

Meeting Notes

TAC – Planning Committee

Thursday, August 9, 2012

Room: LL-B

2:00 P.M.

Members Present: Allen Lovejoy, Jack Byers, Lisa Freese, Steve Mahowald, Bob Paddock, John Powell, Mike Sobolewski, Ann Pung-Terwedo, David Vessel

Others Present: Elaine Koutsoukos (MTS), Connie Kozlak (MTS)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Allen Lovejoy.

2. Notes

Notes of the July 12th meeting were reviewed and accepted.

3. 2013 Unified Planning Work Program - (UPWP)

Elaine Koutsoukos gave a 'PowerPoint' overview of the work program and detailed the various planning activities in which the Council's transportation program is engaged. This includes partnering with Community Development, Comprehensive Plan amendments, corridor studies, freight studies, bike & pedestrian efforts and congestion management.

On page 15 of the plan, it was uncertain as to whether or not MnDOT would complete a Metro-wide study for the prioritization of expressway to freeway conversions. Some changes need to be made to completion dates.

A motion was made to send the 2013 UPWP to TAC with the committee's recommendations.

4. Other Business

There was a little discussion on the status of the Travel Behavior Inventory (TBI) and what may come out of it. There is a possible change in the style of reporting. There was some eagerness expressed to see information on VMT, vehicle sales and whether or not the TBI noted the impact of the economy on travel. Interest was noted in how resources could best be allocated based on the TBI findings. The committee expressed interest in having staff give a presentation on the TBI.

The question was raised as to whether or not a bike-pedestrian plan is anticipated. The answer is 'yes'. Will it come through TAC? The answer is 'yes'. It is unknown at this point whether an advisory group is to be set up.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting is set for 1PM, October 11th.

Bob Paddock, Secretary