

Sustainable Transportation Advisory Council, Meeting #1

NOTES

Date: March 20, 2023
Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Location: Hybrid: [MS Teams](#), MnDOT TEC Center, B27 and B40

Pre-meeting prep:

- Review MnDOT Response: 2022 Sustainable Transportation Advisory Council Recommendations

Meeting #1 Goals:

- Review MnDOT responses to STAC recommendations to MnDOT
- Welcome new members
- Review STAC process and get initial feedback from 2022-23 STAC cohort

Attendance

Council Members Present

Nancy Daubenberger (Co-Chair, MnDOT)

Diana Chaman Salas

Jason George

Karin Grandia (new member)

Mindy Granley

Dorian Grilley

Dawn Hood

Brendan Jordan

Sam Rockwell (arrived late)

Mikayla Schmidt (new member) (arrived late)

Russ Stark

Emma Struss

Jodi Teich

Lisa Thurstin

Peter Wagenius (arrived late)

Council Members Absent

Chris Clark (Co-Chair, Xcel Energy)

Katie Frye
Dan Murray

Ex Officio Members Absent

Representative Berg
Senator Dibble
Representative Olson
Senator Jasinski

Ex-Officio Member Present

Charles Carlson, Metropolitan Council (arrived late)

Members of the public (online)

Nahid Khan

MnDOT Staff Present

Nancy Daubenberger (Commissioner)
Elizabeth Croteau-Kallestad
Benjamin Lowndes
Kristina Heggedal
Scott Schaffer
Timothy Sexton
Siri Simons
Nissa Tupper
Amber Dallman

Notes

Co-Chairs' Welcome — Nancy Daubenberger, MnDOT Commissioner,

New Member Welcome & Member Self-introductions — Ben Lowndes recognized outgoing members and did a roll call to introduce all members. Two new members present today – Karin Grandia and Mikayla Schmidt. Several members shared responses to an introduction question – How would you describe your involvement in the STAC to a friend?

STAC Overview – Amber Dallman provided an overview of STAC so far.

Review of 2022 STAC Recommendations and Response — Beth Croteau-Kallestad and Nissa Tupper provided a review of the recommendations from MnDOT. There were not comments about the Fueling and Powering Transportation recommendations. There were a few comments about the VMT recommendations noting the supportive legislature and complementing some MnDOT work on Safe Routes to Schools and Active Transportation.

Evolution of the STAC - Amber Dallman reviewed past recommendations that MnDOT has not yet been able to start or has had limited progress. A comment was made expressing the need from local partners for support on sustainable transportation projects. Another comment was made around work Met Council is doing on climate pollution reduction and synergies.

Amber then reviewed new guiding documents and plans, some of which the STAC recommendations helped to inform, to include the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan, State Climate Action Framework, and new federal sustainability programs. These did not exist in their current forms when the STAC began making recommendations to MnDOT. There was discussion around some collaboration ideas and benefits of MnDOT and local governments working on some projects.

The STAC was asked to consider the idea of not focusing on recommendations this year but to consider how they could support implementation.

STAC members were asked three questions via a poll on mentimeter to gather feedback on proposed shifts.

Next Steps — MnDOT staff will convene the two work groups to discuss between now and the May STAC meeting some possible changes to format and process.

Co-Chair Close – Commissioner Daubenberger thanked the members and was appreciative of the implementation discussion and what this shift in process and format could look like. MnDOT wants to make the highest and best use of people’s time.

Public Comment Period

One public comment was made about an existing MnDOT project and VMT recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 PM.