

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
 390 North Robert St., St. Paul MN 55101
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Wednesday, January 19, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hargis, William, Chair	Swanson, Dick	Lampi, Steve
Petryk, Becky	Johnson, Ken	Have, Ron	Maluchnik, Randy
Hovland, James	Meyers, James	Lilligren, Robert	Mussell, Richard
Peilen, Lisa	Stark, Russ	Ulrich, Jon	Whalen, Julia
Hegberg, Dennis	Thornton, David	Heffelfinger, Thomas	Reinhardt, Andrew
Tjornhom, Bethany	Gepner, David	Callison, Jan	McBride, Scott
Andy Westerberg (Sivaraja, Rhonda-alt)			
ABSENT:	Bennett, Tony	Leppik, Peggy	Ward, Bart
Smith, Jill	Craig, Matthew	Haik, Chuck	Krause, Paul
Gustafson, Dan			
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator	Tim Mayasich, TAC Chair	LuAnne Major,

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the January 19, 2011 TAB meeting to order at 1:30 pm, Metropolitan Council Chambers, St. Paul.

Kevin Roggenbuck reminded the committee that the by-laws allow counties and cities of the first class to name an alternate; some have yet to do this. A new roster will be sent out when the alternates are in place. Alternates will also receive the TAB mailing packet from Kevin each month.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Lampi, seconded by Lilligren, to adopt the agenda for the January 19, 2011 TAB meeting. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Maluchnik, to approve the minutes from December 15, 2010 TAB meeting. Motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Invitation to the public to address the Board about any issue not on the agenda. Public comment on the agenda items has occurred at the respective TAB subcommittee meetings. There were no members of the public present to address the TAB at today's meeting.

V. TAB Chair's Report

2011-16: Appointment of Programming Committee and Policy Committee Co-Chairs.
 Motion by Hargis, seconded by Callison, to appoint the following members as co-chairs of the named sub-committees:
 TAB Programming Committee Co-chairs: James Hovland and Robert Lilligren
 TAB Policy Committee Co-chairs: Ken Johnson and Russ Stark
 Motion passed.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Technical Advisory Committee

Tim Mayasich reported that the TAC met on January 15, 2011 and heard information on: Counties Transit Improvement Board –presentation by Mary Richardson, Administrator for CTIB. Mayasich also reported that the TAC approved TIP amendment action items also on the TAB agenda today.

B. Policy Committee

Stark reported from the Policy Committee.

The Policy Committee had no action items at their meeting; the following information items were presented at the committee meeting.

Transportation Economic Development (TED) and Safety and Mobility (SAM) Program – results of the TED project solicitation.

The Policy Committee learned the types projects, criteria, and the ties to job creation as a result of the project, used in the solicitation criteria. The two programs had a total of \$70M to be used in the region. Hovland stated that there were a significant number of applicants and he would like to see this program be continued for more than one year. He discussed a funding source used elsewhere. Roggenbuck handed out the list of selected TED Projects.

Metro Area Freight Strategy Study - draft freight strategy vision and goals, study timeline.

Stark reported that this is the first time in many years that this study has been done; the study will have the potential to look at freight bottlenecks. The study is in the preliminary stage and the committee will be informed over the summer as the study progresses.

Regional Transitway Guidelines – identity and branding process and schedule for next steps.

The Identity and Branding Committee(s) are looking at LRT and BRT to begin to use colors as the names of the lines – this is timely with the naming of CCLRT at the time of receipt of the FFGA this spring. There is also discussion of naming LRT and BRT as a “system” as seen in other areas of the country. Cedar Ave. and I35W need to move forward with bus purchases prior to the guidelines being approved and passed. These projects will need to move forward with the “draft” guidelines, with final adoption by the Council later in the year.

Lilligren stated that the Suburban Providers have a chance to voice their opinions. The TAB will be reviewing this subject as it relates to cost. As an example, the cost may be affected by the use of fare vending machines at every station, and providers may be looking for more funds for these machines.

Lilligren suggested a presentation on Identity and Branding of the Transitway lines at a future TAB meeting.

C. Programming Committee

Hovland reported that the Programming Committee heard information on the following items:

2011 Regional Solicitation – status report.

The Regional Solicitation package has been prepared and was mailed Friday; TAC F&P will review on Thursday 1/20, the full TAC will receive on 2/02. The package will then go to the TAB Programming Committee and full TAB on 2/16 for approval for a public meeting. The public meeting is anticipated in early March; there will be a time set for post-meeting comments and the package will go back to the TAB on 4/20. The solicitation process will begin in early May and extend through January 2012. Recommendations for certain projects in various categories will be before the TAB in January 2012.

