

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
 Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul, MN 55101
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Wednesday, July 21, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hargis, William	McBride, Scott	Berg, Dennis
Petryk, Becky	Ward, Bart	Ulrich, Jon	Stark, Russ
Hovland, James	Meyers, James	Lilligren, Robert	Mussell, Richard
Swanson, Dick	Lampi, Steve	Peilen, Lisa	Krause, Paul
Smith, Jill	Callison, Jan	Leppik, Peggy	Whalen, Julia
	Gepner, David		Reinhardt, Andrew
ABSENT:	Wiski, Donn	Bennett, Tony	Thornton, David
Hegberg, Dennis	Have, Ron	Haik, Chuck	Gustafson, Dan
Tjornhom, Bethany	Craig, Matthew	Heffelfinger, Thomas	Johnson, Ken
Maluchnik, Randy			
LIAISON/STAFF PRESENT:	Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator		

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present when Chair Hargis called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, July 26, 2010, Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 North Robert St., St. Paul.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Lilligren, seconded by Lampi, to adopt the agenda for the July 21, 2010 TAB meeting
Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Meyers, seconded by Lampi, to approve the minutes from June 16, 2010.
Motion passed.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Technical Advisory Committee

Tim Mayasich reported that the TAC met on July 7, 2010 and discussed many issues that were forwarded to the Programming Committee and are on the full TAB agenda today. The TAC also heard a special agenda item on the approval of the revised TPP, also on today's TAB agenda.

B. Policy Committee

Russ Stark reported that the Policy Committee met on July 8, 2010 and heard the following items.

Item 2010-49: Metropolitan Council Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Update

The committee prepared comments to forward to the Metro Council concerning the TPP, TAB members were provided these comments in advanced and were given the opportunity to comment. Stark stated that these comments will be used by the Metro Council as guidance to tweak the plan - and will not be directly put in the plan - prior to the public comment period. Carl Ohrn, MTS Planning Analyst, addressed the TAB to bring attention to two specific items of interest on the handout provided: "Use of Additional Federal Transportation Funds" and "Evaluation of Regional Solicitation Criteria".

Motion by Stark, seconded by Lampi:

That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approves the attached comments on the draft 2030 Transportation Policy Plan update and forwards them to the Metropolitan Council for consideration in preparing the draft Plan for public hearing.
Motion passed

C. Programming Committee

Hargis reported that the Programming Committee met and discussed the following items. He suggested that TAB Action Items 2010-42, 43, 45, 46 & 48 be acted on in one motion and there was no objection or further discussion of those items.

Action Item 2010-44 had more discussion at the Programming Committee, and the TAB will also have an opportunity to comment on the item.

Item 2010-42: Scope change for Ramsey County SP#62-678-12, County Road B2 between Snelling Ave & Prior Ave

Motion by Hargis, seconded by Leppik:

That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approve a scope change for SP#62-678-12, County Road B2 between Snelling Avenue and Prior Avenue to reconfigure the major intersections, rather than expand to a six-lane facility.

Motion passed.

Item 2010-43: 2010-2013 TIP Amendment for SP#62-678-12: County Road B2 between Snelling Avenue and Prior Avenue.

Motion by Hargis, seconded by Leppik:

That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) amends the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for SP#62-678-12, County Road B2 between Snelling Avenue and Prior Avenue showing a change in scope to reconfigure the major intersections, rather than expand to a six-lane facility and reflecting a new total project cost.

Motion passed.

Item 2010-45: Scope Change Request for Minneapolis SP#141-020-107: Cedar and Franklin Avenues Pedestrian Access and Safety Improvements

Motion by Hargis, seconded by Leppik:

That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approve a scope change for Minneapolis SP#141-020-107, Cedar Ave and Franklin Avenues Pedestrian Access and Safety Improvements adding the TIPEDD portion of SP#141-020-108 that was originally part of a STP project that is being withdrawn by the City.

Motion passed.

Item 2010-46: 2010-2013 TIP Amendment request for Minneapolis SP#141-020-107: Cedar and Franklin Avenues Pedestrian Access and Safety Improvements.

Motion by Hargis, seconded by Leppik:

That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approve a 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment for Minneapolis SP#141-020-107, Cedar Ave and Franklin Avenues Pedestrian Access and Safety Improvements adding the TIPEDD portion of SP#141-020-108 that was originally part of a STP project that is being withdrawn by the City.

Motion passed.

