

Notes from the November 10, 2011 TAB Executive Committee meeting.

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#### Membership

- Discussed the appointment of a new Technical Advisory Committee Chair. Tim Mayasich has served three years and according to TAC Bylaws his term has expired. TAC practice is to rotate responsibility among member counties, cities and agencies – agencies turn next. Nominating committee was formed in November and will nominate new Chair in December.
- Met Council on schedule to appoint/reappoint citizen and modal reps on December 14.
- MnDOT Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations Director has been contacted about the freight rep position on TAB.

#### TAB/Met Council leadership meeting Nov. 14

- Last/first meeting was on April 18 and then we discussed Met council/TAB roles and relationship, the 2011 regional solicitation and the Transportation Improvement Program.
- Possible topics for Nov. 14: 2011 solicitation and potential new federal Act, Transportation Planning Handbook, TAB appointments, alignment of Met Council and TAB priorities, etc...
- TAB Chair will report to the full TAB on Nov. 16.

#### I35W/Cedar Av. CMAQ awards to MVTA

- Scope change request made by MVTA that includes moving some CMAQ funds from I35W CMAQ project to the Cedar Ave. transitway for service start up.
- Technical committees recognize the importance of the Cedar Av. transitway but supported adopted regional policy and voted to deny due to conflicts with policy. Policy decision for TAB this month.
- Transit funding cuts by the legislature have made funding the operating or service costs of transit expansion projects difficult.

#### 2011 regional solicitation and contingency planning for new federal Act

- TAB directed the technical committees to complete the scoring. The qualifying criteria review has begun and the project scoring will be done by April 2012 (draft agenda). New schedule is longer, gives staff more time to evaluate qualifying criteria and re-scoring requests. Could include the 2011 solicitation projects in the draft 2013-2016 TIP public hearing process next summer.
- Senate E&PW Committee passed a two-year reauthorization with funding levels same as SAFETEA-LU, funding categories combined but project eligibility maintained. This affects program years 2013 and 2014 already in the TIP and STIP. House T&I Committee may also be looking at a two-year reauthorization.
- No real help for the 2011 solicitation projects in 2015 and 2016. Decision to be made later whether or not to allocate funds.

#### Transportation Planning Handbook.

- Discussed at TAC Planning Committee; no real comments.
- Met Council staff is working on it but they need input. Roggenbuck can provide input to staff, review by TAB Policy Committee?

#### “A” Minor Arterial Study

- Study is underway, SRF Consultants hired to work on the study, project management team met yesterday (Roggenbuck is a member), first technical steering committee meeting scheduled for December 7. (schedule)
- Council staff can present information to TAB anytime; especially when work products or tasks are done.

#### Collaborative Corridor Planning Workshop

- Email announcement was forwarded to TAB Executive Committee a few days ago.