

Minutes

TAC Planning Committee



Meeting date: December 11, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Members present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Anoka Co – Jorge Bernal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hennepin Co – Dan Patterson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Paul – Anton Jerve |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brooklyn Park – Marc Culver | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metro Transit – Patrick Haney | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Co – Craig Jenson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carver Co – Drew Pflaumer | <input type="checkbox"/> MAC – Bridget Rief | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban Transit Assoc – Sunita Kasichhwa |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chanhassen – Charlie Howley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis – Bria Fast | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAB Coordinator – Elaine Koutsoukos |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Community Development – Patrick Boylan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnDOT – Gina Mitteco (Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washington Co – Sara Allen |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council MTS – Dave Burns | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MPCA – Lauren Dickerson (Alternate; Innocent Eyoh also present) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodbury – Chris Hartzell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dakota Co – Scott Peters | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramsey Co – Kevin Roggenbuck | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Gina Mitteco, Minnesota Department of Transportation, called the regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee to order at 1:02 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 David Burns, MTS Planning, seconded by Drew Pflaumer, Carver County, to approve the minutes of November 13, 2025, regular meeting of the TAC Planning Committee.

Motion carried.

Public comment on committee business

There were no public comments.

Business

There were no business items.

Information

1. Regional Solicitation and Active Transportation Solicitation approvals and release for public comment (Steve Peterson and Joe Widing, MTS Planning) *

Steve Peterson, MTS Planning, presented.

Charlie Howley, City of Chanhassen, asked for clarification on the meaning of the term “community” within the community considerations criteria. Steve Peterson and Amy Vennewitz, Director, MTS Planning, said that “community” broadly describes those impacted by or adjacent to a project, and that the definition shifts depending on the nature of the project. They explained that community may include those using a project to reach destinations within the area but it does not include commuters simply passing through a project area.

Vennewitz further clarified the definition of “specific communities” aligns with historical TAB definitions, which refers to people of color, Indigenous people, low-income people, people living with disabilities, youth, and older adults. She stated community data and context measure seeks nuanced analysis of these specific communities, comparing them within the city and region, acknowledging their needs, and prioritizing project benefits accordingly.

Howley asked if a project receiving guaranteed funding due to high scores in all three community considerations measures, while also receiving low scores in other areas, should have a funding maximum. Vennewitz said the funding maximum of the respective application categories would apply. She said the funding guarantee functions like a priority project category and is intended to ensure one strong community-oriented project is funded. She added that some community-oriented projects may not be otherwise competitive, and this opportunity encourages applicants to submit them anyway. Peterson said that the absolute maximum would be \$10 million.

Chair Mitteco asked if only one project receiving three high scores in the community considerations measures would receive guaranteed funding. Vennewitz said the current proposed criteria allows for only one project to receive guaranteed funding. She said if more than one project qualifies, the scoring committee will recommend which one receives priority. She noted that a Met Council Transportation Committee member expressed disappointment that the funding guarantee was reduced from three projects to one project.

Innocent Eyoh asked about the Transportation Committee’s position on maintaining the 20 percent weighting for the community considerations criteria and whether the issue was still under discussion. Peterson said that, while the Transportation Committee did not vote, the committee expressed strong support for maintaining the 20 percent weighting. He said that the Regional Solicitation Technical Steering Committee would continue to discuss the matter. He said staff intended to bring the Transportation Committee’s feedback to the steering committee. He also said that county staff who had proposed different weighting wanted time to present their proposal. He said that the steering committee may provide additional technical considerations to the Regional Solicitation Policymaker Working Group meeting scheduled for December 17.

2. Opportunity and process to designate Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN) alignments (Steve Elmer, MTS Planning)*

Steve Elmer, MTS Planning, presented.

Chair Mitteco asked for clarification on the timeline. Elmer said that staff will issue the notice in early January and applicants will have approximately 15 calendar days to respond. He said that the review timeline depends on the number of requests received. He said that staff will contact agencies if any submissions appear to not meet the criteria. He said that updates will not be completed in time for the public comment map but will be finalized before release of the

Regional Solicitation applications. He said that administrative adjustments do not require public review.

Chair Mitteco asked to confirm that applicants would be notified of acceptance before Regional Solicitation applicants open, and Elmer confirmed.

Chair Mitteco asked about the scoring difference between alignments and corridors. Elmer said alignments receive 5 more points than corridors, which rewards jurisdictions that conduct more detailed planning.

3. Functional classification update (David Burns, MTS Planning)

Dave Burns, MTS Planning, presented.

Chair Mitteco asked whether the change request process requires a formal form or could be handled informally. Burns said that an official form does exist but advised applicants should first meet informally with Met Council and MnDOT staff. He said staff can provide initial feedback if a change appears reasonable before the applicant submits a change request.

4. 2050 Transportation Policy Plan Amendment 2 (Aviation System Plan Update) public comment summary (Joe Widing, MTS Planning)

Joe Widing, MTS planning, presented.

Other business

1. Cole Hiniker, MTS Planning, presented an overview of the Imagine 2050 website and how its content is organized.
2. Innocent Eyoh, MPCA, announced his retirement after 39.5 years of service to the State of Minnesota. His final day will be January 12th, 2026.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

* Agenda item changed following initial publication.

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