

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Metropolitan Council Building, 390 North Robert Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

TAB POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: December 15, 2010
Ramsey County Regional Railroad Offices at the Union Depot

Members Present: Ken Johnson Co Chair, Russ Stark, Co-Chair, David Gepner, Ron Have, Bill Hargis, Dennis Hegberg, Paul Krause, Peggy Leppik, Randy Maluchnik, Scott McBride, Lisa Peilen, James Meyers.

Guests and Staff: Gary Warren, Metropolitan Airports Commission.
Mary Karlsson, Metropolitan Council Transportation Services.
Connie Kozlak, Metropolitan Council Transportation Services.
Tom Randall, Metro Transit.
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator.

I. Call to Order.

Co Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

II. Adoption of the Agenda.

Ms. Leppik moved, seconded by Mr. Krause, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

III. Approval of the Minutes from October 20, 2010.

Ms. Peilen moved, seconded by Ms. Leppik, to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2010 TAB Policy Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Information Items and Action Transmittals.

a. 2010-73: 2011-2017 Metropolitan Airports Commission Capital Improvements Program.

Ms. Kozlak presented this item to the committee. Ms. Kozlak explained that under state statutes, the Metropolitan Council must determine the adequacy of the public participation process conducted by the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), approve any projects that meet certain dollar thresholds and "significant effects" criteria and review and comment on all projects as appropriate.

Mr. Warren described the sources of funding and revenue the MAC uses for capital projects. Mr. Warren also discussed development plans at MSP Airport. Passenger traffic has been increasing and additional gates may be needed at the Humphrey terminal by 2016. The MAC may also consider adding more structured parking as part of its long range plans. The committee discussed transit and bicycle access to the MSP Airport.

Ms. Kozlak said additional information was provided to the committee satisfying the missing data regarding finding #4. The amount of bonding identified by the MAC to cover the 2011 and 2012 projects is \$21 million.

Ms. Peilen moved, seconded by Mr. Maluchnik, to recommend approval of the five findings and forward to the Metropolitan Council for their consideration. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. Information: Regional Transitway Guidelines.

Ms. Karlsson introduced the topic and Mr. Randall presented this item to the committee. Mr. Randall described the recommended hybrid fare collection system for the Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and the I-35W BRT. A hybrid includes both on-board fare collection and ticket vending available on the platform at the Apple Valley Station. Mr. Randall described the cost comparisons among the on-board, off-board and proposed hybrid system. Mr. Randall and Ms. Karlsson answered questions about the speed of boarding BRT vehicles using the different fare collection systems and the feasibility of implementing them on the regular route bus system.

V. Other Business.

Committee members did not raise any other business.

VI. Adjournment.

Mr. Johnson adjourned the TAB Policy Committee meeting at 1:30 PM.

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