

Minutes of a Meeting of the
TAC – Planning Committee
Thursday, March 8, 2012
Room: LL-A
2:00 P.M.

Members Present: Allen Lovejoy, Holly Anderson, Paul Czech, Innocent Eyoh, Craig Jenson, John Kari, Bob Paddock, John Powell, Kevin Roggenbuck
Others Present: Mark Nelson and Kirby Becker (from MnDOT)

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Allen Lovejoy, who announced that he was asked to take over as committee chair from Bob Moberg, who had resigned his position with the City of Plymouth.

The committee got into a brief discussion on demographic forecasts and the Regional Development Framework as potential issues which the committee should be aware of. On a similar vein, Paul Czech indicated that perhaps Dave Jevinson should be invited to speak to the committee on scenario planning. Other issues that arose were the transportation relationships with other groups and ‘corridors of opportunity’. The committee was asked to think of other issues for possible future discussion.

2. **MinnesotaGO – The Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan (Presentation)**

The committee was given a presentation by Mark Nelson and Kirby Becker, employees of MnDOT. They distributed several handouts describing the vision of the Plan, a summary of changes to the policy objective and strategies, and a draft of Chapter 4 of the Plan, that details how the guide is to be used. The two presenters gave an overview of this Plan, which is a 50-year vision and indicated that one big change is the emphasis on ‘multi-modal’. MnDOT wished to appeal to a wider audience in the Plan.

MnDOT spent 7 months with stakeholders in creating the Plan. It received both traditional and non-traditional input in determining what to accomplish for transportation investments. The intent of the Plan is to provide a focal point for moving forward.

Mark Nelson identified some guiding principles. Among these are: ensuring accessibility, build a maintainable scale, ensure regional connectivity, safety integration, the use of partnerships, strategically ‘fix’ the system, leverage public investments to achieve multi purposes, and emphasize reliable and predictable options.

The MinnesotaGO process includes a ‘*vision*’, *multi-modal transportation plan* with both objectives and strategies, and a *modal system and investment plan* that include performance-based needs, investment strategies, system design, and mode-specific policies.

Discussing the Plan outline, questions were raised in the design that asks: Where are we going? Where are we now? How did we get here? How will we be guided along the way? How will we get there?

Mark indicated that the plan is being developed by a project management team that includes input from key stakeholders and from the public.

The presenters then turned to a review of Chapter 4 of the Plan, that details five proposed policy objectives,: 1) Accountability, transparency and communication; 2) Transportation in context; 3) Critical connections; 4) Asset management; 5) Traveler safety and system security. Chair Lovejoy commented that the team should think more innovatively on how to include the private sector in this enterprise.

A two-page handout was distributed that detailed a summary of changes that were made to the policy objectives and strategies. The presenters requested that the TAC-Planning Committee provide input to this Plan. Because of the tight schedule, it was asked that comments be sent to the project management team by the end of March.

The Plan's schedule included a forum from a number of stakeholders in December 2011, and 'Open House' in January and February 2012, a second stakeholder forum in April, Public comment period in May and a Public hearing and adoption in June. Comments can be sent to Kirby.Becker@state.mn.us (651) 366-3740. The website address is: www.minnesotagoplan.org.

3. **Other Business**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting is for April 12th.

Bob Paddock, Secretary