TAB 101

An introduction to the Transportation Advisory Board

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About the TAB

• Created by legislature in 1974
  (Minnesota Statutes, section 473.146)
• Designated MPO must include local elected officials in the decision making process
• FHWA and FTA jointly review and evaluate transportation planning process at least every 4 years
TAB members

- 10 elected municipal officials: Minneapolis, St. Paul and 8 appointed by metro cities
- 7 county commissioners appointed by each county
- 8 citizen representatives appointed by the Council
- 4 state and regional agencies: MAC, MnDOT, MPCA and the Council

- 4 modal representatives: 2 transit and a non-motorized by the Council, freight by MnDOT
- TAB Chair appointed by the Council from among the 33 members
Technical Advisory Committee

- Membership is in TAC bylaws
- Staff committee providing technical expertise and recommendations to TAB
- 8 municipal staff
- 7 county engineers
- 2 Minneapolis and 2 St. Paul city engineers and planning staff
- 3 Council staff
- 1 each MAC, MnDEED, MnDOT, MPCA, TPAC, USDOT and TAB Coordinator
TAB organization chart

- Metropolitan Council
  - 17 members
  - Transportation Advisory Board
    - TAB Executive Committee
    - TAB Policy Committee
    - Technical Advisory Committee
    - Planning Committee
  - TAB Programming Committee
    - Funding and Programming Committee

Metropolitan Council
Roles and responsibilities

• Federal 3C process: continuing, cooperative and comprehensive
• MPO, state and public transportation provider cooperate to determine roles
• Council and MnDOT memorandum of understanding (December 2008)
• Prospectus (December 1996)
Roles and responsibilities

• Per state statute, Council is designated MPO with advisory committee (TAB)
• Council is lead in transportation planning process with TAB input and recommendations
• TAB is lead in federal MPO funding programming with Council concurrence
Metro transportation planning

- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Transportation Policy Plan (TPP)
- Public Involvement Plan (PIP)
- Air Quality Conformity
- Congestion Management Process (CMP)
Metro transportation programming

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- TIP Amendments
- Regional Solicitation distributing federal funds
TAB responsibilities

• Regional process to select and monitor transportation projects funded in part with federal funds

• Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amendments including public involvement

• Advise on Transportation Policy Plan and planning process
TAB responsibilities

• Advise on Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) preparation

• Review and comment on regionally significant plans and projects

• Conduct special regional transportation studies

• Facilitate discussion of regional transportation issues
Adopts and forwards to Council:

- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Biennial competitive regional solicitation for distributing regional federal transportation funding
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amendments for all projects using federal funds consistent with policy
- Annual Implementation Report
Regional solicitation

Distributed ~$160 million with each of last two biennial cycles:

- Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Transportation Enhancements (TE)
Project criteria

- Consistency with regional policy
- Safety
- Cost effectiveness
- Readiness
- Usage
- Air quality improvement
- System connectivity