There was no objection that the TAB acts on Action Items 2011-7 through 2011-15 in one motion.

Motion was made by Hovland, seconded by Hegberg to approve the following items (TAB Action Items 2011-7 through 2011-15). Motion passed.

2011-07: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: Include MnDOT SP#8825-417: Repair fiber optic cables
Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include MnDOT SP#8825-417: Repair Fiber Optic Cables.

2011-08: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: Include MnDOT SP#2785-362: Nicollet Ave. Bridge repairs
Discussion:
Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include MnDOT SP#2785-362: Nicollet Avenue Bridge in Bloomington.

2011-09: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: Include Ramsey County SP#62-665-049: White Bear Avenue (CSAH 65) pavement rehabilitation
Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Ramsey County SP#62-665-049: Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation, Pedestrian curb ramp upgrades and SPS installation on White Bear Avenue (CSAJH 65) from White Bear Court to CR F.

2011-10: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: Include five preservation projects in various locations in Hennepin County
Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Hennepin County SP#027-610-031: bituminous mill and overlay in various locations; SP#027-752-025: deck reconditioning, pedestrian enhancements and provisions for LRT station access on Cedar Avenue bridge #27030 over Washington Avenue in Minneapolis; SP#027-617-028: concrete pavement repair on France Avenue from TH 62 to I-494; SP#027-030-024: pedestrian and ramp retrofits in various locations in north Minneapolis; and SP#027-030-023: pedestrian and ramp retrofits along CSAH 23, CSAH 36, CSAH 152.

2011-11: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: Include Anoka County SP#002-605-019: pavement reclamation on CSAH 5 (Nowthen Blvd.)
Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Anoka County SP#002-605-019: pavement reclamation on CSAH 5 (Nowthen Blvd).

2011-12: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: Include Scott County SP#070-642-023: pavement rehabilitation in two locations on CSAH 42
Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Scott County SP#070-642-023: pavement rehabilitation, pedestrian curb ramps on CSAH 42 from Louisiana to CSAH 27 in Savage and from Boone Avenue in Prior Lake.

2011-13: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: Include Carver County SP#010-610-043: mill and overlay of CSAH 10 and CSAH 92
Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Carver County SOP#010-610-043: mill and overlay and shoulder paving on CSAH 10 from TH 7 to Newton Ave. in Watertown and CSAH 92 from north of CR 155 to Carver/Hennepin County line.

2011-14: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: Include Dakota County SP#19-670-010: bituminous overlay on CSAH 70
Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Dakota County SP#19-670-010: bituminous overlay, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps and loop detectors on CSAH 70 from CSAH 5 to CSAH 23 in Lakeville.

2011-15: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: Include Washington County SP#082-619-021: pavement rehabilitation on CSAH 19

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Washington County SP#082-619-021: pavement rehabilitation on CSAH 19 from TH 61 to ¼ mile south of CSAH 18.

VII. SPECIAL AGENDA

Cedar Avenue Transitway Project and Implementation Update

Sam O'Connell, Dakota County Transit Planner, gave a presentation on the Cedar Avenue Transitway. The planning for this project has been in the works since 1999. Dakota County/Metropolitan Council/Metro Transit/MVTA have all been working together on this project. Cedar Avenue is a Tier 1 Transitway in the TPP. O'Connell explained the station-to-station service, the different types of stations planned, ridership projections and cost estimates/funding sources. They are looking at the "look" of the vehicles to provide BRT service, and working on the fare collection systems, maintenance facilities and vehicle storage. Gepner asked whether the express BRT will stop at each station whether there is a rider there or not and O'Connell responded that most likely yes, they would initially stop to create reliability with the public. Petryk asked what type of security is envisioned at the stations and O'Connell stated that the stations are indoor, climate controlled, equipped with security cameras, and that the local police force and business community are being educated on safety at the stations because there will be more people at the stations as well as walking/biking to the stations. The service provider for the station to station service has not been chosen yet.

VIII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

Ulrich stressed member attendance at the meetings and Hargis stated that there is an attendance requirement in the by-laws. Hargis stated that it is the role of the Executive Committee to police attendance.

IX. AGENCY REPORTS

None

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Roggenbuck called attention to the 2011 calendar of TAB and committee meetings in the packet noting, in particular, the shift between the Policy and Programming meetings in July.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hargis adjourned the regular meeting of TAB at 2:25 pm on Wednesday, January 19, 2011.

Respectfully submitted: LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary