

Sustainable Transportation Advisory Council, Meeting #2 Notes

Date & Time: May 16, 2022, 2:30 to 4:00 PM
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Action Items:

1. MnDOT will share meeting notes by Monday, May 23.
2. MnDOT will share invitations to the STAC workgroup meetings by Monday, May 30.

Attendance

Council Members Present

- 1) Chris Clark (Co-chair)
- 2) Tim Sexton (Temporary Co-chair)
- 3) Adam Luhring
- 4) Ashwat Narayanan
- 5) Brendan Jordan
- 6) Charles Carlson, ex-officio
- 7) Dan Murray
- 8) Dawn Hood
- 9) Diana Chaman Salas
- 10) Dorian Grilley
- 11) Emma Struss
- 12) Ginny Crowson
- 13) Jason George
- 14) Jodi Teich
- 15) Jon Hunter (alternate for Lisa Thurstin)
- 16) John Brunkhorst
- 17) Katie Frye
- 18) Mindy Granley
- 19) Rep. Kaela Berg, ex-officio
- 20) Russ Stark
- 21) Sam Rockwell
- 22) Sen. Jennifer McEwen, ex-officio
- 23) Peter Wagenius

Council Members Absent

- 1) Lisa Thurstin
- 2) Mayor Roy Srp
- 3) Rep. Bjorn Olson, ex-officio
- 4) Sen. Scott Newman, ex-officio

Guests

- 1) Lizette Guzman
- 2) Amy Fredregill

MnDOT Staff Present

Ben Lowndes, MnDOT (facilitator)
Emily Houser, MnDOT
Jessica Oh, MnDOT
Nissa Tupper, MnDOT
Siri Simons, MnDOT
Fatema Haji-Taki, MnDOT

Meeting Notes

Meeting Open, Co-Chairs Welcome, and Introductions

Chris Clark, President, Xcel Energy-Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota (Co-Chair) and Tim Sexton, MnDOT Assistant Commissioner and Chief Sustainability Officer (temporary Co-Chair) opened the meeting. Tim shared a summary of recent efforts related to new federal climate and resilience programs, including the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program and the PROTECT program.

MnDOT staff and STAC 2022-23 members introduced themselves with name and organization.

STAC Overview

MnDOT provided an overview of the STAC background and annual STAC process. The STAC engages with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, and community groups to identify opportunities to reduce transportation pollution. STAC workgroups meet in the summer and bring initial recommendations back to the full group in the fall. Workgroups refine recommendations for a full group vote in December. Recommendations are submitted by the STAC to MnDOT and MnDOT responds in the spring.

MnDOT shared an overview of the STAC charter. The purpose of the STAC is to transition Minnesota to a low-carbon transportation system in a way that is consistent with statutory goals for energy and emissions reductions and maximizes benefits to Minnesota. STAC efforts should recognize the importance of continued work towards improving safety, reducing inequities, and supporting economic development. The STAC includes approximately 22 members appointed by the MnDOT Commissioner and additional ex-officio members from partner agencies and the legislature. The STAC submits recommendations to MnDOT in December each year.

Breakout Group Discussion

STAC members broke into groups to discuss barriers and opportunities for the STAC in 2022-23.

Key themes from the discussion included:

- Barriers: Implementation and the passage of policy are a challenge, funding, messaging
- Opportunities: learn from different perspectives and work together to promote shared goals, meet the moment and address challenges for equity and environmental justice, federal funding, build on previous recommendations, create simple, reasonable messaging that highlight the benefits of STAC's recommendations (e.g. air quality, quality of life, transportation options, job creation)
- Future meeting topics: electric grid capacity needed to meet future anticipated EV charging station demand?

Workgroup Structure and Focus

MnDOT described the structure and focus of the STAC workgroups that work outside of the bi-monthly STAC meetings and incorporate feedback from non-members, including technical experts and stakeholders. Any work done in a workgroup must be approved by the full STAC to be incorporated into the annual recommendations.

Workgroups are supported by MnDOT staff and must have a STAC member lead or co-leads. Participation is generally be limited to 10 people or fewer and can include external technical experts and stakeholders.

Public Comment Period

No public comments.

