

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

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

### TAB PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: March 21, 2012  
Metropolitan Council Chambers.

Members Present: Jim Hovland, Co-Chair, Robert Lilligren, Co-Chair, Tony Bennett, Jan Callison, Gerry Butcher, Margaret Donahoe, Karl Drotning, Dennis Hegberg, Aaron Isaacs, Jennifer Janovy, Scott McBride, Becky Petryk, Dick Swanson, David Thornton, Jon Ulrich, Dave Van Hattum, Julia Whalen, Andy Westerberg.

Guests and Staff: Pat Bursaw, Chair, Technical Advisory Committee  
Mark Filipi, Metropolitan Council  
Scott Neal, City of Edina  
Wayne Houle, City of Edina  
Chuck Ballentine, Hennepin County  
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator

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#### I. Call to order.

Co-Chair Lilligren called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

#### II. Adoption of the Agenda.

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

#### III. Approval of the Programming Committee minutes from February 15, 2012.

Mr. Hovland moved, seconded by Ms. Callison, to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2012 TAB Programming Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

##### (a). Information: Update on the 2011 regional solicitation.

Mr. Roggenbuck reported that the TAC Funding & Programming Committee met on Thursday, February 16 to discuss the scores reported out of each scoring group and voted to make them public. Mr. Roggenbuck gave the committee a presentation on how projects are scored in the regional solicitation process, noting that we are currently in the process of reviewing requests to have criteria re-evaluated. Mr. Roggenbuck said the TAC Funding & Programming Committee will resolve the scoring re-evaluation requests at their meeting on April 19 and the final scores will be made available.

##### (b). Information: Moving Toward a Performance Based Transportation Policy Plan.

Mr. Filipi presented this item to the committee. Mr. Filipi said there are strong indications that reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU will require states and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) like the Met Council to include requirements for performance based planning. Mr. Filipi described performance based planning as tying the decision making and setting of goals to measurable outcomes. Mr. Filipi described

the expected requirements of a performance based plan, past transportation system evaluations and the proposed work on 2012-2013.

Mr. Hovland asked how the TAB will be involved. Mr. Filipi said the system performance will be done in house and reported to the TAC and the TAB; the preparation of a performance based plan will include a project management team with members from the TAC and TAB. Mr. Filipi also described how the performance based plan would involve the public and answered several questions from the committee about resources and data that would be used to prepare the plan.

**(c). 2012-11: Scope Change, 2012-2015 TIP Amendment and Sunset Date  
Extension Request: City of Edina.**

Ms. Bursaw described the original project, a bike/pedestrian bridge over France Avenue at 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, and described the scope change request made by Edina to instead improve three at-grade intersections between 68<sup>th</sup> Street and 76<sup>th</sup> Street to make them safer for bike and pedestrian travel across France Avenue. Ms. Bursaw said the TAC felt the revised scope met many of the same goals as the original project, but because Edina had done very little work with MnDOT State Aid in developing the project and because the revised scope was so different from the original scope, the TAC voted to deny Edina's requests.

The committee discussed the cost difference between the bike/pedestrian bridge and the three intersections improvements. The committee discussed whether Edina was proposing a project scope change or substituting a different project that should go through the solicitation process. Mr. Neal said the purpose of the revised scope is to get people across France Avenue safely. In 2007 the city thought a bike/pedestrian bridge was the best choice. Since then, the city has changed leadership and studies showed that pedestrian crossings at several intersections were a better solution. Mr. Houle added that the Edina will work with the Three Rivers Park District to improve the at-grade intersection of France Avenue and Gallagher Drive. Mr. Houle said Edina will work with Hennepin County to develop plans in November/December and begin construction in the spring of 2013.

The committee further discussed whether the Edina request should be evaluated as a scope change or rejected as a project substitution. Committee members asked for clarification or definition of a scope change at a future TAB meeting. Members spoke both in favor and in opposition to the request.

Mr. Hovland moved, seconded by Ms. Donahoe, to recommend approval of the scope change, TIP amendment and sunset date extension as requested in action transmittal 2012-11. Ms. Petryk made a substitute motion to forward without recommendation to the full TAB because this needs fuller discussion among the whole Board. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bennett. The voice vote was inconclusive so Chair Lilligren asked for a show of hands vote. The motion to forward without recommendation failed by a vote of 5 yeas to 8 nays.

Mr. Ulrich moved to call the question on the original motion by Mr. Hovland, seconded by Ms. Donahoe. The motion to call the question passed by voice vote.

The voice vote to recommend approval of the scope change, TIP amendment and sunset date extension was inconclusive, so Chair Lilligren called for a show of hands vote. The motion to recommend approval passed by a vote of 7 yeas to 6 nays with one abstention.

**(d). 2012-12: Scope Change and 2012-2015 TIP Amendment request: City of Lakeville.**

Ms. Bursaw presented this item to the committee and explained that the scope change was requested because the city of Lakeville is not able to purchase a piece of property as planned, but instead has reconfigured the project to go around the property and still access Lake Marion Park. Ms. Bursaw also described the revised cost.

Mr. Hovland moved, seconded by Mr. Hegberg, to recommend approval of the scope change and adoption of the 2012-2015 TIP amendment as described in action transmittal 2012-12. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**(e). 2012-13: 2012-2015 TIP Amendment Request: Hennepin County.**

Ms. Bursaw presented this item to the committee and explained that the TIGER III funds were recently awarded to Hennepin County for the Transportation Interchange project near Target Field in Minneapolis and they must be amended into the TIP for the county to access the funds.

Ms. Callison moved, seconded by Mr. Swanson, to recommend adoption of the 2012-2015 TIP amendment as described in action transmittal 2012-13. Mr. Thornton asked how Hennepin County would fund the rest of the project. Mr. Ballentine described four different funding sources including Hennepin County's willingness to backstop funding for the project. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**(f). 2012-14: 2012-2015 TIP Amendment Request: MnDOT.**

Ms. Bursaw presented this item to the committee. Ms. Bursaw described the proposed project and said explained the source of funds. Mr. McBride moved, seconded by Mr. Hovland, to recommend adoption of the 2012-2015 TIP amendment as described in action transmittal 2012-14. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chair Lilligren said he would recommend action items 2012-12, 13 and 14 be handled as consent list items at the full TAB meeting.

**IV. Other Business.**

Members did not raise any other business.

**VI. Adjourn.**

Mr. Lilligren adjourned the meeting at 1:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted:  
Kevin Roggenbuck, TAB Coordinator.