



STP PROJECT SELECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Thursday, June 23, 2022

9:30 AM

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1.0 Call To Order

Chair Dobbs called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m., and reminded the members that as permitted by the Governor's Disaster Declaration of May 27, 2022, the determination has been made that an in person meeting is not practical or prudent for this committee. To ensure that the meeting is as transparent as possible, staff posted the meeting materials one week in advance, we will provide a recording of this meeting linked on our website, and will take all votes by roll call. Mr. Ferguson called the roll.

Present: Kama Dobbs, Jeffery Schielke, Jeffrey Sriver, and Grant Davis

Absent: Dan Burke, Alice Gallagher, Kevin O'Malley, Leon Rockingham, Jennifer (Sis) Killen, and Chad Riddle

Non-Voting: John Donovan, Tony Greep, and Heather Mullins

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Victoria Barrett, Nora Beck, Wylie Crowther, Teri Dixon, Kate Evasic, Doug Ferguson, Jon Haadsma, Gurleen Kaur, Paul Kenney, Matthew Kolasny, Amy McEwan, Sara Mendez, Jason Navota, Russell Pietrowiak, Todd, Schmidt, Sarah Stolpe

Others Present: Joseph Breinig, Len Cannata, Kaci Crowley, Eric Czarnota, Jon Paul Diipla, Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano, Scott Hennings, Kendra Johnson, Tom Kelso, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Leslie Phemister, Jada Porter, Elizabeth Rocks, Daniel Thomas, David Tomzik, Jazmin Vega

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

The were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes - February 10, 2022

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[22-295](#)

Attachments: [DRAFT minutes STP PSC 02102022](#)

A motion was made by Jeffery Schielke, seconded by Grant Davis, to approve the minutes of February 10, 2022 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Kama Dobbs, Jeffery Schielke, Jeffrey Sriver, and Grant Davis

Absent: Dan Burke, Alice Gallagher, Kevin O'Malley, Leon Rockingham, Jennifer (Sis) Killen, and Chad Riddle

Non-Voting: John Donovan, Tony Greep, and Heather Mullins

4.0 Active Program Management Reports

4.1 Shared Fund Status Updates

[22-296](#)

Attachments: [STP & CRRSAA Shared Fund Status Report - June 2022 \(Active\)](#)
[STP Shared Fund Status Report - June 2022 \(Contingency\)](#)

Chair Dobbs reviewed the STP and CRRSAA Status Reports, noting that obligation deadline extensions were approved in May and that the June quarterly status updates were currently in progress.

4.2 Regional Accounting Updates

[22-297](#)

Attachments: [Regional STP Shared Fund Summary - June 2022](#)
[Regional CRRSAA Summary - June 2022](#)

Chair Dobbs reported that across the region \$57.6 million in STP funding, which is about a quarter of the funding available, has been obligated so far in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022. The Central Council has obligated 100% of their allocated funding and took advantage of active program management policies to utilize over \$550 thousand of the \$6.5 million in unobligated funding that was redistributed at the end of FFY 2021. She also reported that the accounting of FFY 2022 obligation deadline extensions by the councils and CDOT is in progress and those figures are reported as TBD in the meeting materials.

4.3 FFY 2023 - 2027 STP Programming Marks

[22-301](#)

Attachments: [FFY2023-27 STP Marks Memo 03212022](#)

Chair Dobbs stated that the attached FFY 2023 to 2027 programming marks memo was prepared by staff in March and that the councils and CDOT are utilizing the marks in this memo to develop their FFY 2023 - 2027 local programs.

