Summary Report

Transportation Advisory Board

Meeting Date: November 18, 2026

Reports

1. ***Chair's* Report** – Chair Hovland requested members to submit interest for serving on the TAB Executive Committee in 2027 to submit their names by the end of December. TAB will select TAB Executive Committee members in January. Chair Hovland requested volunteers to serve on the TAB Bylaws Task Force. The TAB Bylaws were last updated in 2017. The Task Force will review the Bylaws to determine whether they need to be updated.
2. ***MnDOT Report*** – Wilson reported that fatalities are up statewide 35 over last year. In Metro district, fatalities are down 17 and are at 110 compared to 127 last year. Fatalities for pedestrian, bicycle, and motorcycle are steady. The Local Road Improvement Program solicitation is open now and closes November 25. State Aid cities, townships, and counties are eligible to apply for funding assistance for construction reconstruction improvement projects. MnDOT Office of Civil Rights and the Metropolitan Council have opened a public comment period on a small business enterprise program. How can more small businesses get plugged into projects, particularly projects that have federal funding on them. Solicitation of comments is open November 9 to December 9. There is an annual symposium on freight and freight logistics on December 11. It is a symposium to connect private sector and government officials with moving freight and commodities in the region; doing so more effectively connecting that to the national conversation.
3. ***MPCA*** – There was no MPCA report.
4. ***MAC Report*** - Crimmins submitted a report on the FAA ground stop on Friday, November 13. The ground stop was issued around 3:30 pm on Friday 11/13 and was called off around 7:30 pm on Friday 11/13 pm. There were approximately 600 flight cancellations over Friday and Saturday. There were about 1,000 passengers overnight in the terminals. The MAC passed out sleeping mats and 15 concessions stayed open longer than normal. The airport Foundation, which includes the airport volunteers, called in additional people to help the stranded passengers.
5. ***Metropolitan Council -*** Chamblis reported several Met Council Transportation Planning, Contracted Transit, and Metro Transit staff presented work, moderated sessions, or attended the Center for Transportation Studies (CTS) Research Conference on November 5th at the University of Minnesota. CTS celebrated its 40th anniversary this year and the Council is proud to have been a strong partner with them over the years. Metro Transit is currently hosting Fall Community Meeting with General Manager Lesley Kandaras, the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 2nd from noon to 1 at St. Louis Park City Hall. The annual Metro Transit customer satisfaction survey began on Monday October 19th, with promotion online, at stations and on vehicles. The survey is open through November 20th. Quarterly service changes will go into effect on December 5th. With half of Network Now implemented, Metro Transit will have improved frequency or span of service on 52 routes with 25 routes now offering trips at least every 15 minutes and will have restored six routes that were suspended during the pandemic.
6. ***Suburban Transit Association*** – Ulrich reported on the suburban transit providers. Plymouth Metrolink celebrated completion of the Station 73 Transit and Regional

Improvement Program (TRIP) with a ribbon cutting on November 10. This project improves safety, accessibility, and connectivity around Highway 55 and County Road 73. Station 73 TRIP includes a new pedestrian tunnel beneath Highway 55, improved bus platforms, County Road 73 realignment, roundabouts, and 1.2 miles of new trails. Additional amenities at Station 73 will make it easier to connect between transportation options. Maple Grove Transit ridership is up 16 percent from last year. Ridership to the University of Minnesota is especially strong. SouthWest Transit observed its 40th anniversary with an open house on November 12, celebrating four decades of valued service to the Eden Prairie, Chaska, and Chanhassen communities. Minnesota Valley Transit Authority is expanding its electric vehicle fleet with the addition of six new electric vans that will be used in MVTA's Connect microtransit service. The vehicles have been delivered and are expected to be in service by the end of the year. MVTA was recognized with the American Planning Association's Minnesota 2026 Planning Excellence Award for efforts to strengthen transit planning standards and improve community engagement around major service changes.

Business

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

1. 2026-52: Streamlined 2027-2030 TIP Amendment Request: Four Project Cost Changes (November 23, 2026, Transportation Committee)

   The Transportation Advisory Board recommended that the Metropolitan Council adopt an amendment to the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase the cost of Carver County's CSAH 40 shoulder-widening project in San Francisco Township, reduce the cost of MnDOT's TH 41 intersection improvements in Chaska, reduce the cost of Minneapolis's TH 47 Reconstruction, and reduce the cost of Saint Paul's Wabasha Street reconstruction.

2. 2026-50: Program Year Extension Request: Hennepin County Lyndale Ave South (CSAH 22) Reconstruction

   The Transportation Advisory Board approved Hennepin County's request to move its Lyndale Avenue South (CSAH 22) reconstruction project from 2027 to 2028.

3. 2026-51: Adopt Revisions to the Community Considerations Criterion, Measures, Scoring Guidance and Solicitation Process for the 2026 Regional Solicitation (November 23, 2026, Transportation Committee)

   The Transportation Advisory Board adopted the revised Community Considerations measures and scoring guidance and use Option 3, Clarify and Rescore Existing Responses, for all 2026 Regional Solicitation federal and active transportation application categories as preferred actions in response to the USDOT request for changes to the Solicitation and to complete the selection process.

Information

1. Transportation Policy Plan Amendment 3 Public Comments

   Frank Alarcon, Transportation Planning, presented the item.

2. Greenhouse Gas Offsets and the Regional Solicitation

   Olivia Darow Hovland, Transportation Planning, presented the item.

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