

Minutes

TAB Technical Advisory Committee



Meeting date: February 04, 2026,

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Virtual

Members present:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co – Joe MacPherson (Chair)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co – Lyndon Robjent<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co – Erin Laberee<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co – Mike Rogers<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co – Chad Ellos<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Co – Adam Jessen<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Co – Lyssa Leitner<input type="checkbox"/> Extended Urban Area – Chad Hausmann<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council MTS – Steve Peterson<input type="checkbox"/> Council CD – Patrick Boylan<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB – Elaine Koutsoukos | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Brooklyn Park – Marc Culver<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen – Charlie Howley<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eagan – Russ Matthys<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eden Prairie – Robert Ellis<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fridley – Jim Kosluchar<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lakeville – Paul Oehme<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plymouth – Michael Thompson<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodbury – Chris Hartzell<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis Engineering – Jenifer Hager<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis Planning – Kathleen Mayell<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saint Paul Engineering – Nick Peterson<input type="checkbox"/> Saint Paul Planning – Reuben Collins | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT – Molly McCartney (Vice Chair)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MPCA – Lauren Dickerson<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAC – Bridget Rief<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STA – Matt Fyten<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit – Adam Harrington (Alt)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Freight – Torey Hunkus<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEED – Colleen Eddy<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDNR – Nancy Spooner Walsh<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle – Kyle Sobota<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian – Mackenzie Turner Bargaen<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FHWA – Scott Mareck (ex-officio) |
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= 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 just after 9:00 a.m.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Lyssa Leitner, Washington Co., and seconded by Molly McCartney, MnDOT, to

approve the minutes of January 7, 2026, regular meeting of the TAB Technical Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

Public comment on committee business

TAB Report

Elaine Koutsoukos, TAB Coordinator, reported on January 21, 2026, regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board.

Business – Committee reports

Executive Committee (Joe MacPherson, Chair)

Chair MacPherson reported on February 4, 2026, regular meeting of the TAC Executive Committee. He announced that the March 4, 2026, TAC meeting will be held virtually and encouraged members to begin preparing their applications for the Regional Solicitation.

Steve Peterson, MTS Planning, said that Council staff will release the call for projects in late April, with a due date in the first two weeks of June. Bethany Brandt-Sargent, MTS-Planning said that the Council is transitioning to new grants management software and is preparing communications to guide applicants in uploading their information to the platform before applications open in mid-to-late April. Council staff will send a message in late February with detailed instructions to help applicants prepare.

1. **2026-15:** Streamlined 2026-2029 TIP Amendment – MnDOT National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Station (Joe Barbeau, MTS Planning)

Joe Barbeau, MTS Planning, presented.

It was moved by Jim Kosluchar, Fridley, and seconded by Chris Hartzell, Woodbury, that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a project installing a National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program-funded charging station at Exit 251 on I-94 in Lake Elmo. **Motion carried.**

2. **2026-16:** Streamlined 2026-2029 TIP Amendment – Scope and Cost Increase for MnDOT's MN 77 Bridge Rehabilitation (Joe Barbeau, MTS Planning)

Barbeau presented.

It was moved by Paul Oheme, Lakeville, and seconded by Russ Matthys, Eagan, that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board to recommend adoption of an amendment to the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add scope and cost to include Traffic Management System (TMS) and lighting to MnDOT's MN 77 bridge rehabilitation project. **Motion carried.**

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

Bradley Bobbitt, MTS Planning, reported on January 22, 2026, regular meeting of the TAC Transit Planning Technical Working Group.

Planning Committee (Gina Mitteco, Chair)

Funding and Programming Committee (Jim Kosluchar, Chair)

1. **2026-14:** Change Request – City of Minneapolis' Elliot Park Neighborhood Pedestrian Improvement (Joe Barbeau, MTS Planning)

Chair Kosluchar introduced the item and Barbeau presented. Kathleen Mayell, Minneapolis Planning, explained that the Park and Portland intersections received resurfacing treatment in 2024, including ADA upgrades, restriping, and bikeway improvements, and that the county

plans full reconstruction in 2035. The 11th Avenue intersections will include signal improvements, ADA ramps, curb extensions, pedestrian medians, and a protected bikeway. Design accommodates bus stops and ensures safe multi-modal passage.

Chair MacPherson asked whether the 2024 improvements encompassed the application elements. Concern was expressed with the nine-year wait prior to the Hennepin County's project. Gustave Stewart, Minneapolis, said that the 2024 improvements did not cover every element but did address many of the concerns. Future, more improvements will be made in 2024.

Committee members discussed scope and funding and raised concerns that the proposed bikeway extension represents a new project beyond the original application. Jenifer Hager, Minneapolis Engineering, and Mayell explained that the extension is necessary to ensure safe transitions to and from existing bikeways and intersections, supporting all ages, abilities, and pedestrian safety. Chad Ellos, Hennepin County, said that the county is committed to its project at the Park and Portland intersections in its ten-year work plan but is not yet in the CIP. Leitner noted the need to clarify the definition of "programmed" in policy language and confirmed that the additional bikeway work would be locally funded if approved.

It was moved by Lyndon Robjent, Carver Co., seconded by Mike Rogers, Ramsey Co., that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend that the Transportation Advisory Board approve the City of Minneapolis's scope change request to remove improvements at two intersections along Park and Portland avenues from its four-intersection pedestrian improvement project, expand improvements at the remaining 11th Avenue intersections, and add a two-way protected bikeway along 11th Avenue South with a \$752,281 reduction in federal funds. **Motion carried.**

Information

1. Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Plan Update Recommendations (Kyle Burrows, Metro Transit)

Kyle Burrows presented on arterial bus rapid transit (Arterial BRT) corridors, including the J Line, K Line, and L Line. Committee members asked about construction and in-service projections, with Burrows noting that timing is approximate: early part of a five-year horizon, roughly 2031–2035, for the J Line, middle part for the K Line, and latter part for the L Line. Questions were also raised regarding estimated costs for ABRT service compared to existing service. Burrows explained that capital costs average \$100–\$120 million per corridor, depending on coordination with roadway projects, while operating costs typically increase by approximately 10–20% due to higher-frequency service.

Other business

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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