

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

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

TAB PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: April 20, 2011
Metropolitan Council Chambers.

Members Present: Robert Lilligren, Co-Chair, Tony Bennett, Jan Callison, Steve Gallagher, David Gepner, Dennis Hegberg, Ken Johnson, Randy Maluchnik, Scott McBride, Becky Petryk, Jill Smith, Jon Ulrich, Andy Westerberg, Julia Whalen.

Guests and Staff: Karl Keel, TAC Vice Chair, City of Bloomington
Pat Bursaw, MN/DOT Metro Program Management
James Andrew, Metropolitan Council
Cole Hiniker, Metropolitan Council
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator

I. Call to order.

Co-Chair Lilligren called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM.

II. Adoption of the Agenda.

Mr. Hegberg moved, seconded by Ms. Smith, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

III. Approval of the Programming Committee minutes from March 16, 2011.

Mr. Westerberg moved, seconded by Ms. Callison, to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2011 TAB Programming Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Information Items and Action Transmittals.

a. Information: 2011 Regional Solicitation.

Mr. Roggenbuck provided the committee with a status report on the 2011 regional solicitation and presented information describing the regional solicitation process, the sources of funding and the federal rules and regional policies that influence the regional solicitation.

The committee discussed federal funding levels and the status of funds allocated by the TAB for county-sponsored preservation projects that were above the region's federal target amount. Ms. Bursaw explained that the funding has not been apportioned to states so the county projects cannot move forward yet. The committee discussed earmarked funding and how it is distributed among the states.

b. 2011-41: 2011 Regional Solicitation: TAC.

Mr. Keel and Mr. Andrew presented this item to the committee. Mr. Keel described the regional solicitation documents and said the TAC recommends adoption of the final package.

Mr. Roggenbuck distributed copies of the public comment report. Committee members commented that the public comment should have been included in the mailing and this does not make the process look transparent. Mr. Andrew described the public comment

process and reviewed some of the comments and responses. Mr. Andrew said other comments were also considered. The public discussion could be held earlier in the process to give the committees more time to consider bigger policy changes. Mr. Andrew explained when the document was made available for public comment and described some of the changes made to the solicitation materials based on the public comments.

Staff answered questions about the solicitation criteria and multiple partners, the degree of changes from year to year and the review schedule for the next regional solicitation package.

Ms. Petryk moved, seconded by Mr. McBride, to recommend acceptance of the public comment report and adoption of the 2011 regional solicitation package for release as described in action transmittal 2011-41. The motion passed by voice vote.

c. Information: Draft 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program: Staff.

Mr. Roggenbuck briefed the committee on the status of the draft 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program for the Twin cities Metropolitan Area. Mr. Roggenbuck said the draft TIP will come to the TAB in May for adoption for the purpose of holding a public hearing. Approximately \$60 million in local projects had to be deferred from program year 2011 to 2012, making it difficult for MN/DOT to fiscally balance the TIP. Mr. Roggenbuck suggested that the TAC Funding and Programming Committee look into ways that can help local governments improve project delivery.

d. 2011-39: 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment: Metro Transit.

Mr. Keel presented this item to the committee. Mr. Keel described the need for the amendment and said it meets the tests of fiscal constraint, TPP consistency and air quality conformity.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Whalen, to recommend adoption of the TIP amendment as described in action transmittal 2011-39. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

e. 2011-40: CMAQ Funding Set-Aside for Travel Demand Management Activities: Metropolitan Council.

Mr. Keel and Mr. Hiniker presented this item to the committee. Mr. Hiniker answered questions from the committee.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Westerberg, to recommend approval of the Metropolitan Council's TDM funding recommendation as described in action transmittal 2011-40. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. Other Business.

Members did not raise any other business.

VI. Adjourn

Mr. Lilligren adjourned the Programming Committee meeting at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator.