Summary Report

Transportation Advisory Board

Meeting Date: June 17, 2026

Reports

1. ***Chair's* Report** –Chair Hovland welcomed new TAB MnDOT alternate member Ryan Wilson and Minneapolis alternate Aisha Chughtai. TAB Executive Committee met prior to the TAB meeting and discussed items on the TAB agenda and the establishment of the Active Transportation Task Force. TAB Bylaws revisions may be needed and the TAB Bylaws Task Force will be set up again, if revisions are needed. TAB will not meet in July.

2. ***MnDOT Report*** – Sahebjam reported that there were 148 fatalities statewide to date; the same as 2025. There were 27 motorcycle fatalities compared to 13 in 2025. As of May 31, there were 42 fatalities in the metro area. Compared to 59 in 2025. There were 12 pedestrian and 9 motorcycle fatalities. 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. Construction is underway. 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

3. ***MPCA*** – Smith reported that been having another busy air quality alert season. So far, mostly ozone action days which are because of early and unusual heat in the area. They aree keeping an eye on the Canadian wildfires as well; although we've had a little bit less of that so far this year. The EPA is proposing to delay vehicle emission standards for light and medium duty vehicles and the comment period is still open through early July. The MPCA will be commenting that they certainly have concerns about those delayed standards and feel that the technology to meet those standards is already being demonstrated. MPCA has open grants. Both the Volkswagen settlement funding but also MPCA's new climate smart food systems and the grant from EPA. The current grant opportunity that is open is for $6.6 million for electric farm equipment and the infrastructure needed to operate that and that's a partnership between US and the Department of Agriculture the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. There are two rules on public notice that MPCA has talked about over the past couple of years; MPCA's cumulative impacts

rule making and MPCA's air toxics rule making. Both of those are open for public comment through July 17th and they are encouraging folks to take a look at that and then submit their comments.

4. ***MAC Report*** – There was no report.

5. ***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 out for public review and comment. Metro Transit quarterly service changes recently went into effect. The Council celebrated 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.

6. ***Suburban Transit Association*** – 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.

Business

TAB approved the following items (forwarded to the Transportation Committee):

1. 2026-33: Streamlined 2026-2029 TIP Amendment Request – Four Project Adjustments (June 22, 2026, Transportation Committee)

   The Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to make the following project adjustments:
   - Increase the cost and make a technical correction to include the new bridge number to the description of MnDOT and Burnsville's MN 13 grade separation project.
   - Increase the cost and change the scope of MnDOT's MN 101 mill and overlay / turn lane extension project.
   - Increase the cost and project length of MnDOT's US 61 signal replacement and pavement reconstruction project.
   - Increase the cost and project length of MnDOT's I-94 / 694 traffic sign replacement project.

2. 2026-30: Release of draft 2050 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Amendment 3 for public comment (June 22, 2026, Transportation Committee)

   The Transportation Advisory Board recommended 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.

3. 2026-32: Potential Regional Solicitation Scoring Adjustment for the Excessive Delay Measure

   The Transportation Advisory approved no change to the excessive delay scoring measure for the 2026 funding cycle.

Information

1. EV Public Charging Needs Analysis

   Tony Fischer, MTS Planning, and Siri Simons, HDR, presented the item.

2. Regional TDM and Minneapolis TMO

   Cole Hiniker and Wendy Duren, MTS, Kathleen Mayell, Minneapolis, presented the item.

Link to June 17, 2026, TAB agenda and materials, 061726 Agenda - Transportation Advisory Board.