

Mayhew Lake Road Study Seeks Public Input

The APO has undertaken a study of Mayhew Lake Road on the east side of Sauk Rapids from MN-23 to 35th Street NE. WSB Engineering has been contracted to conduct the study.

The corridor is in a growing part of Sauk Rapids, and the goal of the study is to help ensure that the corridor continues to operate safely and efficiently both now and in the future. To that end, there will be a public open house at the Sauk Rapids Government Center (250 Summit Avenue) to listen to your thoughts and concerns about this important arterial corridor.

The open house meeting will be held on **June 13th from 5 pm until 7 pm**. All members of the public are invited to attend at your convenience to give us your thoughts and input.



For more information about the Mayhew Lake Road Study click [HERE](#).

TIP Public Comment Period Opens July 13

The APO is looking for comments on the draft 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is a federally mandated, annually prepared document that contains highway, transit, and other surface transportation projects for which Federal and/or state funds are programmed to occur over the next four years. APO staff is in the process of completing the fiscal years 2023-2026 TIP and is asking for your opinion on these proposed projects.

Between July 13 and Aug. 12, 2022, APO staff will be releasing the document for public review. The TIP will be available for review [online](#) and at the APO's Office (1040 County Road 4, St. Cloud, MN 56303).

You can provide feedback on the document and the proposed projects by completing an online survey (links available on the [APO's website](#)) or by contacting Senior Transportation Planner Vicki Johnson (ikeogu@stcloudapo.org or 320-252-7568). APO staff plan on doing an in-person meeting and a Facebook Live as well. The APO website will be updated with more information closer to the kick-off of public comment.




Active Transportation Plan

The Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP) will be released for a 30-day public comment period on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. The ATP aims to provide a long-range planning framework to support non-motorized forms of transportation in the Saint Cloud Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). This plan identifies needs, resources, and strategies to enhance the safe and convenient use of non-motorized modes of transportation and the facilities necessary to accommodate them. Check out [our website](#) and social media for more information on how to participate.

Driving Falls During Pandemic


The Transportation Performance Monitoring Report (TPMR) is a report including a set of performance measures that track the region's progress toward achieving regional transportation goals. These performance measures include: 1) enhancing and maintaining safety, 2) increasing system accessibility, mobility, and connectivity, 3) efficiently managing operation and cost-effectively preserving the system, 4) supporting metropolitan vitality and economic development, and 5) promoting energy and environmental conservation. One major change which is highlighted below is the decrease in vehicle miles traveled due to the pandemic and shutdowns in 2020.

Vehicle miles traveled, VMT, is an important metric used in transportation planning. It measures the amount of travel for all vehicles in a region over time, usually in annual increments. This can then be interpreted as travel demand which is useful in determining where resources need to be allocated. VMT in the region had increased nearly 0.3 billion miles traveled between 2011 and 2017 from an average of 1.11 billion miles, to about 1.4 billion miles in both 2018 and 2019. With the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, VMT fell to 1.17 billion miles, down nearly 20% from the previous year. It will be important to pay attention to whether this dip is indicative of a new trend or if travel will return to pre-COVID levels in subsequent years.



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