

# Minutes

## TAB Technical Advisory Committee



Meeting date: April 1, 2026,

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Virtual

### Members present:

- Anoka Co – Joe MacPherson (Chair)
- Carver Co – Lyndon Robjent
- Dakota Co – Erin Laberee
- Ramsey Co – Mike Rogers
- Hennepin Co – Carla Stueve (Alt)
- Scott Co – Adam Jessen
- Washington Co – Lyssa Leitner
- Extended Urban Area – Chad Hausmann
- Council MTS – Steve Peterson
- Council CD – Patrick Boylan
- TAB – Elaine Koutsoukos

- Brooklyn Park – Marc Culver
- E Chanhassen – Charlie Howley
- Eagan – Russ Matthys
- Eden Prairie – Robert Ellis
- Fridley – Jim Kosluchar
- Lakeville – Paul Oehme
- Plymouth – Michael Thompson
- Woodbury – Chris Hartzell
- Minneapolis Engineering – Jenifer Hager
- Minneapolis Planning – Kelsey Foat (Alt)
- Saint Paul Engineering – Nick Peterson
- Saint Paul Planning – Reuben Collins

- MnDOT – Molly McCartney (Vice Chair)
- MPCA – Lauren Dickerson
- MAC – Bridget Rief
- STA – Matt Fyten
- Metro Transit – Jonathan Ahn
- Freight – Torey Hunkus
- DEED – Colleen Eddy
- MnDNR – Nancy Spooner Walsh
- Bicycle – Kyle Sobota
- Pedestrian – Mackenzie Turner Bargaen
- FHWA – Scott Mareck (ex-officio)
- = present, E = excused

### 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 MacPherson called the regular meeting of the TAB Technical Advisory Committee to order at 9:00 a.m.

### Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

Chair MacPherson read the Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment.

### Agenda approved

Committee members did not have any changes to the agenda, rendering it approved.

## Approval of minutes

It was moved by Russ Matthys, Eagan, and seconded by Chris Hartzell, Woodbury, to approve the minutes of March 4, 2026, regular meeting of the TAB Technical Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Public comment on committee business

### TAB report

Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator, reported on March 18, 2026, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board.

## Business – Committee reports

### *Executive Committee (Joe MacPherson, Chair)*

Chair MacPherson reported on the TAC Executive Committee meeting. Council staff will soon request volunteers for Regional Solicitation scoring. A new community considerations criterion will require training. Members should encourage participating staff to attend workshops the Council will provide. The committee emphasized the importance of the new community considerations scoring measure and encouraged members to attend related trainings. Met Council staff are transitioning from WebGrants to the new Fluxx grants management system. Applicants must register and complete training. MTS staff will send instructions soon. To avoid missing updates, members should ensure their email settings allow GovDelivery messages. Looking ahead, the committee expects TAC meetings to be virtual in May, and likely June and July.

### *TAC Transit Planning Technical Working Group (Bradley Bobbitt, MTS Planning)*

Working group chair Sunita Kasichwa, SouthWest Transit introduced herself. Vice chair Ethan Buss, MVTA, introduced himself. Bradley Bobbitt, MTS Planning, reported on March 26, 2026, regular meeting of the TAC Transit Planning Technical Working Group. Chair MacPherson raised concerns about transit safety and fare evasion and asked how these issues affect ridership and how Metro Transit is addressing these issues.

Bobbitt deferred the question to Metro Transit staff. Jonathan Ahn responded that he would need to follow up. He also stated that Metro Transit has a safety and security action plan. He noted that hiring trip agents has improved riders' sense of security and increased fare compliance. Metro Transit staff will follow up with additional information.

### *Planning Committee (Gina Mitteco, Chair)*

Chair Mitteco, MnDOT, reported on March 12, 2026, regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee. Members were updated on the METRO Bronze Line project, highlighting expanded roadway and pavement work along White Bear Avenue.

Mitteco also reported that Council staff presented the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and requested input for the 2027 UPWP.

She said that staff encourages agencies and organizations to collaborate, develop ideas, and submit feedback. They plan to use this input to draft the 2027 UPWP and present it in May. Staff will also share presentation materials to support further discussion.

1. **2026-22:** Approving RBTN and RBBs changes for the 2026 Regional Solicitation (Steve Elmer and Jed Hanson, MTS Planning)

It was moved by Lyssa Leitner, Washington Co., and seconded by Jim Kosluchar, Fridley, that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of 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.**

2. **2026-23:** Functional Classification Change Request: Hamline Avenue from Grand Avenue to



University Avenue (David Burns, MTS Planning)

It was moved by Marc Culver, Brooklyn Park and seconded by Patrick Boylan, Council CD, that the Technical Advisory Committee approve the functional classification change request from major collector to minor arterial – augmentor for Hamline Avenue from Grand Avenue to University Avenue in Saint Paul. **Motion carried.**

3. **2026-24:** Adoption of Functional Classification Map for use in 2026 Regional Solicitation (David Burns, MTS Planning)

It was moved by Culver, and seconded by Paul Oehme, Lakeville, that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board adopt the Roadway Functional Classification Map for use in the 2026 Regional Solicitation, inclusive of the changes included in Action Transmittal 2026-23. **Motion carried.**

***Funding and Programming Committee (Jim Kosluchar, Chair)***

The committee did not meet in March.

## Information

## Other business

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

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