

Minutes

Transportation Advisory Board



Meeting Date: May 18, 2022

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members Present:

Chair, James Hovland
 V. Chair Debbie Goettel
 Doug Anderson
~~Myron Bailey~~
 Deb Barber
~~Michael Barnes~~
~~Carl Crimmins~~
 Peter Dugan
 Amity Foster
 Christopher Geisler
 Mary Giuliani Stephens
 Gary Hansen
~~Mary Liz Holberg~~

Mathews Hollinshead
~~Mitra Jalali~~
 Julie Jeppson
 Stan Karwoski
~~Dan Kealey~~ (Kevin Burkart)
 Emily Koski
 Andy Lewis
 William Lindeke
 Matt Look
~~Randy Maluchnik~~
 Brian Martinson
 Trista MatasCastillo
~~Craig McDonnell~~ (Todd Biewen)

Ashwat Narayanan
 Becky Petryk
 George Schember
~~Mark Steffenson~~
 Jon Ulrich
~~Janet Williams~~
 Mark Windschitl
~~Tom Workman~~

Absent

Staff

Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB
 Jon Solberg, TAC
 Charles Carlson, MTS Director

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Hovland called the regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board to order at 12:31 p.m. on the following roll call.

Present	25	Hovland, Goettel, Anderson, Barber, Biewen, Burkart, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Hansen, Hollinshead, Jeppson, Karwoski, Koski, Lewis, Lindeke, Look, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Petryk, Schember, Ulrich, Windschitl
Absent	9	Bailey, Barnes, Crimmins, Holberg, Jalali, Maluchnik, Steffenson, Williams, Workman

Agenda Approved

The approval of the amended agenda of the April 20, 2022, meeting was moved by Anderson, seconded by Look and approved.

Reports

1. TAB Chair's Report – Jim Hovland

Jim Hovland reported TAB is meeting back in person due to Minnesota Statute. Council staff will continue to work the Legal staff to determine whether there is a way for TAB to meet hybrid.

2. Agency Reports - MnDOT, MPCA, MAC, and Metropolitan Council

Solberg provided a report on behalf of Barnes. The TCD conference, and shared updated fatality data, and traffic and construction data. Narayanan shared the announcement of safe

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MnDOT

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MPCA

Biewen reported that the climate information item is on the agenda.

MAC

Hovland presented on behalf of Crimmins. 2022 Passenger activity is 17% below the 2019 level. 2021 Passenger activity was 47% below the 2019 level. 2022 flight operations are projected to be 108,906 total ops. 2021 total ops were 95,152. Parking in April 2021 was 11,618 and parking in April 2022 was 17,028. Concessions continue to expand their open hours while passenger activity increases.

Metropolitan Council

Barber reported on the Northstar Commuter Rail Study, and an update on Metro Mobility, and ridership. Metro Transit has provided a zero emissions bus plan to the legislature. Ulrich asked about the service for the most popular routes. Look commented on the service cut of Northstar and the delay required for reinstating Northstar service. Barber noted that there have been pandemic adjustments. Hovland encouraged further discussion off-line.

STA

Burkart reported on Kealy’s behalf that the revised motion for an item on the agenda has been created and is before TAB members. Burkart shared ridership data. Lindeke asked if STA had pre-pandemic ridership numbers. Burkart said it was in the 25-30% range of pre-pandemic levels.

3. TAC Report – Jon Solberg, TAC Chair

Solberg noted that the TAC items are on the consent agenda. Solberg shared grant award information and project updates.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Goettel to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2022 regular meeting and the consent agenda of the May 18, 2022 meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

Aye	24	Goettel, Anderson, Barber, Biewen, Burkart, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Hansen, Hollinshead, Jeppson, Karwoski, Koski, Lewis, Lindeke, Look, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Petryk, Schember, Ulrich, Windschitl
Nay	0	Name, Name
Absent	9	Bailey, Barnes, Crimmins, Holberg, Jalali, Maluchnik, Steffenson, Williams, Workman

Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted

- 2022-21: Streamlined TIP Amendment: Three Cost Increases
- 2022-22: Streamlined TIP Amendment: Three Termini Changes

Non-Consent Business

- 2022-20: Streamlined TIP Amendment: Four New Projects (Jon Solberg, TAC Chair)



It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Burkart, that Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add four new projects, adjusting the cost of the MVTA Section 5339 project to \$6,200,000 total, \$4,960,000 federal, \$1,240,000 MVTA match.

Motion carried.

