

**Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization
EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 14, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization's (APO) Executive Board Meeting was held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 5:03 p.m. in the Array Room of the Great River Regional Library in Saint Cloud. Chair Jeff Goerger presided with the following members present:

Mayor Dave Kleis	Saint Cloud
Council Member Jeff Goerger	Saint Cloud
Council Member John Libert	Saint Cloud
Council Member Pat Lynch	Sartell
Township Supervisor Jeff Westerlund	LeSauk Township
Commissioner Joe Perske	Stearns County
Commissioner Jake Bauerly	Benton County

Also Present:

Brian Gibson	Executive Director, APO
Kim Pettman	Transportation Advocate
Stacy Morse	Congressman Emmer's Office
Vicki Johnson	APO
Alex McKenzie	APO
Dorothy Sweet	APO

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Member Libert motioned to approve the agenda, and Commissioner Perske seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Kim Pettman commented that, with the Regional Transportation Coordination Councils (RTCC) in the start-up phase, ~~that~~ our area Engagement Training should include the average member in the public. There are many free resources. She also requested the Minnesota Human Rights Civic Engagement be considered for inclusion in the RTCC.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: (Executive Board Meeting Minutes from April 12 and May 14, 2018; Bills List; FY 2017 Audit Report; Pavement and Bridge Condition & Travel Time Reliability Performance Targets; FY 2018 UPWP Amendment; and 2018-2022 TIP Modifications and Amendments)

Council Member Libert motioned to approve the Consent agenda items, and Mayor Kleis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER FINAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN (SEP):

Ms. Johnson reviewed the Stakeholder Engagement Plan. A 45-day public comment period was held ending March 15, 2018 in which two comments were received and addressed in the Appendices. This document describes how the APO staff does public outreach.

Mayor Kleis motioned to approve the SEP, and Commissioner Perske seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER 2045 DEMOGRAPHIC FORECAST AND TRAFFIC ANALYSIS ZONE DATA :

Mr. Gibson reported that the attachments show the APO area population forecast in Urban Areas and Non-Urban Areas by jurisdiction for 2045. This information was provided by the SRF Consulting Group. SRF worked with planners from each jurisdiction to distribute changes to the Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs). There were no unusual changes found. The TAC monitored the

process and did recommend approval of the population figures. Mayor Kleis said he recently attended a meeting where a number of surveys showed that by 2024 our Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) will need 70,400 people to fill currently existing jobs and an additional 23,000 jobs to maintain what we currently have. Mayor Kleis asked if that data is factored in our forecast. Mr. Gibson responded that we've done these forecasts in the past and tie in the economic forecast to the population. Mr. Lynch felt the growth numbers looked very conservative. Mr. Bauerly added that Artificial Intelligence is taking over some jobs and was not sure how that merges with population growth. Mr. Gibson said since we update the population forecasts every five years, and if the trend does change, we will be redoing the forecast again in five years.

Mayor Kleis motioned to approve the 2045 Demographic Forecast and Traffic Analysis Zone Data, and Council Member Libert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Due to the fact that one board member had to leave for another commitment, it was decided to combine the remaining three agenda items into one motion.

**CONSIDER METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES;
CONSIDER 2019-2020 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AND
ASSOCIATED RESOLUTIONS; CONSIDERATION OF NEW JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT
AND BOARD BYLAWS:**

Mayor Kleis motioned to approve the three agenda items (MTP Goals and Objectives, 2019-2020 UPWP and Resolutions, and New Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws) and Commissioner Bauerly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Perske commented that the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Lake Wobegon Trail Extension from Saint Joseph to Waite Park has been moved to Thursday, July 12 at 6 p.m. at Rivers Edge Park, which is also the same night as the APO Executive Board Meeting. Because of this conflict, the question was raised whether we should meet at the Waite Park City Hall for our July Executive Board meeting or if we should cancel the meeting. Mr. Gibson thanked Commissioner Perske for the information and will look into this matter further.

Commissioner Perske also stated how pleased he was about the approval of the Highway 23 completion project and Commissioner Bauerly from Benton County added that they hope to start the project going the other way.

[In response to a question,](#) Mr. Gibson added that the Bylaws and Joint Powers Agreement attachments were clean copies with all the previously suggested and approved changes incorporated.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Kleis motioned and Township Supervisor Westerlund seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.