

SAINT CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING

Thursday, April 28, 2022 @ 10 a.m.

A meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization’s (APO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2022. Senior Transportation Planner Vicki Johnson presided with the following people in attendance:

In-Person TAC Members:

Steve Voss	MnDOT District 3
Michael Kedrowski	Saint Cloud Metro Bus
Kari Theisen	City of Sartell
Steve Foss	City of Saint Cloud
Chris Byrd	Benton County
Zac Borgerding	City of St. Cloud
Jon Noerenberg	City of Waite Park
Tom Cruikshank	MnDOT District 3
Todd Schultz	City of Sauk Rapids
Matt Glaesman	City of St. Cloud

Non-Member In-Person Attendees:

Brian Gibson	APO, Executive Director
Alex McKenzie	APO, Associate Planner

Zoom Attendees:

Vicki Johnson	APO, Senior Planner
Tammy Buttweiler	Regional Transportation Coord. Council
Anna Pierce	MnDOT
Jeff Lenz	MnDOT
Randy Sabart	City of Saint Joseph
James Stapfer	APO, Planning Technician

Introductions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public were present.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve minutes of March 31, 2022, TAC meeting
- b. Receive staff report of April 7, 2022, Central Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP-3) Meeting
- c. Receive staff report of April 14, 2022, Policy Board meeting

Mr. Byrd made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items. Mr. Foss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER FY 2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

Ms. Johnson noted the TIP amendments being broken down into two public comment periods. The first public comment period was regarding requests that were received from MnDOT (MN 23 fiber optic from Benton CSAH 1 to MN 25) and from the City of Saint Cloud (Cooper Avenue) for projects in 2022. The second public comment period, that is currently ongoing, is regarding public transit. Requests were received from Metro Bus (2022 CNG DAR replacement buses) and WACOSA (2022 vehicle replacement cost increase). During this time the APO also received information regarding the 2022 Beaver Island Trail project. Ms. Johnson requested the TAC recommend Policy Board approval of all the proposed changes to the TIP.

Mr. Voss made the motion to approve the FY 2022-2025 TIP amendments and modifications for Policy Board approval. Mr. Noerenberg seconded. Motion carried.

CONSIDER FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION SCHEDULE

Ms. Johnson summarized the draft schedule that the APO is following for 2023-2026 amendments. Ms. Johnson created the schedule so that everyone knows when to propose changes. Ms. Johnson requested the TAC approve the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program amendment and administrative modification schedule.

Mr. Glaesman made the motion to approve the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program amendment and administrative modification schedule for Policy Board approval. Mr. Byrd seconded. Motion carried.

CONSIDER DRAFT FY 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

Ms. Johnson summarized the key dates that have been set for the FY 2024-2027 TIP. The schedule is based on the approved ATIP development schedule. Ms. Johnson requested the TAC approve the TIP development schedule

Mr. Noerenberg made the motion to approve the TIP development schedule for Policy Board approval. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION ON POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION

Mr. Gibson presented on the Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (IIJA) that was signed into law on Nov. 15, 2021, resulting in funding increases and new program requirements. It is not yet known how funding will be distributed. To leverage the federal money, more local money will be required. Mr. Gibson noted the APO's 2023

workplan may have some increases to leverage the federal money and jurisdictions will likely see an increase in assessments. Mr. Gibson summarized the new programs including carbon reduction, PROTECT/Resiliency, Bridge, Bridge Investment, EV Charging, Public Transportation, INFRA, Local and Regional Project Assistance, national infrastructure project assistance, safe streets for all users (TZD). Ms. Johnson noted she would like people to participate in the TZD (Towards Zero Deaths) meetings on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2:30. Mr. Gibson summarized new the planning requirements. Ms. Johnson said she will email the IIA slides to everyone. Mr. Voss provided an update on MnDOT's response to this bill. MnDOT has created small work groups that are trying to figure out how to best utilize funds. Mr. Gibson said the Census outcome can affect the formula on how funding gets distributed. Ms. Pierce said this year MnDOT will be using the current formula because there are no new Census numbers. The new formula will go into effect in 2023. Ms. Pierce noted that at the MPO directors meeting on May 10 MnDOT will go into further detail on this. Mr. Byrd asked if locals could apply directly to the new programs. Mr. Gibson was not sure of the process for every program.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Johnson said next month she will be discussing the 2023-2026 TIP. Ms. Johnson noted a public engagement event taking place today for the HWY 10 study. Mr. Voss said it will take place in Clear Lake from 1-3 and a public input meeting is from 4-6 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.