

**SAINT CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING
Thursday, March 25, 2021 @ 10 a.m.**

A Zoom meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization's (APO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2021. Senior Transportation Planner Vicki Johnson presided with the following members participating via Zoom or telephone access:

Michael Kedrowski	Saint Cloud Metro Bus
Jeff Lenz	MnDOT District 3
Steve Foss	City of Saint Cloud
Todd Schultz	City of Sauk Rapids
Chris Byrd	Benton County
Andrew Witter	Sherburne County
Jodi Teich	Stearns County
Scott Saeher	City of Sartell
Nate Keller	City of Saint Joseph
Innocent Eyoh	MPCA
Larry Hosch	ATAC Representative
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

Mr. Witter made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roll Call: Kedrowski– YES; Lenz – ABSTAIN; Foss – YES; Byrd – YES; Witter – YES; Teich – YES; Schultz – YES; Keller – ABSTAIN; Saeher - YES

FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Ms. Johnson noted that last month the City of Saint Cloud made a request to amend the TIP. The change pertained to County Road 136 / Oak Grove Road SW. This two-part project (roadway reconstruction and transportation alternatives) originally cost \$2.4 million and has increased to \$3.7 million. Public comment for this ends tomorrow (March 26, 2021). Ms. Johnson requested a recommendation for Policy Board approval.

Mr. Witter made a motion to approve the TIP Amendment. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roll Call: Kedrowski– YES; Lenz – YES; Foss – YES; Byrd – YES; Witter – YES; Teich – YES; Schultz – YES; Keller – YES; Saehr – YES

Debrief of the FY 2025 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP)

Ms. Johnson asked TAC representatives how they felt the STBGP solicitation process went. Ms. Johnson asked the TAC if they prefer the St. Cloud APO planning staff do the initial scoring/ranking of the projects. Mr. Keller felt preliminary feedback from the APO staff is beneficial. Mr. Foss agreed that the preliminary comments help facilitate the discussion. Ms. Johnson asked if the total points allocated to categories need to be adjusted. Mr. Byrd liked how safety and system condition have more weight in scoring and suggested the points allocated stay as is. Ms. Johnson asked if applicants would like a debrief by APO staff as to how applications could be improved for next year or be provided with a general understanding of what APO staff are looking for in applications. Mr. Foss would be interested in discussing that and will set up a meeting with Ms. Johnson. Ms. Teich does not need to meet for feedback on her two applications. Mr. Saehr would be interested, and he will follow up with Mr. Halter to get his input. Ms. Johnson confirmed they will move forward with a similar process for next year.

Other Business and Announcements

Ms. Johnson discussed the transportation alternatives subcommittee and asked if anyone be interested in serving on this committee. Ms. Teich has been on the committee for two years. Mr. Witter said he would take Ms. Teich's position on the committee. Ms. Johnson requested if you have not sent her financial information for your jurisdiction that you do so by Monday. Mr. Gibson noted that a senate bill has been introduced for a study to improve access and safety on US10 from 45th Ave. SW to 32nd Street SE in St. Cloud. The board has been asked to provide a resolution for this bill. This will go to the board on April 8. Mr. Byrd asked if the board is typically asked to provide a resolution. Mr. Gibson said the APO is not typically asked to provide a resolution. Mr. Lenz asked if the study passed, would the city or MnDOT complete the study. Mr. Gibson said MnDOT would complete the study. Mr. Witter noted that there is a representative down in Lakeville that is submitting an amendment to terminate the Northstar Commuter rail and utilize those funds in the Twin Cities area for cleanup purposes. Mr. Lenz reviewed the 2022-2025 MnDOT projects that are in the APO.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.