

# Summary Report

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: May 20, 2026

## Reports

1. **Chair's Report** – Vice-Chair Jeppson welcomed new TAB member Reva Chamblis representing the Metropolitan Council. The alternate will be Council Member Victor Obisakin. City Council member Aisha Chughtai will be the Minneapolis alternate going forward. TAB member John Morast will be stepping down as TAB representative for TAB District 2. His alternate is Aaron Cameron.

Jeppson reported that the Regional Solicitation applications open online. The call for projects is open for the Regional Solicitation and Active Transportation applications are due on June 25th at 4 PM. The Council is using a new software program for application submittal and project scoring called Fluxx. The deadline to register in Fluxx is June 11th at 4 PM. Applicants are encouraged to use one of the 16 remaining virtual office hours for questions on applications. A series of training webinars are available on the Regional Solicitation page and serve as great resources for applicants. The call for projects for the Highway Safety Improvement Program will be June 1st-July 23rd. The program is administered by MnDOT with approval coming back through the TAB at the same time as the Regional Solicitation approval.

2. **MnDOT Report** – Sahebjam reported that to date there have been 111 fatalities, less than the 123 in 2025. Of the fatalities, 19 were pedestrian, 9 motorcycle, and 1 bicycle. Reporting on the legislature actions, \$1.2 billion in statewide bonding was approved, of which transportation received \$185 million. There was no Trunk Highway bonding. License tab fees were cut. The federal transportation bill is being worked on and a draft includes charging a fee on electric and hybrid vehicles since they don't pay gas tax. There is discussion on whether to do this or a mileage-based tax. Construction has started in the metro in full force.
3. **MPCA** – Smith reported that there are several new RFPs open, a climate adaptation cost study was recently published, the annual air monitoring network plan was recently published, rulemaking updates, and the two-year pause from the EPA for light and medium-duty vehicles.
4. **MAC Report** – Rief did not have a report. MAC has not appointed a TAB member yet.
5. **Metropolitan Council** – Chamblis reported moving forward she will be serving as the Chair of the Met Council's Transportation Committee and the representative on the TAB. She thanked CM Barber for her years of service to this board. She thanked TAB members who served on the Regional Solicitation Evaluation Policy Working Group. The final report will be posted on the Regional Solicitation website and emailed to TAB members before the June TAB meeting. Also in June, the Council will be launching the "Our Daily Trips" household travel survey, a large study of travel in the region that the Council does every two years. This effort was partially paid for by the TAB as part of the Regional Solicitation. Survey results will be presented to TAB once the effort is finalized. Over 1,000 people visited the North Loop garage as part of the recent Doors Open Minneapolis event. Chair Hutcheson, many Councilmembers, and local mayors attended the recent Open Trails to Rails event to mark the opening of the trails along the Green Line Extension. The State of the Region will be held Thursday, May 21 from 9 AM to 11AM at the Ames Center in Burnsville.

6. **Suburban Transit Association** – Hansen reported Maple Grove Transit Express ridership increased 24% in April over a year ago. My Ride microtransit service is being expanded into Plymouth. Beginning July 1, military veterans will have free My Ride service. Plymouth Metrolink is integrating other service, in addition to My Ride, with Maple Grove Transit. SouthWest Transit reported another monthly Prime microtransit ridership record, with an increase of 10% over last year. Overall ridership increased 14%. Minnesota Valley Transit Authority Express ridership was up 11% YTD, driven by a 24% increase in its St. Paul Express services. Connect microtransit service was up 20%. MVTA has entered into an agreement with Live Nation to provide concert shuttle services to the Mystic Lake Amphitheater in Shakopee. Services will be provided from a number of MVTA park-and-ride lots, depending on individual concert demand.

## Business

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

1. 2026-27: Streamlined 2026-2029 TIP Amendment Request – Three Metro District Project Adjustments (June 8, 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 of MnDOT's Lowry Hill Tunnel electrical systems replacement and moving it from 2026 to 2027.
- Decrease the cost of, and add two funding sources to, Coon Rapids' CSAH 1 interchange at MN 610 in Coon Rapids.
- Increase the cost and update the scope of MnDOT's I-494 mobility and safety project.

2. 2026-28: Streamlined 2026-2029 TIP Amendment Request – Two Sherburne County Project Adjustments (June 8, 2026, Transportation Committee)

The Transportation Advisory Board 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:

- Add culvert work, move the project to fiscal year 2026, and increase the cost of Sherburne County's CSAH 33 reconstruction project.
- Increase the cost of Sherburne County's County Road 44 reconstruction and safety improvement project.

3. 2026-25: Scope Change: Richfield 73rd St. Pedestrian Facilities, Active Transportation

The Transportation Advisory approved the City of Richfield's scope change request to adjust the proposed pedestrian facilities from the south side to the north side of 73<sup>rd</sup> Street/Diagonal Boulevard; remove new sidewalk construction on the south side of Diagonal Boulevard between Bloomington Avenue and Cedar Avenue; improve the existing multiuse trail on the north side of Diagonal Boulevard, including bituminous path reclamation and ADA upgrades; and reduced grant funding by \$144,840 to account for the change in scope.

4. 2026-26: 26: Scope Change: St. Paul's Maryland Avenue Traffic Signal Enhancements Project Solicitation

The Transportation Advisory approved the City of Saint Paul's scope change request to remove signal improvements at Maryland Avenue and Hazelwood Street and remove traffic signal interconnect on Maryland Avenue between Johnson Parkway and White Bear Avenue from its Maryland Avenue traffic signal enhancements project with full federal funds retention. The removed signals will be completed by Ramsey County.

5. 2026-29: Release Draft 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for Public Comment

The Transportation Advisory released the draft 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for public comment.

## Information

1. Speed Camera Pilot Update

Ethan Fawley, Minneapolis, and Chief Kelly McCarthy, Mendota Heights, presented the item.

Link to May 20, 2026, TAB agenda and materials, [052026 Agenda - Transportation Advisory Board](#).

