

Minutes

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting date: June 17, 2026

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

Chair, James Hovland
1st Vice Chair, Julie Jeppson
2nd Vice Chair, Taylor Hubbard
Doug Anderson
~~Myron Bailey~~
Husniyah Bradley
Reva Chamblis
Molly Coleman
Peter Dugan
Don Do
~~Debbie Goette~~
Torin Gustafson
Gary Hansen

Mary Liz Holberg
~~Abdi Isse~~
Glen Johnson
Stan Karwoski
Frank Kohlasch
Victor Lake
~~William Lindeke~~
~~Tim Marino~~
Brian Martinson
~~Aaron Cameron~~
~~Becky Petryk~~
~~Jess Robertson~~

Khani Sahebjam
George Schember
Mark Steffenson
~~Soren Stevenson~~ (Aisha Chughtai)
Jon Ulrich
~~Jeffrey Weisensel~~
Tom Workman
Mai Chong Xiong

Staff

Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB
Joe MacPherson, TAC
Charles Carlson, MTS Executive Director
~~Bridget Rief, MAC~~

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:40 p.m.

Agenda approved

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Xiong to approve the agenda. Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

There were no members of the public who wished to speak to the TAB.

Reports

1. TAB Chair's Report – Jim Hovland

Chair Hovland reported on the TAB Executive meeting that took place prior to TAB, as well as the TAB members who joined the Active Transportation Taskforce.

2. Agency Reports – MnDOT, MPCA, MAC, Metropolitan Council, Suburban Transit Association MnDOT

Sahebjam reported at the end of May 2026, there were 42 fatalities in traffic-related incidents in the 8-county Metro District on all local and state roads. 12 of the Metro area traffic fatalities in 2026 have been pedestrians. Compared to last year at this time, there are 17 fewer traffic fatalities, but the same number of pedestrians killed in traffic incidents

Breakdown of the end of May 2026 traffic fatalities in Metro District:

2026 Preliminary YTD Total Fatality

	Total	Ped	Bike	Motorcycle
Anoka	1	0	0	0
Carver	0	0	0	0
Chisago	1	0	0	0
Dakota	11	2	0	2
Hennepin	18	4	1	6
Ramsey	6	5	0	0
Scott	2	1	0	0
Washington	3	0	0	1
Total	42	12	1	9

2025 Preliminary YTD Total Fatality

	Total	Ped	Bike	Motorcycle
Anoka	7	0	1	1
Carver	1	0	0	0
Chisago	3	0	0	0
Dakota	9	1	0	1
Hennepin	19	6	0	3
Ramsey	8	3	0	0
Scott	7	2	0	0
Washington	5	0	0	0
Total	59	12	1	5

*data source: Office of Traffic Safety, Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Of note – Strib article (attached) on motorcycle deaths statewide (attached). 27 fatalities statewide, up from 13 at this time last year (9 in Metro, up from 5 this time last year).

The [Art on the MnDOT Right of Way Policy](#) and [Art on the MnDOT Right of Way Application Procedures](#) have been updated and are now available. The policy and procedures underwent significant revisions to codify and clarify requirements and to ensure the application process is clear and consistent for all applicants. Details may be found following the links listed above. This policy, along with all other policies, can be found on the MnDOT website.

Check 511mn.org before you travel. Highlights about upcoming construction related closures and detours: June 26-29: next weekend closure of I-94 WB between I-694/494 and I-94/35E commons for bridge painting; Hwy 280 closed both directions until Aug 21; 394 lane reduction and ramp closures continue, beside work on Dunwoody Bridge, there is additional work out to General Mills Blvd happening on 394 and local systems; 35W South Metro south of the MN River to the split. Lane reductions and ramp closures continues through the season. Variety of closures and detours throughout the system, thanks to all traveling public for their patience and keeping construction workers and fellow travelers safe.

Project websites with construction impact updates: [494 Project](#) (in Richfield & Edina);

[35E/Shepard Rd bridge project](#)

MPCA

Smith reported about recent Air Quality Alerts, the EPA comment period about delayed standards, open grant opportunities, and two rules on public notice.

MAC

There was no MAC report.

Metropolitan Council

Chamblis reported that the Regional Solicitation application process is in process with 150 applications under development so far, the Transportation Improvement Program is still out for public review, Metro Transit quarterly service changes recently went into effect, there was a recent celebration of the Metro A Line's ten-year anniversary, buses will be replacing trains on the Blue Line and Green Line this summer to support upgrades.

STA

Hansen reported Maple Grove Transit Express ridership increased 25 percent in May over a year ago, and MY RIDE microtransit ridership was up about ten percent. Disabled military veterans now ride free on MY RIDE by showing a Service Connected card. Effective July 1, Maple Grove and Plymouth are implementing recommendations from their Northwest Provider Transit Study, which explored ways for collaboration to improve transit access and service. Effective July 1, Maple Grove Transit microtransit buses will be able to serve destinations anywhere within Plymouth, and Plymouth Metrolink microtransit buses will be able to serve destinations anywhere within Maple Grove. This will create transit access from Brooklyn Center Transit Center to Ridgedale Mall without needing to go to downtown Minneapolis. SouthWest Transit overall ridership is up 14% through May. Carver County and SouthWest completed a mobility study and plan to expand service into western Carver County. SouthWest's autonomous vehicle zone has been operating successfully for the past year. Riders report 96% satisfaction with the service. Minnesota Valley Transit Authority YTD ridership is up 9%, driven by increases in Express, microtransit, and weekend services. Burnsville Bus Garage Phase II construction, supported by regional solicitation funding, is substantially complete. Closeout activities are underway, with project completion expected this summer. MVTA held an open house on June 17 for the reopening of its 157th Street Station in Apple Valley. This marks the reopening of all MVTA facilities after the pandemic as Express ridership continues to grow.

3. TAC Report – Joe MacPherson, TAC Chair

MacPherson had no additional report outside of the TAB agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Bradley to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2026, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. 2026-33: Streamlined 2026-2029 TIP Amendment Request – Four Project Adjustments

It was moved by Jeppson, seconded by Xiong.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. 2026-30: Release of Draft 2050 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Amendment 3 for public

comment (Joe MacPherson, TAC Chair)

It was moved by Xiong, seconded by Martinson, that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Metropolitan Council release the 2050 TPP Amendment 3 (attached), updating the Bronze Line bus rapid transit project (formerly Purple Line) and adding the J and K Line bus rapid transit projects, for public review and comment.

TAB members asked specifics about projects and their funding.

Motion carried.

2. 2026-32: Potential Regional Solicitation Scoring Adjustment for the Excessive Delay Measure (Joe MacPherson, TAC Chair)

It was moved by Karwoski, seconded by Xiong, that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board approve no change to the excessive delay scoring measure for the 2026 funding cycle.

TAB members asked for impacts if the action transmittal was to not happen.

Motion carried.

Information

1. EV Public Charging Needs Analysis (Tony Fischer, MTS Planning and Siri Simons, HDR)

TAB members asked if privately owned charging stations were evaluated, the various level chargers, the role of government versus the private sector, the weight of various data points, the geographic locations of outreach events.

2. Regional TDM and Minneapolis TMO (Cole Hiniker and Wendy Duren, MTS; Kathleen Mayell, Minneapolis)

TAB members asked about project specifics.

Items of TAB members

There were no items of TAB members.

Other business

Metropolitan Transportation Services Executive Director Carlson shared the upcoming staffing change for MTS.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

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