

Meeting Notes

2050 TPP Technical Working Group



Meeting Date: August 11, 2022

Time: 1:35 PM

Location: Virtual

Members Present:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> 7W - Andrew Whitter<input type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co - Jack Forslund<input type="checkbox"/> Burnsville - Regina Dean<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co – Jack Johansen, alternate for Angie Stenson (Vice Chair)<input type="checkbox"/> Centerville - Mark Statz<input type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen - Charlie Howley<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coon Rapids - Tim Himmer<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co - Gina Mitteco<input type="checkbox"/> FHWA - Vacant<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co - Jason Gottfried, alternate for KC Atkins<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Community Development - Michael Larson<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council MTS - Dave Burns<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council, MTS Planning Director - Amy Vennewitz<input type="checkbox"/> Council, Parks - Emmett Mullin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council, Research - Todd Graham<input type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan Airports Commission - Bridget Rief<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit - Steve Mahowald<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis - Jasna Hadzic-Stanek<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEED - Ed Hodder<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MDH - Ellen Pillsbury<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DNR - Nancy Spooner-Mueller<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Freight - Andrew Andrusko<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Metro District - Michael Corbett<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT OTSM - Hally Turner<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Sustainability - Nissa Tupper<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT Traffic Safety - Derek Leuer<input type="checkbox"/> MPCA - Innocent Eyoh | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Move Minneapolis - Tiffany Orth<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co - Scott Mareck (Chair)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roseville - Marc Culver<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Paul - Bill Dermody<input type="checkbox"/> Stillwater - Tim Gladhill<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Co - Nathan Abney<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc - Ben Picone<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator - Elaine Koutsoukos<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAC Chair - Jon Solberg<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TC Shared Mobility Collaborative – Will Schroerer<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UMN CTS - Kyle Shelton<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Co - Lyssa Leitner<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present |
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Opening

Chair Scott Mareck opened the meeting at 1:35 p.m. He also notified the working group he would serve as Chair and Angie Stenson would serve as Vice Chair; former Chair Emily Jorgensen has taken on a new role at Washington County.

Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan (MnSHIP)

Tony Fischer, MTS Planning, introduced how MnSHIP relates to the Transportation Policy Plan. Brad Utecht, MnDOT, described MnSHIP, a 20-year fiscally-constrained plan that identifies state highway system investments by categories. The presentation described relationship to other plans, history, revenue sources and range, funding need, the highway budget public engagement tool, and timeline for further engagement and adoption.

Bill Dermody, Saint Paul, provided complements on the highway budget public engagement tool and asked for the input deadline. Brad Utecht answered input would close at the end of September but a specific date has not been set.

Todd Graham, Council - Research, asked if survey user testing was done with the general public before publishing. Brad Utecht answered it had been user tested by MnDOT staff not involved with this process, and there is a slimmed-down version of the tool for in-person events and an additional, simpler Mentimeter tool being used.

Gina Mitteco, Dakota County, asked if there are results to share from public engagement and the survey. She also asked how input about metro area mobility needs will be incorporated in

MnSHIP. Brad Utecht answered there are not results yet, but there has been spread across the six starter scenarios in an early look. He also answered a district-level analysis of resource distribution has not been completed at this point.

Chair Mareck asked how important it is for the regional plan and Regional Solicitation be coordinated with state plans, given the regional investments in the state system. Brad Utecht answered the adoption cycles create a tie between the plans, and there has been an increasing focus for MnDOT to identify matching funds for Regional Solicitation projects. Tony Fischer also described the tie between plan cycles.

Chair Mareck said he asked Met Council staff to consider developing a similar budget tool for Transportation Policy Plan investment priorities, and that he and Vice Chair Stenson will be having a discussion with Met Council staff later this month. Amy Vennewitz, MTS Planning, said some funds identified in the TPP are not flexible. She said it is important to understand public priorities, and noted the Regional Solicitation is the most flexible source while other sources through MnDOT may be dedicated to highways.

E-Commerce Freight Distribution Study

Steve Elmer, MTS Planning, provided an overview of the Urban Freight Distribution Study: E-Commerce Trends, Impacts, and Opportunities. He described the study connection to regional policy, purpose, scope of work, advisory group, and timeline. The study is scheduled to release for RFP in August, start in October, and conclude in summer 2023.

Lyssa Leitner, Washington County, asked for clarification about the scope part on trends in siting of warehouses and distribution centers. She also asked how this study would tie into the TPP and other regional plans. Steve Elmer said this is likely to support existing TPP policies and lead to new actions to support those policies, and it may provide input into the Local Planner's Handbook. He said the part on siting strategies will look at where distribution and warehouses are located, leasing trends, and how goods are getting delivered.

Jason Gottfried, Hennepin County, asked if the scope of work will consider employee commutes and their vehicle miles travelled and transit access. Steve Elmer said he does not anticipate analysis related to those aspects but will consider the question.

Andrew Andrusko, MnDOT, stated support for this study and noted topical interest from the Minnesota Freight Advisory Committee.

Chair Mareck said this topic has exploded since initial adoption of the 2040 TPP.

Lyssa Leitner said Woodbury has an Amazon facility if staff is seeking a suburban perspective on the study advisory group.

Overview of Existing Policies in the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan

Bethany Brandt-Sargent, MTS Planning, presented a phased schedule for development of policies and actions, reviewed plan structure and terminology, and lead an engagement activity. Members were provided a description of policies from the 2040 TPP. Members answered a Mentimeter survey to identify areas of existing policy missing from the lists. A summary of the results of this engagement activity will be presented at the October meeting.

Chair Mareck said during a prompt on transit policies that there may be a paradigm shift in transit service needs underway since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Will Schroeer, Twin Cities Shared Mobility Collaborative, said this topic should not be pre-judged because some transit systems have mostly recovered ridership while serving different riders.

Chair Mareck said fatal and serious injuries have been increasing in recent years and to note importance of the safety topic.

Will Schroeer said shared mobility does not fit neatly into these discussion categories but delivers value in many, encouraging consideration of shared mobility. Bethany Brandt-Sargent acknowledged limited existing policy on this topic.



Closing

Chair Mareck closed the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

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