

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Metropolitan Council Building, 390 Robert Street No., Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

TAB PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: October 13, 2011

Metropolitan Council Chambers.

Members Present: Jim Hovland, Co-Chair, Tony Bennett, Jan Callison, Dennis Hegberg, Scott McBride, Dick Mussell, Becky Petryk, AJ Siddiqui, Dick Swanson, David Thornton, Jon Ulrich, Dave Van Hattum, Andy Westerberg.

Guests and Staff: Tim Mayasich, Chair, Technical Advisory Committee
Serge Phillips, MN Department of Transportation
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator

I. Call to order.

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

II. Adoption of the Agenda.

Mr. Thornton moved to amend the agenda to postpone item IV.d. until November because he is not available on October 19 when this item would go before the full TAB for discussion and a vote. Seconded by Ms. Callison, the motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Meyers moved, seconded by Mr. Swanson to adopt the balance of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

III. Approval of the Programming Committee minutes from September 8, 2011.

Mr. Thornton moved, seconded by Ms. Callison, to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2011 TAB Programming Committee meeting. Ms. Callison offered two minor corrections. The motion to approve the September 8, 2011 minutes with Ms. Callison's corrections passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Information Items and Action Transmittals.

(a). Information: Update on the Extension of SAFETEA-LU and Reauthorization.

Mr. Phillips updated the committee on the six month extension of SAFETEA-LU that was recently passed and the prospects for reauthorization early next year. Mr. Phillips said the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee may be softening its stance on cutting funding in the next reauthorization. Mr. Phillips said MnDOT continues to monitor the development of a new Act and also answered questions from the committee.

(b). Information: Contingency Planning for a New Federal Transportation Act.

Mr. Mayasich recounted the discussion at the September 7 TAC meeting about whether to proceed with scoring project applications in the regional solicitation or wait for reauthorization when more will be known about funding levels and project eligibility. Mr. Mayasich said there are good reasons to resume the solicitation process and good reasons to wait longer. Discussion followed. Several committee members supported moving forward with the solicitation process to be ready to react to reauthorization when it occurs.

Mr. Ulrich moved to direct the TAC to complete the scoring of projects submitted in the 2011 regional solicitation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Petryk and passed unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Hovland said this action will go to the full TAB on October 19.

(c). 2011-63: 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment: MnDOT.

Mr. Mayasich presented this item to the committee. Mr. Mayasich described the projects to be amended into the TIP and explained that these funds became available to Minnesota on September 1st for implementation in FY 2012. Mr. Mayasich said these projects still have value to the region even if high speed rail service is not implemented on this rail line.

Mr. McBride moved, seconded by Mr. Mussell, to recommend adoption of the TIP amendment as described in action transmittal 2011-63. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. Other Business.

Members did not raise any other business.

VI. Adjourn.

Mr. Hovland adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator.