

ST. CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A meeting of the St. Cloud Area Planning Organization was held on Thursday, May 10, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at Waite Park City Hall. Chairman Jeff Goerger presided, with the following members present:

Jeff Goerger	City of St. Cloud	Jeff Westerlund	Town of LeSauk
John Libert	"	Dan Heim	"
David Peterson	City of Sartell	Shawn Omann	"
Nick Sauer	City of Sauk Rapids	A Jake Bauerly	Benton County
Jason Ellering	"	Spencer Buerkle	"
David Rixe	"	Ewald Petersen	Sherburne County
Mayor Rick Miller	City of Waite Park	Joe Perske	Stearns County
Frank Theisen	City of St. Joseph		"

Absent Members:

Mayor Kleis	City of St. Cloud	Bob Loso	City of St. Joseph
Marty Czech	"	Mayor Nicoll (Exc)	City of Sartell
George Hontos (Exc)	"	Mike Chisum	"
Jeff Johnson	"	Vic Schulz	City of Waite Park
Sue Ek	"	Ed Popp	Benton County
Steve Laraway	"	Felix Schmiesing	Sherburne County
Carol Lewis	"	Tim Dolan	"
Ryan Daniel	"	Steve Notch(Exc)	Stearns County
Dave Masters (Exc)	"	Leigh Lenzmeier	"
Troy Gorake	City of St. Joseph	Mayor Schultz	City of St. Joseph

Also Present:

Brian Gibson	St. Cloud APO	Dorothy Sweet	St. Cloud APO
Vicki Ikeogu	St. Cloud APO	Joseph Mueller	St. Cloud APO
Alex McKenzie	St. Cloud APO	Alison Henning	St. Cloud APO
Bobbi Retzlaff	MnDOT	Kurt Franke	TAC/Citizen
Patty Grube	Auditor	Frank Douma	Univ of Minn
Adeel Lari	Univ of Minn		

Due to lack of quorum, no business was conducted. Two presentations were given.

FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION:

Frank Douma and Adeel Lari of the University of Minnesota gave an informative PowerPoint presentation on the Future of Transportation and the Self-Driving Vehicle. Topics presented and discussed included:

Why Automated Vehicles	What is an Automated Vehicle
Recent Developments in Minnesota	Definitions and levels of Auto-motive Engineer Human and Assisted Driving

Car companies and their estimated dates of autonomous vehicles	Implications/Benefits/Impacts of autonomous vehicles
Land Use/Infrastructure Impacts	Potential Real Estate Implications
Density/sprawl	Business Implications: Winners/Losers
Cost/Ownership	Improved Transit
Trucking	Roadway Impacts
Regulatory/Legal Issues	How the Federal Government Weighs In.
Equity Implications – Federal & Minn	Self Driving Vehicle (SDV) Task Force
How Can we effectively prepare for SDV	What should we be doing right now.

FY 2017 AUDIT REPORT:

Ms. Patty Grube, lead auditor from Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing, presented the results of their audit of the APO’s FY 2017 financial records.

Ms. Grube thanked the APO for using their company. Their firm was present at the APO for one day. The evidence they obtained was sufficient and the financial statements disclosures were neutral, consistent and clear. The APO was given an Unmodified Rating – which is a clean opinion and the best that we can receive. The financial highlights were reviewed. Our assets exceed liability and the APO is solvent by \$872,000. We have 8 months of funds on hand, whereas 6 months is the average. Assessments were reduced. A large retirement payout was made with Dave Then’s retirement. Two deficiencies were noted. While the preparation of the financial statements and related notes are the responsibility of management, because of the degree of complexity and level of detail needed to prepare these statements and the limited number of office employees and resources available, the APO requested the auditors to prepare them. The other deficiency is the inability of the APO to obtain a Broker Acknowledgement Certification Form as required by Minnesota state law. One broker refuses to sign the form. The APO has been removing investments from that brokerage firm as they mature, and will continue to move them until the fund has been liquidated. The APO is fiscally sound.

DRAFT TIP

Ms. Ikeogu asked members to send questions to her pertaining to the TIP. The TIP project table has been updated. One jurisdiction has not submitted their project’s costs and funding sources, which is reflected on the Project Table. The TAC gave their approval of this. The APO is requesting preliminary approval for putting out this table for public comments. Final approval will be requested after the public comment period is completed. Mr. Goerger stressed that this is one of the most important documents the APO creates.

Ms. Alison Henning, Transportation Planner, and a very recent graduate from St. Cloud State University, was introduced to the members.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.