

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
 390 North Robert St., St. Paul MN 55101
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Wednesday, June 15, 2011

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| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Hargis, William, Chair | Hegberg, Dennis | Meyers, James |
| Stark, Russ | Johnson, Ken | Mussell, Richard | Gallagher, Steven |
| Reinhardt, Andrew | Smith, Jill | Lilligren, Robert | Westerberg, Andy |
| Peilen, Lisa | McBride, Scott | Ulrich, Jon | Ward, Bart |
| Tjornhom, Bethany | Callison, Jan | Gepner, David | Thornton, David |
| Bennett, Tony | | | |
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| ABSENT: | Hovland, James | Have, Ron | Petryk, Becky |
| Krause, Paul | Duininck, Adam | Whalen, Julia | Rossbach, Will |
| | Heffelfinger, Thomas | Maluchnik, Randy | Swanson, Dick |
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| LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT: | Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator | | |

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the June 15, 2011 TAB meeting to order at 1:35 pm, Metropolitan Council Chambers, St. Paul.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Meyers, seconded by Lilligren, to adopt the agenda for the June 15, 2011 TAB meeting.
 Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Lilligren, to approve the minutes from May 18, 2011 TAB meeting.
 Motion carried.

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. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Technical Advisory Committee

Carl Ohrn reported from the TAC meeting. The TAC acted favorably on the four actions that are on the TAB agenda today and also heard a presentation from Charles Carlson, Metro Transit Manager of Transitway Projects, about the Arterial Transitway Study.

B. Policy Committee

Johnson reported that the Policy Committee did not meet in June.

C. Programming Committee

Lilligren reported that the Programming Committee agenda consisted of the following items:

Information: 2011 Regional Solicitation

Kevin Roggenbuck gave an update on the 2011 Regional Solicitation. Highlights of the presentation were mainly technological in nature, reporting on the Metro Council website page and the web-based application to

streamline the application process. The committee discussed the timelines for application submittal in the event of a state government shutdown. The Programming Committee passed a motion to extend the due date for applications in the event of a government shutdown, to a date to be decided at the next TAB meeting. Motion to amend by Smith, seconded by Mussell: To extend the due date a minimum, of one month from the settlement date.

Motion passed.

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Peilen: That the TAB will inform applicants that, if a state government shutdown occurs, the due date for the 2011 Regional Solicitation applications will be postponed to a minimum of one month from the settlement date.

Motion passed.

Lilligren stated the Programming Committee acted favorably on the following four business items and suggested advancing Items 2011-50 and 2011-53 to the full TAB as Consent Items. There was no objection from committee members.

Motion by Lilligren seconded by McBride to approve items 2011-50 and 2011-53 in one motion as consent items. Motion passed.

2011-50: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment: Request from MnDOT for TH55 Full Depth Reclamation Project

Motion:

That the TAB adopts an amendment to the 2011-2014 TIP that includes MnDOT SP#2722-81; TH55 Full Depth Reclamation from Wright/Hennepin County border to west of Hennepin CR116 (Pinto Drive) in Medina.

2011-53: 2011-2014 TIP Amendment from MnDOT for a Pre-Implementation study for a Priced managed Lane on I-94 between downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul.

Motion:

That the TAB adopts an amendment to the 2011-2014 TIP to Include SP#8816-1438; a Pre Implementation Study for a Priced managed Lane on I-94.

Business Items 2011-51 and 2011-53 included significant scope changes, and Lilligren offered the TAB an opportunity to comment on them individually.

2011-51: Scope Change Request and 2011-2014 TIP Amendment from SouthWest Transit for CR10/TH212 Park and Ride in Chaska

Motion by Lilligren, Seconded by Smith:

That the TAB approves the scope change request and adopts the TIP amendment for SP#090-610-001; SouthWest Transit CR10/TH212 park and Ride in Chaska.

Motion passed.

2011-52: Scope Change Request and 2011-2014 TIP Amendment from MnDOT for TH120/Hudson Road Intersection Improvement.

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by McBride:

That the TAB approves the scope change request and adopts the TIP amendment from MnDOT for SP#6227-57, redesign of the TH 120 and Hudson Road intersection.

Motion passed.

Discussion and Possible Action: Contingency Planning for a Potential Government Shutdown

Kevin Roggenbuck noted (memo of 6/08/11 in meeting packet) that MnDOT and MPCA contribute to the implementation of both the Regional Solicitation and preparation of the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program. Although the agencies are attempting to complete their work on the TIP by 6/30, it is possible that they will not be ready by that date.

MnDOT submits their changes as part of the public comment period, therefore the public comment period deadline for the TIP may need to be extended.

Motion was made by Lilligren, seconded by Smith that, in the event of a state government shutdown and if all public comments have not been received by the start of a government shutdown, then the public comment period for the 2012-2015 TIP will be extended to two weeks after the end of such shutdown.
Motion passed.

Discussion and Possible Action: Contingency Planning for a New Federal Transportation Act

Kevin Roggenbuck noted his memo of 6/08/11 in meeting packet. The memo discusses scenarios and unanswered questions, based on the uncertainty of a New Federal Transportation Funding Act and the content of an act.

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Callison:

That the subject of Contingency Planning for a New Federal Transportation Funding Act be referred to the Funding and Programming Committee to explore potential answers to the scenarios that address reductions in funding as noted in Roggenbuck's 6/08/11 memo. The committee discussed how changes in project eligibility cannot be addressed until they are known but the committee could look at scenarios with reduced amounts of federal funds.

Motion passed.

VI. SPECIAL AGENDA

MnDOT Better Roads Program

Ed Idzorek, MnDOT, presented on the "Better Roads for a Better Minnesota" program. Idzorek provided a handout describing the program and answered questions from members regarding the delineation of "poor" road condition, how condition is measured and monitored.

VII. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

David Gepner handed out information and encouraged members to attend the 7th Annual TAB Bicycle Tour which will be held on Thursday 6/30 in Washington County.

Bart Ward informed the committee that there will be a Wagon Train running from Dassel to Delano this coming weekend (Fri. through Sun.) for anyone who would like to see an alternate form of transportation. Julia Whalen is also involved in the Wagon Train.

VIII. AGENCY REPORTS

None

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hargis adjourned the regular meeting of TAB at 2:40 pm on Wednesday, June 15, 2011.