

Minutes of a Meeting of the
TAC – Planning Committee
Thursday, January 12, 2012
Room: LL-A
2:00 P.M.

Members Present: Bob Moberg, Holly Anderson, Paul Czech, Beth Elliott, Allen Lovejoy, Steve Mahowald, Bob Paddock, Mike Rogers, Kevin Roggenbuck

Others Present: Ann Braden

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman Moberg called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the October 13, 2011 meeting were approved with two corrections: Remove the 2nd 'Bob Moberg' name from the attendees; correct the spelling of Mary Karlsson in paragraph 1 of item #3.

3. **2nd Draft – Transportation Planning & Program Guide**

Ann Braden gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the background and intent of the new guide. She admitted that coming up with a reasonable name for the document has been difficult. Ann requested comments from the committee and asked that it identify any areas where there should be a link to give more detailed information. Ann noted that Part 4 (Funding Sources) is the area that is most missing at the present time.

To begin the discussion, Bob Moberg remarked that Jack Corkle was not able to attend but had provided a number of comments and suggestions via email. He gave a general rundown on the comments. The following were part of the general discussion:

- An imbalance between transit and highways. The document may need an explanation of this. Paul Czech noted that in the latest TPP, the highway component provided more than a physically restrained system, and, in this regard is similar to the transit component alluded to by Jack. Allen Lovejoy indicated that the latest TPP also represents a major shift in policy. He suggested that perhaps the discussion on physical restraints should be removed if it poses a problem.
- The statewide rail passenger study. Mike Rogers asked whether or not there is a role for the statewide rail passenger study in the document? Perhaps it should simply be noted that it is a study that currently exists. It does have bearing on the Twin Cities region. Kevin Roggenbuck thought it a good idea but felt the staff needed to see just how and where it might fit, possibly after the discussion on the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan.
- Readability. Beth Elliott commented that, as a new person viewing this for the first time, she was not able to really visualize the 'hierarchy' and thought new readers might not completely understand it. Ann Braden remarked that

the intent is to have a table of contents; this should help. There was some discussion on the difficulty of presenting what is a complex process in a more simplistic way. Figures 11 and 12 at the end are good examples. An aside, Kevin Roggenbuck noted that the right two columns in Figure 3 should be removed.

- Roadway functional classification (page 22). Jack Corkle commented that there are no separate local, city and county functional classification systems as indicated in paragraph 2. Allen Lovejoy disagreed and remarked that some communities DID have their own nomenclature, primarily at the 'local' level. Perhaps the paragraph could be better worded.
- *Minnesota GO*. Kevin Roggenbuck asked how the MPO is involved in the Minnesota GO visioning process and indicated that the Council's role should be identified. Bob Moberg suggested adding a narrative that speaks of its involvement.
- Sketch Planning. Allen Lovejoy brought up the issue of the freight access plan and asked how it fits into the scheme, whether or not it should, and whether it is important in this document.
- Plan amendments. Kevin Roggenbuck noted that plan amendments are made to the TPP and that some narrative should be included.
- CTIB and the arterial BRT. Allen Lovejoy commented on the CTIB (page 9) and indicated that the Arterial BRT should be referenced with the weblink.
- Other projects. Allen Lovejoy commented that there should be an extra paragraph added under the TPP that says something about 'other projects'. It should indicated MAC as a coordinating agency under the Aviation Plan.

4. **Other Business**

Before the meeting adjourned, those around the table introduced themselves to Beth Elliott, who is the new representative to the committee from Minneapolis Planning. There being no additional business before the committee, Chair Moberg adjourned the meeting at 3:05. The next scheduled meeting is for February 9th.

Bob Paddock, Secretary