

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

Thursday, March 31, 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, March 31, 2022. Senior Transportation Planner Vicki Johnson presided with the following people in attendance:

In-Person TAC Members:

Tom Cruikshank	MnDOT District 3 (Alternate for Steve Voss)
Michael Kedrowski	Saint Cloud Metro Bus
Scott Saehr	City of Sartell
Steve Foss	City of Saint Cloud
Chris Byrd	Benton County
Jon Noerenberg	City of Waite Park
Mike Decker	Stearns County
Todd Schultz	City of Sauk Rapids

Non-Member In-Person Attendees:

Vicki Johnson	APO, Senior Planner
Brian Gibson	APO, Executive Director
Alex McKenzie	APO, Associate Planner

Zoom Attendees:

Ben Anderson	Stearns County Parks
Tammy Buttweiler	Regional Transportation Coord. Council
Anna Pierce	MnDOT
Jeff Lenz	MnDOT
Randy Sabart	City of Saint Joseph
Bobbi Retzlaff	Federal Highway Administration
Larry Hosch	ATAC Rep
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 Feb. 24, 2022, TAC meeting (Attachment A)
- b. Receive staff report of March 10, 2022, Policy Board meeting (Attachment B)

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

CONSIDER FY 2022-2025 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

Ms. Johnson reviewed two requests from MnDOT for the MN 301 wall and roadway project and the I-94 Dynamic Messaging Sign replacements. Ms. Johnson summarized the public comments results from the online survey, Facebook live, and in-person meeting. Administrative modifications were requested during the public comment period from WACOSA, Sherburne County, and MnDOT.

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

LOOKING AHEAD 2050 VISIONING

Ms. Johnson summarized the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the long-range transportation plan. The APO's Executive Director noted one of the main weaknesses found within MAPPING 2045 was the lack of vision for the region's transportation network. To address this deficiency, APO staff sought to facilitate a community led visioning process. Due to COVID the visioning process was somewhat limited and included surveys, sidewalk clings, newspaper ads, etc. Nearly 2,000 comments were collected and placed into six different visioning themes. Ms. Johnson noted the surprising number of comments regarding electric vehicles and the need for charging stations. Mr. Byrd asked if there were any comments regarding funding for transportations. Ms. Johnson said there were one or two comments mentioning to not use tax dollars for funding but the question for the public was asking about the future of transportation.

DEBRIEF ON FY 2026 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM SOLICITATION PROCESS

Ms. Johnson summarized the current grant program solicitation process. Ms. Johnson said the APO staff is seeking input as to how the process can be modified and/or improved for subsequent solicitations. No suggestions were made.

HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA

Ms. Johnson summarized the altered 2021 solicitation process. MnDOT's Office of Traffic Engineering (OTE) altered the solicitation process to further involve Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in project selection. The APO opted to rank all projects equally because there was not time to create a detailed ranking process. The APO staff committed to further research/clarify the HSIP scoring process utilized by MnDOT's Central Office to help inform the local prioritization discussion at the APO in the future. Ms. Johnson proposed separating the projects into proactive and reactive categories regardless of when funding would be available and having a discussion on the projects rather than a ranking system. Ms. Johnson will create an action item on the subject for a future meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Johnson thanked those who have provided her with financial information, and she is still waiting for MnDOT and Sauk Rapids. TZD meetings have been moved to the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.