Next Steps – Action Items

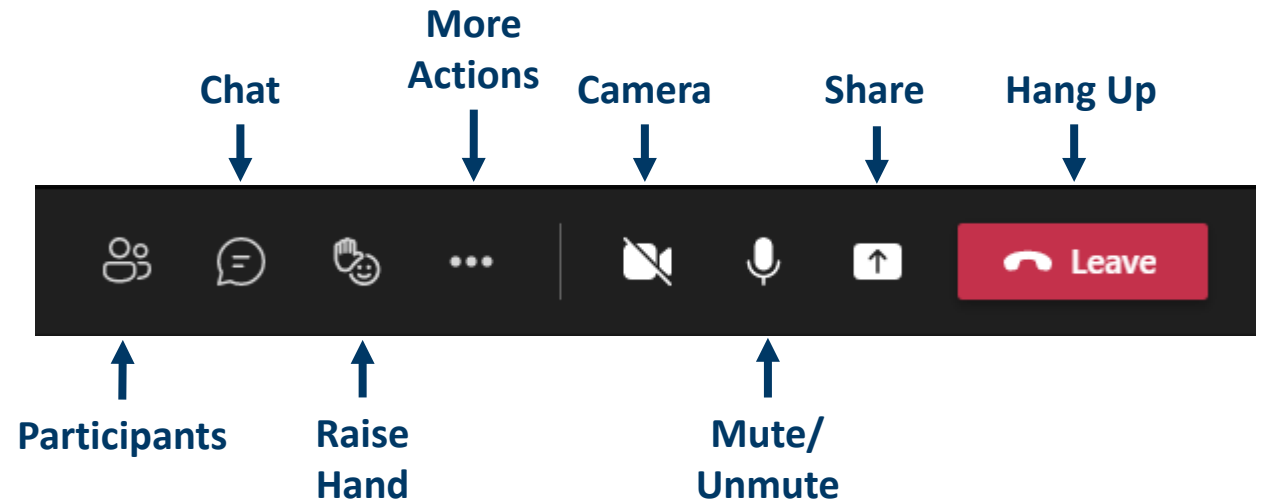
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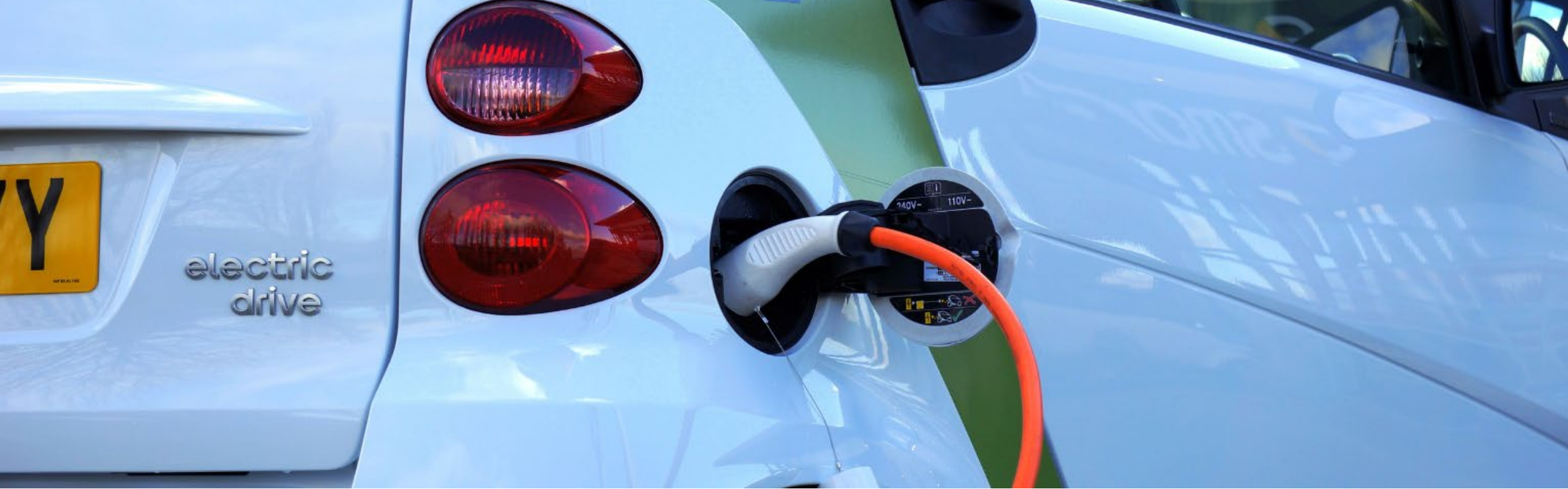
Something fun while you wait – feel free to enter responses in the chat box or share verbally

What is your favorite way to enjoy spring weather?

Virtual Meeting Introduction

- Please mute your microphone unless speaking
- Click on the chat/participant icon to open the chat box/participants list
- For questions, use the raise hand button or comment in the chat
- MnDOT staff will call on members or read comments if there are audio issues
 - Please unmute your microphone and consider turning on your video if you are called on
- Verbal and chat discussion is for members only until the public comment period





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Public Comment Period Instructions

- Discussion is for members only until the public comment period
- Public comment period at end of meeting at approximately 3:50 pm
- If you are a member of the public wishing to provide a comment, please send your name to Emily Houser in the chat before 3:30 pm

Agenda

- Co-chairs' welcome
- Member self-introductions
- STAC Charter Review
- Council overview: Level-setting and why we are here
- Review workgroup structure and focus
- Next steps
- Public comment period

Meeting goals:

- Review STAC Charter
- Establish level-setting and why we are here
- Set the stage for workgroup focus

Co-Chairs' Welcome



Chris Clark

President, Xcel Energy – Minnesota,
South Dakota, North Dakota



Tim Sexton

Temporary Co-Chair –
Assistant Commissioner & Chief
Sustainability Officer, MnDOT

Member Introductions

- Name
- Role
- Organization

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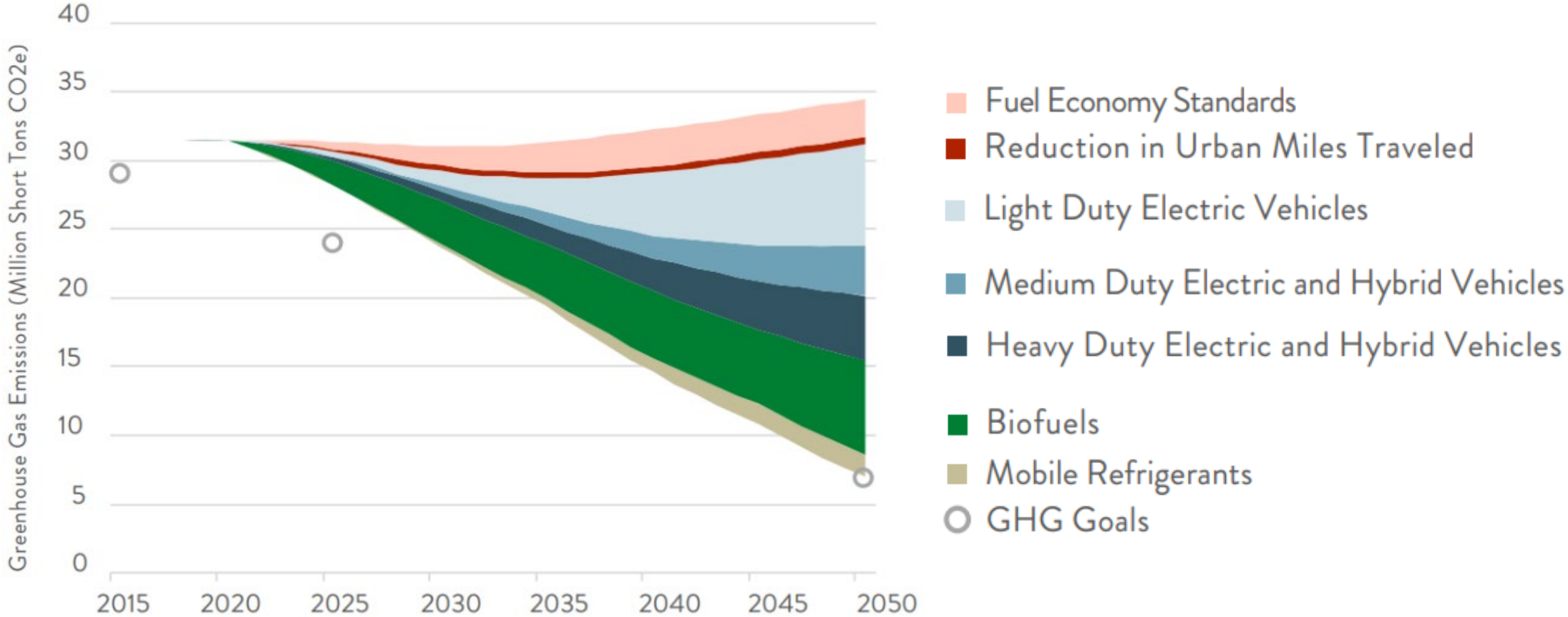
Transportation
GHG Reductions



