Minutes

Transportation Advisory Board

Meeting date: May 20, 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~~ (Rachel Chinitz)
Don Do
Debbie Goettel
~~Torin Gustafson~~
Gary Hansen
~~Mary Liz Holberg~~ (Bill Droste)
Abdi Isse
Glen Johnson
Stan Karwoski
~~Frank Kohlasch~~ (Amanda Smith)
Victor Lake
~~William Lindeke~~
Tim Marino
~~Brian Martinson~~ (Jackson Hampton)
~~John Morast~~
~~Becky Petryk~~
Jess Robertson
Khani Sahebjam
George Schember
Mark Steffenson
Soren Stevenson
Jon Ulrich
Jeffrey Weisensel
Tom Workman
~~Mai Chong Xiong~~ (Mary Jo McGuire)

Staff
Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB
Joe MacPherson, TAC
Charles Carlson, MTS 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 12:32 p.m.

Agenda approved

It was moved by Goettel, seconded by McGuire 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 – Julie Jeppson

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

   MnDOT

   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.

   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.

   MAC

   Rief reported that there was no MAC report. MAC has not appointed a TAB member yet.

   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.

   STA

   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.

3. TAC Report – Joe MacPherson, TAC Chair

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Goettel to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2026, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried**.

Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. 2026-27: Streamlined 2026-2029 TIP Amendment Request – Three Metro District Project Adjustments
2. 2026-28: Streamlined 2026-2029 TIP Amendment Request – Two Sherburne County Project Adjustments

   It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Karwoski.

   Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. 2026-25: Scope Change: Richfield 73rd St. Pedestrian Facilities, Active Transportation (*Joe MacPherson, TAC Chair*)

   It was moved by Goettel, seconded by McGuire, that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the City of Richfield's scope change request to adjust the proposed pedestrian facilities from the south side to the north side of 73rd 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 reduce grant funding by $144,840 to account for the change in scope.

   TAB members asked for specifics about the funding process, project specifics, and considerations for traffic control.

   Motion carried.

2. 2026-26: Scope Change: St. Paul's Maryland Avenue Traffic Signal Enhancements Project Solicitation (*Joe MacPherson, TAC Chair*)

   It was moved by McGuire, seconded by Karwoski, that the Transportation Advisory Board approve 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.

   Motion carried.

3. 2026-29: Release Draft 2027-2030 TIP for Public Comment (*Joe Barbeau, MTS Planning*)

   It was moved by Goettel, seconded by Lake, that the Transportation Advisory Board release the draft 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for public comment.

   Motion carried.

Information

1. Speed Camera Pilot Update (*Ethan Fawley, Minneapolis, and Chief Kelly McCarthy, Mendota Heights*)

   TAB members asked questions about specifics of the pilot and potential considerations, as well as shared community anecdotes and asked for insight.

Items of TAB members

There were no items of TAB members.

Other business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

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