

**SAINT CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING  
Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021 @ 9 a.m.**

A Zoom meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization's (APO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021. Senior Transportation Planner Vicki Johnson presided with the following members participating via Zoom or telephone access:

Michael Kedrowski	Saint Cloud Metro Bus
Steve Voss	MnDOT District 3
Steve Foss	City of Saint Cloud
Matt Glaesman	City of Saint Cloud
Randy Sabart	City of Saint Joseph
Jon Noerenberg	City of Waite Park
Chris Byrd	Benton County
Andrew Witter	Sherburne County
Jodi Teich	Stearns County
Scott Hedlund	City of Sauk Rapids
Scott Saehr	City of Sartell
Anna Gruber	City of Sartell
Bobbi Retzlaff	Federal Highway Administration
Anna Pierce	MnDOT
Ben Anderson	Stearns County
Larry Hosch	ATAC Representative
Kelvin Howieson	MnDOT District 3
Innocent Eyoh	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
Vicki Johnson	APO, Senior Planner
Brian Gibson	APO, Executive Director
Alex McKenzie	APO, Planning Technician
Fred Sandal	APO, Associate Planner
Amber Blattner	APO, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Johnson reviewed the Electronic Meeting Notification requirements.

Introductions were made.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No members of the public were participating.

**Consideration of Consent Agenda Items**

**Ms. Teich made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items. Mr. Witter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roll Call: Kedrowski– YES; Voss – YES; Foss – YES; Glaesman – YES; Sabart – YES; Noerenberg – YES; Byrd – YES; Witter – YES; Teich – YES; Hedlund – YES; Saehr - YES**

### **FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments and Administrative Modifications**

Ms. Johnson provided summary of the changes to the TIP that were requested by the following entities: Stearns County, City of St. Cloud, City of Sartell, City of Sauk Rapids, WACOSA, ConnectAbility of Minnesota, and MnDOT. Ms. Johnson noted public comment period ran from Dec. 30, 2020, through Jan. 29, 2021, and 11 online surveys were taken. Reactions were mostly positive, some participants indicated disapproval, but it was not clear why they disapproved. Ms. Johnson noted a revision to the original TAC memo was sent to members on Feb. 2, 2021 to address an administrative modification requested by MnDOT. Ms. Johnson requested board approval on proposed changes to the TIP.

**Ms. Teich made a motion to approve proposed changes to the TIP. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roll Call: Kedrowski – YES; Voss – YES; Foss – YES; Glaesman – YES; Sabart – YES; Noerenberg – YES; Byrd – YES; Witter – YES; Teich – YES; Hedlund – YES; Saehr – YES**

### **FY 2025 ATP-Managed Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Prioritization**

Ms. Johnson summarized FY 2025 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) solicitations. Saint Cloud APO is expected to receive \$2,135,120 in Federal funding for fiscal year 2025. The APO received six applications: City of Sartell 15<sup>th</sup> Street North expansion, Stearns County CSAH 81 resurfacing, Stearns County CSAH 133 resurfacing, City of Saint Cloud 22<sup>nd</sup> Street South reconstruction, City of Sauk Rapids Second Avenue South reconstruction, and Sherburne County CR 65/45 Avenue realignment. Ms. Gruber presented the City of Sartell application for the 15<sup>th</sup> Street North Corridor expansion from Pinecone Road North to 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, requesting \$2,500,000 from Federal funds. Ms. Gruber noted that this application is for phase one of the project. Concerns include safety, East-West connection, expanded development in Sartell, school district and community driven, accessibility and mobility. Ms. Gruber showed traffic volumes based off APO traffic counts (2017) and noted they have increased due to the high school being built in north Sartell. Ms. Gruber asked there were any questions, and none were asked. Ms. Teich stated that all these projects are worthy but notes Sherburne County has not had federal funding from this program in the 20+ years she has been on the TAC. Ms. Teich motioned for \$1,135,120 to go to the City of Sauk Rapids and \$1,000,000 to go to Sherburne County. Steve Foss agrees with Ms. Teich and thinks the overall Federal funding amount is too small. Ms. Johnson asked the City of Sauk Rapids and Sherburne Country to confirm they agree with the dollar amounts suggested by Ms. Teich. Mr. Witter is in favor of accepting the \$1,000,000 for Sherburne Country. Mr. Hedlund agreed to the \$1,135,120 for the City of Sauk Rapids. Mr. Byrd noted that the projects getting funding are still underfunded and there is not enough Federal funding available.

**Ms. Teich made motion for \$1,135,120 to go to the City of Sauk Rapids and \$1,000,000 to go to Sherburne County. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roll Call: Kedrowski- YES; Voss - Abstained; Foss - YES; Glaesman - YES; Sabart - YES; Noerenberg - YES; Byrd - YES; Witter - YES; Teich - YES; Hedlund - YES; Saehr - YES**

#### **FY 2025 Transportation Alternatives Prioritization**

Ms. Johnson summarized that there were 16 applications received districtwide to compete for the \$1,600,000 available in fiscal year 2025 Transportation Alternatives funding. The Saint Cloud APO received one application from the City of Sartell. Ms. Gruber presented on transportation alternative project. The City of Sartell would like to complete four trail and sidewalk connections. They requested \$367,040 in Federal funding.

**Ms. Teich made motion to assign the APO's 10 regional priority points to the City of Sartell's application. Mr. Witter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roll Call: Kedrowski- YES; Voss - Abstained; Foss - YES; Glaesman - YES; Sabart - YES; Noerenberg - YES; Byrd - YES; Witter - YES; Teich - YES; Hedlund - YES; Saehr - YES**

#### **Other Business and Announcements**

Mr. Voss wanted to discuss the methodology of the overall ranking of the projects in the event there is additional funding down the road. Ms. Johnson summarized how APO staff ranked each project. City of Sauk Rapids was ranked as the number one project.

**Ms. Teich made a motion if there were any additional funding it would go proportionately to Sauk Rapids and Sherburne County, then additional funds beyond that would go to the second ranked St. Cloud 22<sup>nd</sup> Street project. Mr. Foss seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roll Call: Kedrowski- YES; Voss - Abstained; Foss - YES; Glaesman - YES; Sabart - YES; Noerenberg - YES; Byrd - YES; Witter - YES; Teich - YES; Hedlund - YES; Saehr - YES**

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.