Council Overview and Level-setting

Background: Pathways to Emissions Reductions

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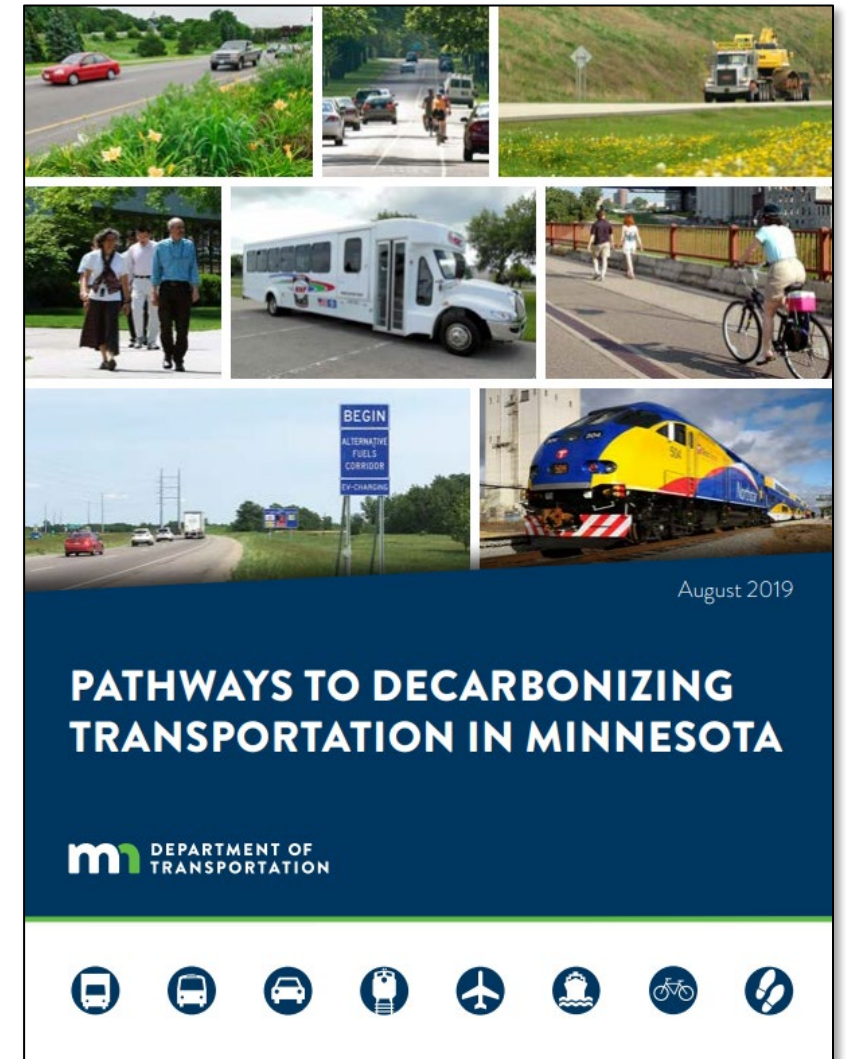


Big picture goals and direction of the STAC

Recommendation from the 2019 Pathways to Decarbonizing Transportation project.

Makes recommendations to the MnDOT Commissioner to help the agency reduce carbon pollution from transportation, consistent with the MnDOT statutory goals outlined in **Minnesota statute 174.01 and the Next Generation Energy Act.**

The STAC will prioritize recommendations that promote economic development, safety, and equity and environmental justice.



2022 STAC Calendar

Activity	Deadline	Notes
STAC #1 meeting	March 21, 2022	MnDOT response to 2021 STAC recommendations , welcome 2022-23 cohort
STAC #2 meeting	May 16, 2022	Review STAC Charter , set the stage for STAC workgroup efforts
STAC workgroups meet	June 2022	MnDOT supports first meetings of the two workgroups (Fueling and Powering, VMT and Transportation Options)
STAC #4 meeting	July 18, 2022	MnDOT updates on agency activities, workgroup updates on initial 2022 approach and priorities, transportation equity discussion Optional: Life & Breath 2022 Report findings
STAC workgroups meet	August 2022	Workgroups meet
STAC #5 meeting	September 8, 2022	MnDOT updates on agency activities, STAC shares outline of draft recommendations Optional: Electric Truck & Infrastructure Study presentation
STAC workgroups meet, coordination	October 2022	Workgroups meet, MnDOT facilitates cross-workgroup coordination on draft recommendations
STAC #6 meeting	November 2022	STAC shares draft recommendations, discuss equity implications Optional: MN State Highway Investment Plan (MnSHIP) update
STAC workgroups meet, coordination	November 2022	Workgroups meet, MnDOT facilitates cross-workgroup coordination on final recommendations
STAC #7 meeting	December 2022	STAC workgroups present final recommendations, STAC members vote

