

# Minutes

Transportation Advisory Board



**Meeting date:** April 15, 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  
~~Deb Barber~~ (Reva Chamblis)  
~~Husniyah Bradley~~  
Molly Coleman  
~~Peter Dugan~~ (Rachel Chinitz)  
Don Do  
~~Debbie Goettel~~  
Torin Gustafson  
Gary Hansen

Mary Liz Holberg  
Abdi Isse  
Glen Johnson  
Stan Karwoski  
Frank Kohlasch  
Victor Lake  
William Lindeke  
~~Tim Marine~~ (Andrew Eikum)  
Brian Martinson  
John Morast  
~~Becky Petryk~~  
Jess Robertson

Khani Sahebjam  
~~George Schember~~  
~~Mark Steffenson~~  
~~Soren Stevenson~~  
Jon Ulrich  
Jeffrey Weisensel  
Tom Workman  
Mai Chong Xiong  
**Staff**  
Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB  
Molly McCartney, 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 12:30 p.m.

## Agenda approved

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Morast 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 address the TAB.

## Reports

1. TAB Chair's Report – Jim Hovland

Hovland invited an Active Transportation Work Group update and reported an upcoming Regional Solicitation training. TAB will be setting up an Active Transportation Task Force. Virtual meetings would be approximately monthly. Contact Elaine if you would like to serve on the Task Force.

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

MnDOT

Sahebjam reported on current safety numbers and an upcoming worker memorial day, as well as that winter maintenance season is officially over and construction has started.

MPCA

Kohlasch reported on hearings around producing sustainable aviation fuel in Minnesota, upcoming grant opportunities.

MAC

Rief reported on new MAC commissioners named and existing vacancies, as well as the airport ECC to address emergency and administrative calls, and current plans for the Special Olympics.

Metropolitan Council

Chamblis reported on the transit fare simplification public comment period, and the upcoming State of the Region.

Suburban Transit Providers

Hansen reported: Maple Grove Transit and Plymouth Metrolink reported stable to increasing ridership over the past month. SouthWest Transit reported overall ridership growth, including Prime microtransit ridership of 14,000 in March, an increase of 24%. SouthWest has partnered with Carver County to identify where transit can support the County's growing mobility needs. The study will guide development of service concepts that align with community priorities, existing travel patterns, and long-range planning goals. Minnesota Valley Transit Authority Connect microtransit ridership increased 20% in March, exceeding 20,000 riders for the first time. MVTA celebrated a ribbon cutting on April 9 for its Burnsville Bus Garage Modernization project. More than 150 guests attended and heard remarks from Rep. Angie Craig, Sen. Amy Klobuchar, and others.

3. TAC Report – Molly McCartney, TAC Vice Chair

There was no TAC report outside of the agenda items.

### Approval of minutes

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Hansen to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. **Motion carried.**

### Consent business

Consent business adopted

1. There were no items on the consent agenda.

### Non-consent business

1. 2026-17: Dakota Acknowledgement Reading

It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Xiong, that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the revised motion that the Transportation Advisory Board approve

- reading the Acknowledgement at the first meeting of the year and, at the discretion of the



Chair, at other key meetings, such as the beginning of the planning process and before major decisions by the board, technical committees, and work groups,

- add the Council's transportation commitments at major decision-making moments, and
- be proactive in reaching out for volunteers and recruiting TAB members.

TAB members asked clarifying questions about the Acknowledgement and overall policy.

**Motion carried.**

2. 2026-22: Approving RBTN and RBBs changes for the 2026 Regional Solicitation

It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Xiong, that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the updated RBTN and RBB maps with changes, additions, and administrative adjustments for use in the 2026 Regional Solicitation, as shown in attached Figures 1 and 2.

**Motion carried.**

3. 2026-24: Adoption of Functional Classification Map for use in 2026 Regional Solicitation

It was moved by Lindeke, seconded by Isse, that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the Roadway Functional Classification Map for use in the 2026 Regional Solicitation.

**Motion carried.**

## Information

1. Impact of Road Closures on Other Transportation Modes (Jim Hendrickson and Molly McCartney, MnDOT)

TAB members asked about project specifics, how the data informs future decisions, contributing factors, and limitations on secondary data.

2. Regional Solicitation Update (Bethany Brandt-Sargent, MTS)

TAB members asked about timeline and outreach details.

## 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 1:56 p.m.

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