
*Transportation Advisory Board
Of the Metropolitan Council*

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 4, 2012
Metropolitan Council Chambers
9:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Jon Olson, Lyndon Robjent, Brian Sorenson, Tom Johnson, Tim Mayasich, Lisa Freese, Ted Schoenecker, Kevin Roggenbuck, Mark Filipi, John Kari, Adam Harrington, Pat Bursaw, Innocent Eyoh, Susan Moe, Karl Keel, Jennifer Levitt, Chuck Ahl, John Powell, Richard McCoy, Jenifer Hager, Beth Elliott, Allen Lovejoy.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

A presentation by Dan Erickson, MnDOT State Aid, on the distribution of additional funds was added to the Federal Program Delivery Work Group Report under the Executive committee.

3. Approval of March Minutes

The March 7, 2012 meeting minutes were approved as written.

4. TAB Report

Kevin Roggenbuck reported that at its March 21st meeting, The TAB heard a Policy Committee report on informational presentations made on the St. Croix River Bridge, the Coordinated Action Plan for specialized transit services and the Transportation Planning and Programming Guide. The TAB Programming Committee reported on how the Metro Council will incorporate performance measures into the next TPP update.

The TAB took action on the following:

Approved a scope change and TIP amendment for the Lakeville trail project; adopted TIP amendments to include TIGER III funds for the Interchange project in Minneapolis and included federal funds for the Nice Ride bike program in St. Paul. The TAB had a lengthy discussion on the scope change, TIP amendment and sunset date extension policies as it related to the Edina Ped/bike bridge project. The discussion focused largely on whether the revised project submitted by Edina can be considered a change in scope or a substitution of a new project. The TAB was split on the issue. TAB voted to reverse the TAC recommendation and approved the scope change, sunset date extension and TIP amendment for the project. The board is looking for a clearer definition of what constitutes a scope change.

5. Special Agenda Items

- **Federal Highway Reauthorization update**

Serge Phillips, MnDOT gave a presentation on the federal highway bill that has received a three month extension from Congress. Funds are distributed at the same rate which means \$675 million will be coming to MnDOT. It still doesn't address long term federal funding and the highway trust funds. He described the senate and house bills. He said MnDOT's reauthorization priorities are: extending the length of the bill to 5-6 years; having a long term sustainable solution to solvency of the trust fund, aligning the size and funding of the National highway system; adding program and funding flexibility and including a strong state role in determining performance targets and measures.

- **Statewide Multimodal Plan**

Kirby Becker/MnDOT described MnDOT's Minnesota Go—MnDOT's 50 year statewide vision. A link to the site can be found at: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/minnesotago/vision.html#vision> MnDOT is continuing to hold outreach meetings with stakeholders and surveys are available on-line to solicit information and reaction to the plan. L. Robjent

and J. Olson expressed concern about the responsibilities of the “local partners” in terms of their expected roles in implementing the plan.

6. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Pat Bursaw, Chair)

- **TAC Bylaws**

Ann Braden reviewed the proposed changes to the bylaws. She said it is expected that TAC members representing other modes may eventually be added to the committee, but at this time it is not clear from which organizations these members would be chosen. In accordance with procedures for adopting changes to the bylaws, they will be voted on at the May TAC meeting.

- **Federal Program Status and Program Delivery Task Force**

Tim Mayasich said the work group was given a breakdown of projects not delivered in the program year. They discussed the challenges of delivering projects and are recommending three possibilities for improving timely project delivery: 1. remove the built-in sunset date and increase support of non-traditional partners; 2. institute incentives and penalties; and 3. increase public reporting of project status. The group is continuing to refine these ideas and they would like to hear how well MnDOT’s projects move through the process.

Dan Erickson presented a proposal for the distribution of \$5.6 million in FFY 2012 federal funds. Metro State Aid recommendation proposes to fund only projects to within 5% of their maximum federal share. So, for CMAQ, TEA, US and BR the maximum federal amount will constitute 75% of the construction cost and the HSIP maximum federal share would be 85%. This is necessary because most projects will have some non-participating items that are not yet identified in their engineer’s estimates. This will also safeguard against bids that are lower than the engineer’s estimates and potential redistribution issues. **Action:** J. Olson moved and J. Powell seconded a motion that the TAB approve the distribution of additional FFY 2012 funds as recommended by State Aid. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Funding and Programming Committee (Karl Keel, Chair)

Action Item 2012-15: K. Keel moved and T. Mayasich seconded a motion that the TAB approve a scope change to change the lane configuration on Eagan SP#145-010-010: TH 149 Reconstruction from TH 55 to I-494 and a TIP amendment reflecting the new scope. **Motion Carried.**

Action item 2012-16: K. Keel moved and C. Ahl seconded a motion that the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2012-2015 TIP that adds SP#s: 13-00001, 27-00306, 27-00307, 62-00206, 62-00207: Rail Crossing Equipment Replacement **Motion Carried.**

Action Item 2012-17: K. Keel moved and J. Powell seconded a motion that the TAB adopt an amendment to the 2012-2015 TIP that increases the total cost for SP#138-010-018 and 6211-90: TH 36 and English Street Interchange. **Motion Carried.**

Action Item 2012-18: K. Keel moved and C. Ahl seconded a motion that the TAB adopt the 2013-2016 TIP development schedule. **Motion Carried.**

C. Planning Committee (Allen Lovejoy, Chair)

The committee had a presentation on MnDOT’s Statewide Plan and had no comments on it.

7. Agency Reports

There were no agency reports.

8. Other Business and Adjournment

There was no other business. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Prepared by:

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