Minutes

TAC Planning Committee

Meeting date: June 11, 2026 **Time**: 1:00 PM **Location:** Virtual

Members present:

- ☒ Anoka Co – Jorge Bernal
- ☐ Brooklyn Park – Marc Culver
- ☒ Carver Co – Drew Pflaumer
- ☒ Chanhassen – Charlie Howley
- ☒ Council Community Development – Patrick Boylan
- ☒ Council Transp. Planning – Dave Burns
- ☐ Dakota Co – Scott Peters
- ☒ Hennepin Co – Dan Patterson
- ☒ Metro Transit – Patrick Haney
- ☐ MAC – Bridget Rief
- ☒ Minneapolis – Bria Fast
- ☒ MnDOT – Gina Mitteco (Chair)
- ☒ MPCA – Lauren Dickerson
- ☒ Ramsey Co – Kevin Roggenbuck
- ☐ St. Paul – Anton Jerve
- ☒ Scott Co – Craig Jenson
- ☒ Suburban Transit Assoc – Sunita Kasichhwa
- ☒ TAB Coordinator – Elaine Koutsoukos
- ☒ Washington Co – Sara Allen
- ☒ Woodbury – Chris Hartzell
- ☐ FHWA – Scott Mareck (ex-officio)

☒ = present, E = excused

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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 Mitteco called the regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee to order at 1:01 p.m.

Agenda approved

Chair Mitteco noted that a roll call vote was not needed for approval of the agenda unless a committee member offered an amendment to the agenda. Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Drew Pflaumer, Carver County, and seconded by Kevin Roggenbuck, Ramsey County, to approve the minutes of May 14th, 2026, regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee. **Motion carried**.

Public comment on committee business

Business

1. **2026-34**: Release 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for public comment and recommend its adoption (Amy Vennewitz, Director, Met Council Transportation Planning)

   Amy Vennewitz presented.

   Kevin Roggenbuck asked Vennewitz to clarify the overhead and expenses columns in the UPWP budget. Vennewitz said that the overhead rate is subject to audit and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approval. Vennewitz said that the rate can fluctuate year-to-year and that it covers support services the Met Council provides to the MPO, like finance, payroll, and human resources.

   Craig Jenson, Scott County, asked if there is a task to update the safety data that informs the 2028 Regional Solicitation. Jenson described the importance of keeping safety information current. Vennewitz said there is a project under highway system studies starting in 2027 and concluding in 2028 that would include this work. Heidi Schallberg, Met Council Transportation Planning, said this would update to the High Injury Streets dataset, while an update to the proactive safety analysis would likely occur under the next UPWP cycle.

   Chair Mitteco asked which studies are new or added in response to feedback from the modal technical working groups. Vennewitz provided the status of each study in the UPWP. Cole Hiniker, Met Council Transportation Planning, said there are added activities—but not scoped or planned studies—responding to the working groups' interest in a park-and-ride system evaluation and bicycle and trail facility asset management research. Chair Mitteco asked if the regional transitway vision task was added to the UPWP. Vennewitz responded that activity is included but further scoping and collaboration with partners is required to determine who leads this work.

   It was moved by Patrick Boylan, Met Council Community Development, and seconded by Chris Hartzell, Woodbury, that the TAC Planning Committee:

   - Recommend that the attached 2027 UPWP be released for public review and comment.
   - Recommend that TAC recommend adoption of the attached 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

   Motion carried.

Information

1. Research Report: Integration of Travel Demand Management (TDM) for Highway Projects (Jonathan Ehrlich, Met Council Transportation Planning; Kaitlyn Denten, University of Minnesota)

   Jonathan Ehrlich introduced the item and Kaitlyn Denten presented. Members offered no questions or discussion.

2. Integrating TDM into Highway Planning Process (Cole Hiniker, Met Council Transportation Planning)

   Cole Hiniker presented. Members offered no questions or discussion.

3. Forecast Accuracy and Reasonableness (Charles Gorugantula, Met Council Transportation Planning)

   Charles Gorugantula presented. Members offered no questions or discussion.

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Other business

There were no other business items.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

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