

Minutes

TAC Planning Committee



Meeting date: July 10, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Members present:

☒ Anoka Co – Jorge Bernal	☒ Hennepin Co – Dan Patterson	☒ St. Paul – Anton Jerve
☒ Brooklyn Park – Mark Culver	☒ Metro Transit – Patrick Haney	☒ Scott Co – John Rudolph
☒ Carver Co – Drew Pflaumer	☐ MAC – Bridget Rief	☒ Suburban Transit Assoc – Sunita Kasichhwa
E Chanhassen – Charlie Howley	☒ Minneapolis – Ethan Fawley (Alternate for Bria Fast)	☒ TAB Coordinator – Elaine Koutsoukos
☒ Met Council Community Development – Patrick Boylan	☒ MnDOT – Gina Mitteco (Chair)	☒ Washington Co – Sara Allen
☒ Met Council MTS – Dave Burns	☒ MPCA – Innocent Eyoh	E Woodbury – Chris Hartzell
☒ Dakota Co – Scott Peters	☐ Ramsey Co – Kevin Roggenbuck	☒ = present, E = excused
☐ FHWA – Scott Mareck (ex-officio)		

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 Gina Mitteco, MnDOT, called the regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee to order at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda approved

Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Dave Burns, MTS Planning, and seconded by Patrick Boylan, Community Development, to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2025, regular meeting. **Motion carried.**

Public comment on committee business

Business

1. **2025-26:** Recommending release of the Draft 2050 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)

Amendment 2: Aviation System Plan Update for public comment (Joe Widing and Cole Hiniker, MTS Planning) – roll call

Joe Widing, MTS Planning, presented.

Innocent Eyoh, MPCA, asked noise issues are addressed in the system plan, including regarding completed projects and impacts to residences. Widing explained that noise mitigation is closely regulated by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) advisory circulars. Widing said there is a builder's guide for mitigating aircraft noise covering land use and retrofit of existing properties. Widing said the builder's guide and aviation system plan will be updated as necessary in response to new FAA rules or guidance.

It was moved by Boylan, seconded by Drew Pflaumer, Carver County, that the TAC Planning Committee recommend to the Transportation Advisory Board that the Metropolitan Council release the draft 2050 TPP Amendment 2: Aviation System Plan Update for public review and comment. **Motion carried.**

2. **2025-27:** Recommending adoption of the draft 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and its release for public comment (Bethany Brandt-Sargent and Amy Vennewitz, MTS Planning) – roll call

Bethany Brandt-Sargent, MTS Planning, presented.

Chair Mitteco asked if the public comment report would be available when the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) receives this action transmittal on August 6th. Brandt-Sargent said that the public comment report's completion depends on the volume of comments received. Some high-level themes may be available for the TAC meeting, but the full report will be provided for TAB (Transportation Advisory Board).

Chair Mitteco asked if federal funds included in the UPWP become available upon adoption, the start of the federal fiscal year on October 1st, or the start of the calendar year. Brandt-Sargent said the grant agreement funding the UPWP begins on January 1st.

Eyoh said the format of the UPWP had changed significantly this year. He noted the absence of sections that previously outlined participation from other agencies, including a section related to air quality and climate change projects. Brandt-Sargent said air quality and climate change planning had been separated to reflect federal eligibility and priorities. Climate change now appears in the separate Regional Transportation Planning Work Program. Additionally, the sections that used to detail agency relationships for each activity have been combined in the introduction of the UPWP document. Brandt-Sargent invited feedback during the public comment period to address any further changes or suggestions.

It was moved by Burns, seconded by Boylan, that the TAC Planning Committee recommend that the attached 2026 UPWP be released for public review and comment. Recommend that TAC recommend adoption of the attached 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). **Motion carried.**

Information

Other business

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

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