

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

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

TAB POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: February 9, 2012
Metropolitan Council Chambers

Members Present: Russ Stark, Co-Chair, Randy Maluchnik, Co-Chair, Gerry Butcher, Karl Drotning, Adam Duininck, Ethan Fawley, Aaron Isaacs, Jennifer Janovy, Scott McBride, Lisa Peilen, Sue Sanger, Bethany Tjornhom, Dave Van Hattum.

Guests and Staff: Charles Carlson, Metro Transit
Connie Kozlak, Metropolitan Council
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator

I. Call to Order.

Co Chair Stark called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM.

II. Adoption of the Agenda.

Mr. Rossbach moved, seconded by Mr. Duininck, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

III. Approval of the Minutes from December 21, 2011.

Ms. Tjornhom moved, seconded by Ms. Sanger, to adopt the minutes from the December 21, 2011 TAB Policy Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Information Items and Action Transmittals.

a. Information: Arterial Transitway Study.

Mr. Carlson presented this item to the committee. Mr. Carlson said the Metropolitan Council led a study of arterial roadways to determine which ones could be suitable for implementation of a "rapid bus" service concept. Mr. Carlson explained how the corridors were evaluated and said the two key corridor challenges to overcome when planning rapid bus service on urban arterials were slow transit vehicle speed moving in mixed traffic and the lack of attractive passenger facilities. Mr. Carlson described the various service concepts and answered questions about how the transit service on these corridors would be faster than regular local route service. Mr. Carlson showed visualization examples of how the rapid bus service could be added to urban arterials.

Mr. Carlson said the completed study shows that implementing an arterial transitway is appropriate on 11 corridors. Rapid bus service could be implemented on all 11 by 2030, and the Snelling Avenue and West Seventh Street corridors could be implemented in the near term. Mr. Carlson described the outreach efforts during the study and the next steps toward implementation. Public meetings will be held in February and March, and the study results and corridor concepts are available on the Metropolitan Council's website.

b. Information: Regional 2030 Transportation Policy Plan.

Ms. Kozlak presented this item to the committee. Ms. Kozlak provided an overview of the Plan, described the federal and state requirements in preparing and updating the Plan, and described how the Plan was prepared.

Ms. Kozlak described the Plan's vision for highways, the goals for public transit and other Plan highlights including bike and pedestrian transportation, freight movement and aviation. The committee discussed the different types of freeway management that has been implemented in the metro area. Mr. McBride described how I-94 between Minneapolis and St. Paul will be managed and some of the technical aspects of freeway management. Mr. Stark thanked Ms. Kozlak saying this was good information for the newer TAB members and a refresher for the experienced members.

V. Other Business.

Mr. Isaacs asked staff to provide information about the percentage of dial-a-ride passengers that are transferred to fixed route transit to complete their trip. Staff said they will research that question for an answer at a future meeting.

Mr. McBride said the second of two open houses on the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan will be held this evening at the Maplewood Community Center.

VI. Adjournment.

Ms. Peilen moved, seconded by Ms. Tjornhom, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote, and Mr. Stark adjourned the TAB Policy Committee meeting at 2:15 PM.

Minutes prepared by
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