

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
 390 North Robert St., St. Paul MN 55101
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Wednesday, February 16, 2011

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the February 16, 2011 TAB meeting to order at 1:30 pm, Metropolitan Council Chambers, St. Paul.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Smith, seconded by Mussell, to adopt the agenda for the February 16, 2011 TAB meeting.
 Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Lilligren, to approve the minutes from January 19, 2011 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. WELCOME NEW TAB MEMBERS:

Chair Hargis announced new members to the TAB:
 Andy Westerberg, Anoka County Commissioner, was present and said a few words about his past experience(s) with the Sports Facility Commission, MAC and the State Legislature.
 Will Rossbach, Mayor of Maplewood (Metro Cities) – Rossbach could not be at this TAB meeting, but will be at the March meeting.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Technical Advisory Committee

Tim Mayasich reported that the TAC met on 2/02 and heard a presentation from David Scott, FHWA Minnesota regarding Transportation Planning Requirements and the Relationship to NEPA Process Completion. The TAC also took favorable action on items that are on the TAB agenda today.

B. Executive Committee

Hargis handed out notes from the 2/10 Executive Committee meeting. The committee discussed member attendance in 2010, memberships on various TAB committees and appointment of alternate members from the seven counties and Minneapolis & St. Paul. The Executive Committee also discussed the 2011 regional solicitation, MnDOT 50-year multi-modal transportation vision, 2012-2015 State TIP guidance, MPCA CMAQ funding request for electric vehicle recharging stations, and process to evaluate project scope changes and TIP amendments. MnDOT staff will be at the March TAB meeting to give an update on the 50-year multi-modal vision. The TPP process was also discussed at the February meeting, and will also continue to be discussed at the March TAB meeting. If discussions result in a recommendation, such a recommendation is anticipated to come to the TAB in April.

C. Policy Committee

Johnson reported that the February 10 Policy Committee was canceled. Stark stated that the March Policy Committee will include substantive items such as the High Speed Rail Report and the MnDOT 50-year multi-modal transportation vision.

D. Programming Committee

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

2011 Regional Solicitation – status report.

Kevin Roggenbuck gave a progress report of the 2011 Regional Solicitation. The Draft solicitation is before the TAB today to approve the draft for purpose of holding a public meeting. The public meeting is scheduled for 3/02 and is a chance for the public to offer ideas and suggestions. The draft solicitation has been through seven TAC F&P meetings, five TAC meetings; 38 policy and technical issues have been addressed in the draft.

There was no objection to the TAB acting on Action Items 2011-16 through 2011-23 in one motion, as consent items.

Motion was made by Hovland, seconded by Lilligren to approve the following items (TAB Action Items 2011-16 through 2011-23) as consent items. Motion passed unanimously.

2011-16: Sunset Date Extension for Dakota County SP#91-090-47 Mississippi River Regional Trail Pine Bend
Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approve a one year sunset date extension from March 31, 2011 to March 31, 2012 for Dakota County SP#91-090-47 Mississippi River Regional Trail Pine Bend.

2011-17: Sunset Date Extension for Metro Transit SP#TRS-TCMT-10B: Purchase of Six Articulated Buses
Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approve a one year sunset date extension from March 31, 2011 to March 31, 2012 for Metro Transit SP#TRS-TCMT-10B: Purchase of Six Articulated Buses.

2011-18: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: Metro Transit TIGGER II Section 5309 Funds to Install Geothermal Heating/Cooling System in O&M and Support Facility
Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include Metro Transit: TIGGER II Section 5309 Funds to Install Geothermal Heating/Cooling System in O&M and Support Facility.

2011-19: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment City of St. Paul: Include SP#164-030-009: Planning for Saint Paul Complete Streets Policy.
Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include City of St. Paul SP#164-030-009: Planning for Saint Paul Complete Streets Policy.

2011-20: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment MnDOT: SP#2750-75 convert existing intersection to a folded diamond half interchange at TH 169 and 93rd Ave.

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include MnDOT SP#2750-75: convert existing intersection to a folded diamond half interchange at TH 169 and 93rd Ave.

2011-21: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: MnDOT SP#2750-73: Install Cable Median Barrier on TH 169 north of 63rd Ave. to south of CSAH 81 in Brooklyn Park.

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopt an amendment to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include MnDOT SP#2750-73: Install Cable Median Barrier on TH 169 north of 63rd Ave. to south of CSAH 81 in Brooklyn Park..

2011-22: Approval of the Solicitation for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Funds

Discussion:

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approve the HSIP Solicitation including establishing a 30% set-aside of target funds to be allocated in the next solicitation for “proactive” projects following completion of county safety plans, restricting funds for traffic signals according to new rules, and allowing a new crash reduction factor.

2011-23: Adoption of the Draft 2011 Solicitation Package for the Purpose of Holding a Public Meeting

Motion: That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) adopt the attached Draft 2011 Solicitation for STO, CMAQ, TE and BIR funds for the purpose of holding a public meeting on the solicitation package at the March TAC meeting.

VII. SPECIAL AGENDA

Governance of Transit in the Twin Cities Region

Judy Randall, Emi Bennett and Julie Trupke-Bastidas, office of the Legislative Auditor, State of Minnesota, were present to give an overview of the Legislative Auditor’s report on Governance of Transit in the Twin Cities Region. The report includes regular route bus (express, local), light rail transit, commuter rail and bus rapid transit. The report does not include Dial-a-Ride, Metro Mobility or VanGO! programs. The Twin Cities region was compared to 11 peers and performed well on “efficiency”, “service-use” and “access” measures, however, the governance structure is fragmented and complex – resulting in distrust, time consuming coordination and a lack of agreed-upon priorities. E. Bennett stated that the full report is available at www.auditor.leg.state.mn.us. She presented some of the recommendations from the report; the full list of recommendations is on pages 126 & 127 of the report. E. Bennett and Randall answered questions from committee members including: The raw data from the report (findings and conclusions) was taken from a number of sources (interviews, NTDB reporting, websites, tec.) and is available to the public. No specific savings were calculated for consolidation of four providers into two, but these four are run by cities and savings is anticipated. Regarding the reference to TAB fulfilling the Federal Guidelines, the Federal Regulations were looked at, although perhaps not to the extent that the TAB member seeks. Although the efficiency measures are quite good despite the “cluttered” organization chart, the OLA believes that there are opportunities to increase the efficiencies to be made, and the process is speculated to get more difficult in the future because of lack of resources and the difficult decisions to be made. Moving forward there could be a structure that may work better. The recommendations in the report have not been prioritized, but some recommendations are “key” before others can occur. Hovland thanked the Legislative Audit Team for their work on the report and noted that they were probably not well versed in transportation issues initially, but learned a lot in a short time frame.

Stark suggested that the Policy Committee study the report and discuss whether the TAB should respond now or wait until actual legislation is introduced and then respond to the legislation. Hargis stated that Senator Beard met with him and others and may possibly invite TAB members to the Senate Transportation Committee to brief them on the TAB’s history and role(s). Smith recommended keeping the subject on the table and Ward stated that the TAB members should be prepared to respond as this report moves through the legislature.

Roggenbuck will send a copy of the PPT presentation to TAB members so they can share with their governing bodies.

VIII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

None

IX. AGENCY REPORTS

None

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hargis adjourned the regular meeting of TAB at 2:35 pm on Wednesday, February 16, 2011.

Respectfully submitted: LuAnne Major, Recording Secretary