Item 2010-47: 2010-2013 TIP Amendment request for MnDOT SP#6280-308RW1: I-94 through Maryland Ave. including Cayuga Bridge Right of Way Purchase

Motion by Hargis, seconded by Leppik:

That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approve a 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment for MnDOT SP#6280-308RW1: I-94 through Maryland Ave. including Cayuga Bridge Right of Way Purchase.

Motion passed.

Item 2010-48: Travel Demand Management (TDM) Evaluation and Implementation Study

Motion by Hargis, seconded by Leppik:

That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) recommend acceptance of the TDM Evaluation and Implementation Study to the Metropolitan Council and consider the study recommendations involving CMAQ-funded programs.

Motion passed.

Item 2010-44: Vehicle Mode Reassignment Request for Metropolitan Council CMAQ Award SP#TRS-TCMT-10C: Purchase 15 Buses for Fleet Expansion and Southwest Transit CMAQ Award SP#TRS-SMTC-10A: Purchase 10 Buses for Fleet Expansion:

Hargis stated that the Programming Committee approved the item with the stipulation that policies be reviewed and put in place by October 2010. The TAB reviewed four options from Roggenbuck in a July 19, 2010 memo, and a letter from Metro Council Chair Peter Bell dated July 15, 2010, as supplemental information to the action.

Discussion followed expressing concern with wavering from existing policy, exceptions to the policies in place, and the timeliness of receipt of Bell's letter.

Berg stated that the committee must be attentive to what happens to the local match when dollars are shifted between projects.

Motion by Hargis, seconded by Hovland:

That the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) approves the vehicle mode reassignment request for Metropolitan Council CMAQ award SP#TRS-TCMT-10C: Purchase 15 buses for fleet expansion and Southwest Transit CMAQ award SP#TRS-SMTC-10A: purchase 10 buses for fleet expansion and amend the TIP with the stipulation that the TAB develop new regional policy on the reallocation of federal funds from local projects that are dropped from the TIP, by October 2010.

Motion passed with one no vote.

Information and Discussion:

1. 2011 Regional Solicitation: Policy Issues

Roggenbuck presented a letter from Metro Council Chair Peter Bell dated 7/15/10 requesting that the TAB consider changes in the distribution of CMAQ funds through the next Regional Solicitation. Discussion followed. Lilligren stated that he would like to clarification of the types of funding available in the region. MnDOT will prepare a presentation on the subject of funding and present to the TAB in August when the TIP is presented. Krause posed the question of where maintenance dollars come from for various projects, if not from Capital or Operating funds.

Motion by Berg, seconded by Swanson to refer the 7/15/10 Bell letter to TAC to help the TAC formalize the processes and make recommendations to the TAB for adoption. Motion carried

Hargis suggested the following proposed schedule for the policy issues regarding CMAQ funds in the Regional Solicitation:

TAC F & P – work on the policy issues and present to the TAB July/August

TAB – policy questions come through the TAB September (can come from F&P)

Technical Committees and staff comment and then receive public comment/have the policies in place by end of 2010.

2. Local Project and TIP Management Issues

Roggenbuck presented a list of program management issues and questions about these issues, and said he would like to formalize these processes so the TAB can adopt them as regional policy in order to have a solid, written process to follow. Smith and Hovland recommended the list of issues be sent to TAC to make recommendations to the TAB on the processes, and the basis for those recommendations.

V. SPECIAL AGENDA

Northstar Commuter Rail – Status Report

Ed Byers, Metro Transit, presented the Northstar Commuter Rail Status Report including the miles traveled, staffing, ridership numbers and ridership patterns, performance statistics. Byers answered questions regarding possible future expansion, attracting ridership, subsidy amount, station spacing and parking.

VI. ITEMS OF TAB MEMBERS

David Gepner announced that the annual TAB Bike event is scheduled for Friday morning August 20, 2010 in Anoka. He urged members to join the ride, please contact him for information.

VII. AGENCY REPORTS

Scott McBride, MnDOT, reported that MnDOT released the second Annual Performance Report a few months ago. The TAB expressed interest in the report; Roggenbuck will schedule a presentation from MnDOT at a future meeting. McBride will bring some hard copies of the report to the next TAB meeting for interested TAB members.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

2010-50: TAB Bylaws Update, including Public Participation Process

Roggenbuck stated that a revised draft of the bylaws was sent to members, TAB comments from July are highlighted on the draft. Members were satisfied that their comments had been addressed.

Motion by Hovland, seconded by Lampi to adopt the TAB Bylaws as updated. Motion carried.

Motion by Callison, seconded by Peilen to approve the Public Participation Process. Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Hargis adjourned the regular meeting of TAB at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, July 21, 2010.