Sustainable Transportation Advisory Council Charter

<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/sustainability/docs/advisory%20council/stac-charter-june-2020.pdf>

Breakout Rooms

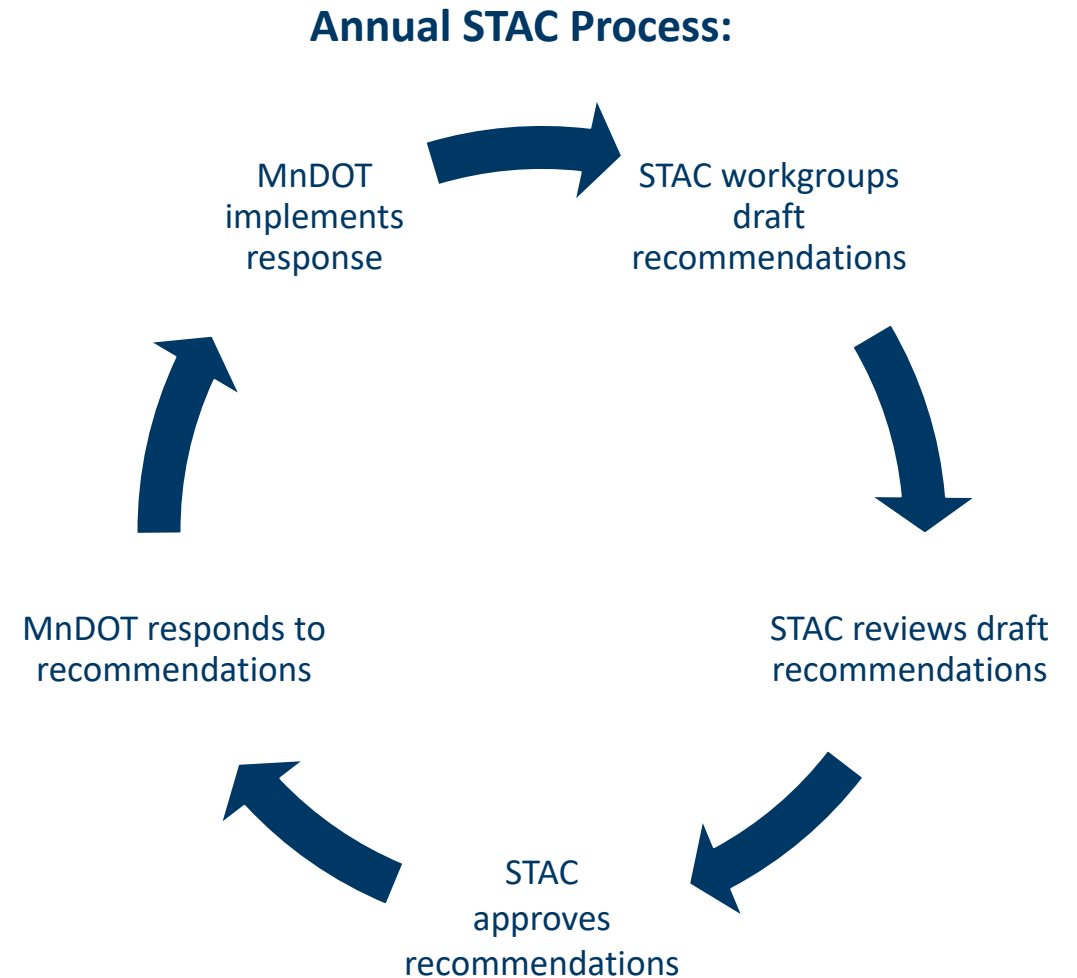
- Why are you here and interested in this work?
- Where are biggest opportunities and challenges?
- Returning members; how to build from past efforts for next cohort?
- If we did 30-min optional topics, what should we consider?
- Break out by in-person and virtual (reminder to non-members about listening)
- Facilitator summary (3-5 key points) with opportunity for brief additional comments from participants

Workgroup Structure and Focus

Annual STAC Process

STAC Workgroups:

- Vehicle Miles Traveled Reduction and Transportation Options
- Fueling and Powering Transportation
- Transportation System Resilience
- Funding and Finance





Next Steps

Co-Chairs' Closing



Tim Sexton

Assistant Commissioner & Chief
Sustainability Officer, MnDOT



Chris Clark

President, Xcel Energy – Minnesota,
South Dakota, North Dakota

Public Comment Period

www.mndot.gov/sustainability/advisory-council

Thank you!