5.0 STP Shared Fund Methodology

5.1 Eligible Project Types

[22-299](#)

Mr. Haadsma provided a summary of staff's research regarding commuter rail yard expansion and improvement projects. He suggested additional research regarding elements of commuter rail yards that could be evaluated similar to transit station elements could lead to a recommendation to incorporate projects of this type into the existing Transit Station Improvements project type. Mr. Davis noted that this committee was deliberate in limiting the number of project types that the Shared Fund should be focused on and expressed concern, along with Mayor Shielke, that adding additional project types could dilute that focus. Ms. Mullins requested some clarification on how rail yard projects, if eligible, would compete with the other project types. Chair Dobbs explained that each of the project types is scored relative to other applications within their type for the transportation impacts portion of the overall scoring, which makes up 50% of the total score. She

added that if rail yards were incorporated into the transit station project type, then they would be ranked against the station projects for the transportation impacts - need and improvement - and against all project types for the other 50% of the score that comes from readiness, financial commitment, and planning factors. Chair Dobbs concluded that the committee members are hesitant to expand the eligible project types but are not quite ready to exclude these projects and suggested that staff continue their work to develop a proposal that considers the discussion for additional committee action at the next meeting.

5.2 Preliminary Engineering Requirements

[22-298](#)

Attachments: [PSC Memo Prelim Eng Reqs 06162022](#)

Chair Dobbs reported that staff is proposing making modest additions to the language surrounding the requirements for preliminary engineering to be "substantially complete" prior to applying for funding, noting that identifying the level of environmental processing and potential environmental impacts of projects is important to developing accurate project schedules, scope, and cost estimates. She also noted that the same language changes were being presented to the CMAQ and TAP-L project selection committee at their meeting later in the day. Mr. Davis commented that during the time from the application for funding to actual construction of projects environmental clearances may expire, making it necessary to repeat the work done to obtain those clearances. He suggested that project type may influence the degree of completing of preliminary engineering that is necessary to meet the eligibility for the shared fund. Ms. Dobbs stated that staff will consider these comments and any discussion at the CMAQ and TAP-L project selection committee and will work with sponsors and implementers to determine if there are alternatives to the proposed language to address Mr. Davis' concern.

5.3 Resilience Planning Factor

[22-300](#)

Ms. Evasic presented staff's proposal to shift the current green infrastructure planning factor to focus more on resiliency. She explained the definition of resilience in the transportation system and suggested scoring criteria that would give projects one point if the sponsor has adopted a resilience policy or the project implements a resilience plan, and would give projects up to two points for including eligible scope elements that address climate vulnerability and up to two additional points for using green infrastructure. She also noted that in the current methodology, projects in the Safety category are not scored on this criteria and requested committee discussion. Mr. Davis expressed concern that there were fewer opportunities to add these types of elements within dense, developed urban areas in comparison to suburban and exurban areas, particularly for projects like bridge repairs or replacements that have a restricted footprint and asked how these types of restraints would be accounted for with this proposal. Ms. Evasic confirmed that bridge projects are not scored on this planning factor and noted that having a resilience planning factor is really about encouraging inclusion of resilience elements in projects, just as the green infrastructure factor encouraged inclusion of green infrastructure elements, and is about doing what you can within the constraints of the project. Mr. Shriver commented that this work is going in the right direction and suggested consideration of improvements to the resiliency of the network that may occur due to a project, even if the project itself doesn't address a resiliency deficiency at the spot of the project. Ms. Evasic noted that redundancy in the system is a part of the overall resilience of the system, and while not included in the proposal, staff will consider ways to incorporate this concept. Chair Dobbs noted that, like safety and complete streets, staff anticipates that the application workbook would also include an opportunity for applicants to provide a narrative explanation of how the project improves resilience,

in addition to providing a checklist of scope elements included the project. She stated staff work will continue on this topic with a final language consideration with the application booklet in the fall.

5.4 Corridor or Small Area Safety Projects

[22-302](#)

Chair Dobbs reminded the committee that staff is concerned about the use of absolute point values when scoring the need portion of corridor and small area safety projects. She stated that staff is considering ways to incorporate the region's safety priorities, such as vulnerable users and speed management, into the need assessment and is seeking any suggestions the committee has for additional focus areas or data sources that should be considered. No suggestions were made, therefore Chair Dobbs concluded that staff will proceed with the priorities in mind when developing a proposal for the committee's consideration in August or September.

6.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

7.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair's discretion.

There was no public comment.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Chair Dobbs reminded the committee that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. and stated that staff will reach out to members a week or two in advance of the meeting regarding the format of that meeting.

9.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Grant Davis, seconded by Mayor Schielke, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous voice vote at 10:25 a.m.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Kama Dobbs.