

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hargis, William, Chair	Hegberg, Dennis	Rossbach, Will
Stark, Russ	McKnight, Kenya	Mussell, Richard	Gallagher, Steven
Have, Ron	Callison, Jan	Lilligren, Robert	Maluchnik, Randy
Peilen, Lisa	McBride, Scott	Heffelfinger, Thomas	Duininck, Adam
Petryk, Becky	Sanger, Sue	Gepner, David	Siddiqui, AJ
Donahoe, Margaret	Drotning, Karl	Van Hattum, David	Swanson, Dick
Krause, Paul	Hovland, James	Meyers, James	Reinhardt, Andrew
Whalen, Julia	Ulrich, Jon		
ABSENT:	Bennett, Tony	Thornton, David	Tjornhom, Bethany
Westerberg, Andy			
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator		

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the October 19, 2011 TAB meeting to order at 1:35 pm, Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Hargis announced that the electric vehicle demonstration would be dropped from the agenda. Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Callison, to adopt the amended agenda for the October 19, 2011 TAB meeting. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Rossbach, to approve the minutes from September 21, 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. RECOGNITION OF TAB MEMBERS

Chair Hargis recognized and presented plaques to the following outgoing TAB members: Bart Ward, District E, 5 years of service; Jill Smith, District G, 11 years of service; Ken Johnson, District H, 11 years of service.

VI. SPECIAL AGENDA.

Kirby Becker, MnDOT, gave a presentation on Minnesota Go! Visioning Stakeholder Outreach and the draft Minnesota Statewide Transportation Plan. The initiative is to revise the organizational structure toward multimodal planning and develop a long-term vision. The comment period ends Friday, October 21. Sanger recommended a change to the guiding principles: include public input and participation in decision making and transparent process. Comments to the plan can be submitted online at ww.minnesotago.org. Sanger questioned the comment review process. Becker replied that Philip Schaffner is receiving comments and has a team that will be reviewing the comments. Approval of the plan by the commission is expected in early November.

Becker stated that the vision will lead directly into the next 20-Year Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan. There will be a stakeholder forum on December 1 to begin the 20-Year Statewide Plan with a draft plan available in January. Heffelfinger requested an agenda item on the 20-Year Plan in January. Chair Hargis said it will be referred to the Policy Committee. Motion by Hovland, seconded by Krause, for Kevin Roggenbuck to submit a letter from TAB incorporating comments from the TAB meeting. Motion carried.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Technical Advisory Committee

Mayasich reported that the Technical Advisory Committee met on October 5, 2011, and heard information about the following:

- 1 – The House is looking at a 6-year reauthorization at current funding levels.
- 2 – Cole Hiniker provided information on the Regional Transitways Guidelines.
- 3 – Brian Hanninen reported on the internal audit done on the MPO process.
- 4 – TIP amendments are action items on the TAB agenda.

B. Policy Committee

Maluchnik reported that the Policy Committee met and discussed one item, Transportation Planning Handbook. The document will be web-based when complete. One comment received stated that the beginning of the document should explain the “why of the document”.

C. Programming Committee

Hovland reported that the Programming Committee met on October 13, 2011, and the agenda consisted of the following items:

- 1 – Update on the Extension of SAFETEA-LU and Reauthorization
- 2 – Contingency Planning for a New Federal Transportation Act – Roggenbuck explained that the TAB postponed project selection in anticipation of reauthorization. Instead there was a six month extension. Bill trackers are reporting that the House committee is looking at ways to fund the 6-year reauthorization at current levels while the Senate committee is close to releasing a two-year reauthorization bill. Both bills would likely blend federal funding programs together into fewer categories but keeping many of the same projects eligible. State and local governments would have to decide among different project types. He stated reasons for proceeding with the project selection include: cities are waiting to hear, they spent money on the applications and are anxious on staffing, and there is a shelf life on getting the projects ready. He stated reasons for waiting: project eligibility will likely change, amount of funding likely less. Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Krause, to direct the staff to resume scoring the projects. An interim step will be to complete the scoring and wait to assign funding until amount is known. Krause stated that projects are usually three years away and will be “shovel ready” when known. Callison stated that applicants will know the projects chances of receiving funds versus not. Motion carried.
- 3 – Action Item 2011-63 – 2012-2015 TIP Amendment to include three high speed rail crossing safety projects. Motion by Hovland, seconded by Callison, to approve the TIP amendment. Motion carried.

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 2:46 pm on Wednesday, October 19, 2011.