

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

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

# TAB PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2010  
Metropolitan Council Chambers.

Members Present: Bill Hargis, Co-Chair, Jim Hovland, Co-Chair, Dennis Berg, Tony Bennett, Jan Callison, Matthew Craig, David Gepner, Tom Heffelfinger, Dennis Hegberg, Ken Johnson, Paul Krause, Steve Lampi, Robert Lilligren, Randy Maluchnik, Scott McBride, James Meyers, Richard Mussell, Lisa Peilen, Becky Petryk, Jill Smith, Dick Swanson, David Thornton, Bart Ward, Julia Whalen.

Guests and Staff: Carl Ohrn, Metropolitan Council TAC member.  
James Andrew, Metropolitan Council.  
Pat Bursaw, MN Dept. of Transportation, Metro Program Management.  
Greg Coughlin, MN Dept. of Transportation, Metro State Aid.  
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator.

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### **I. Call to order.**

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

### **II. Adoption of the Agenda.**

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

### **III. Approval of the minutes from April 21, 2010.**

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Lilligren, to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2010 TAB Programming Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **IV. Information Items and Action Transmittals.**

#### **2010-39: Draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program.**

Mr. Andrew presented this item to the committee. Mr. Andrew said the TAB's key responsibility is to prepare, adopt and maintain the region's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Andrew explained the a TIP is a four-year list of projects funded with federal funds and some with state funds, and is essentially the regional Capital Improvement Program for transportation. Mr. Andrew explained that the TIP must meet several key criteria – fiscal balance, consistency with the regional plan and meet air quality conformity. Mr. Andrew explained that MN/DOT, the Metropolitan Council/Metro Transit and the TAB program almost all of the projects listed in the TIP. Discussion followed.

The committee discussed the TAB's responsibility in adopting the entire TIP when it programs only 25% of the funds included in the TIP. Ms. Bursaw explained that federal law requires all federally funded projects be included in a TIP adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Organization, but adoption does not constitute TAB approval of all

the projects in the TIP. The committee expressed a desire to have a better understanding of all the projects in the TIP and relate TIP development to project selection. Mr. Hargis moved, seconded by Ms. Whalen, to recommend adoption of the draft 2011-2014 TIP for the purpose of holding a public hearing on Wednesday, June 16, 2010. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Information: Local ARRA program Update.**

Mr. Coughlin presented this item to the committee. Mr. Coughlin reviewed the funding splits using federal STP, federal ARRA and local match on five local ARRA projects before the ARRA program, after the TAB allocated funding and now in the final steps of closing out the ARRA program. Mr. Coughlin explained that MN/DOT could not re-allocate ARRA savings as planned to the last five local ARRA projects. These five projects will need to have a larger local match, but still less local match than when the TAB originally allocated the ARRA funds to them. Mr. Coughlin added that all the ARRA funds will be spent.

**2010-35: 2010-2013 TIP Amendment to include SP# TRF- HENN-10, Bottineau Transitway planning.**

Mr. Ohrn presented this item to the committee and explained that this project recently received funding through a federal Transportation Appropriations Bill. Mr. Ohrn said the project meets the fiscal constraint, air quality conformity and TPP consistency requirements.

Mr. Lilligren moved, seconded by Ms. Whalen, to recommend adoption of the TIP amendment as described in action transmittal 2010-35. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**2010-36: 2010-2013 TIP Amendment to include SP# 7080-49, New Market Rest Area Building Site Health and Safety Corrections.**

Mr. Ohrn presented this item to the committee and explained that this project would be funded by re-allocating federal HSIP funds from a weigh station project that has been dropped from the TIP and STIP. Mr. Ohrn said the project meets the fiscal constraint, air quality conformity and TPP consistency requirements.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Lilligren, to recommend adoption of the TIP amendment as described in action transmittal 2010-36. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**2010-37: 2010-2013 TIP Amendment to include SP# 91-595-24, Union Depot Multi-modal Transit Facility.**

Mr. Ohrn presented this item to the committee and explained that this project received \$35 million through the TIGER program and the project must be included in the TIP to use the federal TIGER funds. Mr. Ohrn said the project meets the fiscal constraint, air quality conformity and TPP consistency requirements.

Mr. Lilligren moved, seconded by Ms. Whalen, to recommend adoption of the TIP amendment as described in action transmittal 2010-37. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**2010-38: Re-allocation of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds.**

Mr. Ohrn presented this item to the committee and explained that Anoka County no longer needs the HSIP funding allocated to an intersection improvement project. According to adopted policy, the TAB can re-allocate the funds to other projects on the HSIP list prior to adoption of the 2011-2014 TIP.

Mr. Berg moved, seconded by Mr. Swanson, to re-allocate HSIP funding in the 2009 regional solicitation as described in action transmittal 2010-38. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**V. Other Business.**

Members did not raise any other business.

**VI. Adjourn**

Mr. Hovland adjourned the Programming Committee meeting at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted:  
Kevin Roggenbuck,  
TAB Coordinator.