine Koutsoukos, Cole Hiniker, Michael Larson, Adam Harrington, Jon Solberg, Innocent Eyoh, Peter Dahlberg, Danny McCullough, Ken Ashfeld, Anne Kane, Paul Oehme, Michael Thompson, Kim Lindquist, Robert Ellis, Jennifer Hager, Bill Dermody, Paul Kurtz

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lisa Freese at 9:33 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was moved by Doug Fischer and seconded by Robert Ellis. No discussion. Motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the April 3, 2019 TAC minutes was moved by Michael Thompson and seconded by Robert Ellis. Motion passed.

4. TAB Report

Elaine Koutsoukos reported on the April 17 TAB meeting.

5. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Lisa Freese, Chair)

Chair Freese noted that the Executive Committee met during the morning and talked about the meeting's agenda as well as upcoming items for the committees.

B. Planning Committee (Jan Lucke, Vice Chair)

2019-25 Ramsey County Functional Classification. Jan Lucke presented the item. Brian Isaacson moved the recommended motion and Michael Larson seconded. Motion passed.

2019-24 Scott County Functional Classification – Principal Arterial. Chair Freese ceded chairing to Brian Isaacson for this item. Jan Lucke introduced the item. Lisa Freese presented on behalf of Scott County. Doug Fischer said that Anoka County has a similar situation on Viking Drive, which is intended someday to be the next ring road around the metro area. The county uses alternative access guidance for development along that road. Lyndon Robjent asked if the City of Shakopee is pushing back against this; Lisa Freese said they are not. Lyndon Robjent asked about the future river crossing on 41. Lisa Freese said it will need to be reconfigured. Kim Lindquist spoke in support of the change due to similar issues in

Dakota County and the long planning efforts that have been underway for several years. Brian Isaacson said that TAC-Planning found productive middle ground in the recommendation.

Doug Fischer moved and Cole Hiniker seconded the three recommended items, but not the recommendation on County 78. Motion passed.

Michael Larson moved and Doug Fischer seconded the recommendation for County 78. Motion passed.

C. Funding and Programming Committee (Paul Oehme, Chair)

2019-26 Draft 2020-2023 TIP Release for Public Comment. Paul Oehme introduced the item. Joe Barbeau presented. Doug Fischer asked how the Highway 252 project is represented in the TIP since it is not yet fully funded. Molly McCartney responded that legislative action prompted the addition to the TIP now and more information will be added as it becomes available. Paul Oehme moved the recommended action and Lyndon Robjant seconded. Motion passed.

6. Special Agenda Items

Regional Bicycle Barriers Study, Steve Elmer, MTS. Steve Elmer presented the results of the RBBS. Brian Isaacson said that the network seems to be very dispersed in rural areas when the intent should be to add capacity. Elaine Koutsoukos said that the spacing guidelines are maximums, not minimums. Jon Solberg asked if railroad crossings took the local context into consideration. Steve Elmer responded that all railroad barriers were considered the same. Jan Lucke thanked Steve Elmer for his outreach to working on specific local conditions. Doug Fischer said that some communities aren't on the map but have significant barrier issues and should not be discounted in the scoring in the solicitation. Jan Lucke would like to see this information updated more regularly without the need for TPP changes; Cole Hiniker said that that is the intent.

Planning and Programming Guide, Katie White, MTS. Katie White gave a brief overview of the Planning and Programming Guide and said that recommended edits can go to Joe Barbeau within the next two weeks.

Regional Solicitation – Roadways, Steve Peterson, MTS. Steve Peterson presented some potential changes to the next solicitation. Lyndon Robjant proposed an alternative point calculation for benefit/cost analysis. The group concurred that a new project category of intersection improvements (similar to MnDOT's CMSP) would result in several applications. Jen Hager asked if this category would prioritize mobility or safety; Steve Peterson said mobility. Jon Solberg said that MnDOT can't commit to contributing 1/3 of the project cost in the future. Doug Fischer suggested creating a new project category just for interchanges. Doug Fischer asked if the bicycle facility maintenance issue should be a qualifying criterion. Lyndon Robjant said that project readiness/risk should still allow the applicant to tell the story behind their project. Doug Fischer said that the equity question of whether a community has been involved in developing the project could also be considered a risk factor.

7. Agency Reports

Jon Solberg announced a TED solicitation meeting is at 1pm at Water's Edge today.

Innocent Eyoh said that MPCA has a heavy diesel grant open until July 9.

8. Other Business and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39am.

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