Aye	24	Goettel, Anderson, Barber, Biewen, Burkart, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Hansen, Hollinshead, Jeppson, Karwoski, Koski, Lewis, Lindeke, Look, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Petryk, Schember, Ulrich, Windschitl
Nay	0	Name, Name
Absent	9	Bailey, Barnes, Crimmins, Holberg, Jalali, Maluchnik, Steffenson, Williams, Workman

2. 2022-19: St. Paul Vento Elementary SRTS Scope Change (Jon Solberg, TAC Chair)

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Lindeke, that Transportation Advisory Board approve the City of Saint Paul’s scope change request to remove the connection from the Gateway State Trail to Arkwright Street on its Bruce Vento Elementary School Safe Routes to School project (SP # 164-591-004).

Look noted that in the past there have been reductions for scope changes and asked about future ramifications. Solberg said as long as the project components are completed it is considered to achieve the goals set. Hovland noted that it seems to be handled on a one off basis and the legal department ought to weigh in. Koutsoukos added that this question came up at TAC and reviewed the three levels for scope change policy. Karwoski noted that he will support this today but wants a policy to follow. Geisler commented that clarity is well-sought but TAB has made these decisions fine in the past.

Motion carried.

Aye	24	Goettel, Anderson, Barber, Biewen, Burkart, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Hansen, Hollinshead, Jeppson, Karwoski, Koski, Lewis, Lindeke, Look, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Petryk, Schember, Ulrich, Windschitl
Nay	0	Name, Name
Absent	9	Bailey, Barnes, Crimmins, Holberg, Jalali, Maluchnik, Steffenson, Williams, Workman

3. 2022-15: I-94 Eastbound Lanes TIP Amendment (Steve Peterson, MTS)

It was moved by Look, seconded by Giuliani-Stephens, that the Transportation Advisory Board accept the public comments and recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2022-2025 TIP to add a project line funding a new auxiliary lane from I-494/I-694/I-94 in Oakdale to Washington County Highway 19 in Woodbury (SP # 8282-132F) and to add a guardrail and noisewall to MnDOT’s associated I-94 maintenance project located between Oakdale and the St. Croix River (SP # 8282-132).

Lindeke discussed comments brought in. Narayanan asked when the study is anticipated to be complete. Karwoski noted that greenhouse gas emissions are reduced with congestion reduction. Karwoski shared that at the MnDOT public meeting he attended and it received widespread support. Giuliani Stephens commented on the birds-eye view for safety and emissions. Martinson said there is a history of trying to add lane additions to solve congestion but the last fifty years has shown that does not work because of induced demand. Hollinshead noted that there are differing definitions of safety. Schember said if the discussion is climate over safety, the scoring should be changed. Geisler brought up supply chain disruption and the differing aspects of the impact. MatasCastillo voiced concerns that this is not being considered holistically as far as the scoring goes.

Motion carried.



Aye	16	Goettel, Anderson, Barber, Biewen, Burkart, Dugan, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Hansen, Jeppson, Karwoski, Look, Petryk, Schember, Ulrich, Windschitl
Nay	8	Foster, Koski, Lewis, Lindeke, Hollinshead, MatasCastillo, Martinson, Narayanan
Absent	9	Bailey, Barnes, Crimmins, Holberg, Jalali, Maluchnik, Steffenson, Williams, Workman

4. 2022-23: Release 2023-2026 TIP for Public Comment (Joe Barbeau, MTS)

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Windschitl, that the Transportation Advisory Board release the draft 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for public comment.

Martinson brought up the safe systems approach and noted there was no mention of it in this. Barbeau said it would be a bit new to make it into this one.

Motion carried.

Aye	24	Goettel, Anderson, Barber, Biewen, Burkart, Dugan, Foster, Geisler, Giuliani Stephens, Hansen, Hollinshead, Jeppson, Karwoski, Koski, Lewis, Lindeke, Look, Martinson, MatasCastillo, Narayanan, Petryk, Schember, Ulrich, Windschitl
Nay	0	Name, Name
Absent	9	Bailey, Barnes, Crimmins, Holberg, Jalali, Maluchnik, Steffenson, Williams, Workman

Information

1. Minnesota Climate Action Framework (Amanda Jarrett Smith, MPCA)

MatasCastillo asked about the planning partners and community involvement. Jarrett Smith said there are many subcommittees and MPCA has had stakeholder and public comment process. Geisler brought up the importance of various agencies acting as one. Members discussed the possible options.

2. Transit On-Board Survey (Ashley Asmus, MTS, and Eric Lind, Strategic Initiatives/Metro Transit)

Foster asked about measuring trips that accomplished multi-task. Karwoski brought up security as a data point to track. Hollinshead asked about trip chains. Narayanan noted the inequities laid bare on transit. Koski asked for comparisons with other cities.

3. Overview of 2050 Regional Development Guide and Transportation Policy Plan Development (Dan Marckel and Michael Larson, Community Development; Cole Hiniker, MTS)

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

Items of TAB members

Other Business

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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