

DATE: April 30, 2015  
TO: Board Members unable to attend April 29 Regular MVTA Board meeting/TWGs  
FROM: MVTA  
RE: Meeting Summary

Here is a meeting summary of the MVTA April 29, 2015 regular meeting of the MVTA Board of Directors. Supplemental materials and meeting hand-outs are posted under 2015 Board Meeting Packets at <http://www.mvta.com/about/meetings-materials/>.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair Clint Hooppaw. A quorum was present.
2. Motion by Chris Gerlach and seconded by Gary Hansen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Mike McGuire and seconded by Bill Droste to approve the Consent Agenda with correction to the March meeting minutes. Motion carried on a unanimous roll-call vote.
4. Rosemount Mayor Bill Droste spoke about how the City has been fortunate to participate in a program through the University of Minnesota and this year has 400+ graduate students working on some 29 projects for the city. He introduced Mike Greco of the University, who oversees the work (and who lives in Dakota County) and then introduced two students: Steven Aviles and Sanjay Dhir who presented their information.

The students reviewed their project: 1) Determine how many workers in the American Boulevard corridor live in MVTA communities and 2) Determine if there are residents that live in the corridor but work in MVTA communities. What do these travel patterns look like. After examining the data, they looked at bus routes in the area, specifically from Apple Valley, Burnsville and Shakopee with the hopes of creating some routing options and potential ridership. Their research continues and MVTA will receive a copy of the final report when it is available. They worked closely with Jen Lehmann at MVTA and Eric Zweber at City of Rosemount.

5. Kristine Elwood of Dakota County and Mona Elabbady of SRF (Dakota County Consultant) reviewed the Implementation Plan Update, noting that several Board members had seen the presentation at a Stakeholders meeting the evening before. It was noted that this presentation is based on 2040 forecasts, which only recently became available.
6. Two assumptions were used: 1) A “No-Build” situation (everything currently in process will proceed, but nothing else); 2) A “Build” scenario, whereby infill stations are completed and additional stations are added as the line is extended through Lakeville. Ridership projections under the two scenarios were discussed, along with some updates from the 2030 forecasts. Park & Ride demand was also reviewed. There was some discussion of the METRO Red Line and the METRO Orange Line travel sheds. Ridership “sensitivity” tests were conducted with the following results: Increased development/land use density near 147<sup>th</sup> Street and Glacier Way stations resulted in increased ridership; Removal of Cliff Road Station and Moving the Palomino Park and Ride near 140<sup>th</sup> Street resulted in decreased ridership; and Adding a station in Bloomington near Old Cedar Avenue resulted in no increase or decrease in ridership.
7. Transit development measures were also presented, with a note that these are still a work in process. Clint Hooppaw asked that there not only be measures but that there be metrics for these measures. Gary Hansen asked about the Cliff Road station and if there is sufficient density in the area currently to support the station. Mona stated yes, but Hansen indicated there may be additional, higher-density projects in the area in the future. Jon Ulrich expressed skepticism in the projections, indicating that people may not continue to travel in the same way that they do today. It was noted that there was

some “trothing” in the forecasts because ridership and travel behavior were factors in the analysis. Hooppaw invited Board members to continue to review and think about this information and forward any comments to Jane Kansier ([jkansier@mvta.com](mailto:jkansier@mvta.com)) to share with Dakota County.

8. Given the attendance of a new Met Council representative, Deb Barber, Hooppaw called for introductions around the table. There were no specific discussion topics. Met Council plans to bring Mall of America Transit Station plans to the next session with the MVTA Board in September. Issues of Met Council governance were also discussed, with Jon Ulrich indicating Scott County wants to keep these collegial, but there may be some “poking and prodding.” Steven Chavez indicated he had spoken to Gov. Dayton regarding staggered terms for Met Council members and that it is a suggestion to be considered.
9. Beverley Miller reviewed that the STA Legislative Committee met last week. She said the Demonstration project is in both the House and Senate bills for \$3 million in funding. She indicated the STA position on TAB is also moving forward.
10. Robin Selvig reminded Board members of the two Management Committee meetings next week.
11. Jen Lehmann referred Board members to the ridership report included in the Board packet with a note that first quarter had ridership moving in the right direction. Robin Selvig mentioned that a news release about this would be issued on Thursday.
12. Jon Ulrich mentioned that the County was considering a ½ cent sales tax and had made a determination to slow the discussion a bit, but given activities at the Legislature, the issue will be before the Scott County Board again on May 12. He will report to MVTA on May 20.
13. Robin Selvig announced that MVTA has been selected to receive a Gold Award for Safety from the American Public Transit Association and that Jen Lehmann will accept the award on Sunday, May 3 in Fort Worth. She played a video created for the awards presentation and expressed MVTA’s appreciation to intern Liz O’Day (who wrote the nomination) and to Eagan TV (who created the video).
14. Motion by Gary Hansen and seconded by Bill Droste to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, May 20 (Third Wednesday) at 4:30 p.m. at the Burnsville Bus Garage, 11550 Rupp Drive, Burnsville.