

**Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
February 27, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization's (APO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020, at Stearns County Public Works. Senior Planner Vicki Johnson presided with the following members present:

Chris Byrd	Benton County
Jeff Miller	Stearns County
Bobbi Retzlaff	MnDOT
Steve Voss	MnDOT, Dist #3
Jon Halter	SEH/Waite Park/Sartell
Vicki Johnson	Saint Cloud APO
Brian Gibson	Saint Cloud APO
Alex McKenzie	Saint Cloud APO
Fred Sandal	Saint Cloud APO
Dorothy Sweet	Saint Cloud APO

Introductions were made.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** No members of the public were in attendance.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: (Approve TAC meeting minutes of Jan. 30, 2020; Accept staff report of Feb. 12, 2020, Active Transportation Small Advisory Committee meeting; Accept staff report of Feb. 13, 2020, Policy Board meeting).**  
*Mr. Byrd motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items, and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**FY 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS:**

Senior Planner Vicki Johnson reported that this is the second of four planned amendment for the FY 2020-23 TIP. The changes are prompted by MnDOT and Metro Bus. MnDOT changes involve deleting nine districtwide set asides for projects in 2020, eight set asides in 2021, ten set asides in 2022, 11 set asides in 2023, and adding one project per MnDOT Office of Freight & Commercial Vehicle Operations for 2022. MnDOT also added an administrative modification whereby two projects are changed from 2020 to 2021. Metro Bus changes involve deleting a total of three projects, one in 2021, one in 2022, and one in 2023. A 30-day public comment will be completed on March 7, 2020. An online survey was created with one persons responding to date, and two people attending the open house. One negative comment was received regarding a Metro Bus project. The next TIP amendment changes are due on March 2. None have been received to date. *Mr. Byrd motioned to approve the TIP Amendments and recommended Policy Board approval, and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**FY 2021-24 REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN (RIIP):**

Ms. Johnson explained the background of the RIIP document and how it came about. While the TIP document concentrates on Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration regulations, the APO staff felt it did not meet their definition of regionally significant projects. After discussion with MnDOT personnel, it was decided to create a companion document (RIIP) to the TIP which would include all projects, both in the TIP and those that are locally funded, no matter how large or small or significant to provide transparency to the public. The document will show what is happening in infrastructure projects in the APO area regardless of funding sources. The RIIP is for information only and is not subject to any

federal or state requirements. It is an “informational only” document that can be used by the jurisdictions to be aware of projects that may be of interest to them and to enhance coordination efforts should the jurisdictions choose. The RIIP will be updated annually and will be based off the approved Capital Improvement Programs (CIP’s). Mr. Voss complimented Ms. Johnson on the document, and Ms. Johnson thanked Mr. McKenzie for his assistance with the document. ***Mr. Voss motioned to recommend Policy Board approval of the RIIP, and Mr. Halter seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

### **2018 TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT:**

Mr. McKenzie reviewed the 2018 Transportation Performance Monitoring Report which tracks our region’s progress toward achievement of transportation goals, serves as a benchmark to evaluate and quantify progress, improves investment accountability and transparency, and is an annual snapshot of our region’s transportation system. Mr. McKenzie reviewed the following Measures, Trends, Scorecard Results, and Targets, and responded to questions and comments:

#### ***Goal #1: Maintain and Enhance Transportation Safety***

Number/Rate of Crashes, Fatalities, Serious Injuries, Non-Motorized Fatalities and Suspected Serious Injuries, Chemical Impairment and Distracting Driving Crashes

#### ***Goal #2: Increase System Accessibility, Mobility, and Connectivity***

Non-Interstate (US 10, 75, 23) NHS Reliability, Vehicles Miles Traveled, Number of Annual Fixed Route/Dial-a-Ride/Northstar Commuter Bus Transit Riders

#### ***Goal #3: Efficiently Manage Operations and Cost-Effectively Preserve the System***

Interstate and Non-Interstate Pavement Conditions, National Highway System Bridge Conditions, All Bridges’ Conditions, Mechanical Failures, and Transit State of Good Repair

#### ***Goal #4: Support the Economic Vitality of the APO Area by Enabling Global Competitiveness, Productivity, and Efficiency while enhancing travel and tourism.***

Truck Travel Time Reliability, Tri-CAP Trips, Air Passengers at Saint Cloud Regional Airport, and Amtrak Ridership

#### ***Goal #5: Promote Energy and Environmental Conservation***

Air/Water Quality, Percentage of Transportation Investments in Minority and Low-Income Environmental Justice Census Blocks, Transit Vehicle Using Alternative Fuel, Vehicles Registered/Sold by Powertrain and Fuel Types

Mr. Voss complimented Mr. McKenzie on the detailed report and asked that he share this information with others. ***Mr. Byrd motioned to recommend Policy Board approval of this report, and Mr. Voss seconded this motion. Motion carried.***

### **DISCUSSION OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR 2020:**

Mr. Gibson asked for the TAC’s approval of the Regional Transportation Priorities booklet and recommendation for Policy Board approval. This is the updated version of the booklet, and contains the suggestions and changes made at the last meeting. He reviewed some of the major updates which included recommendations for support of I-94 widening for other communities along the I-94 corridor, breaking up the urban beltline into specific pieces, taxi way reconfiguration at the airport, earmarks, Scout/Dehler Drive Connection in Sartell and incorporating the Northstar extension study results when they are available. The booklet will be presented to various congressional staff when Mr. Gibson and the APO Board chair travel to Washington D.C., on March 30. Mr. Voss commented that after speaking to a representative from Senator Emmer’s office, the importance of I-94 should be stressed as a national importance instead of just a regional corridor. ***Mr. Miller motioned to recommend Policy Board approval of the Priorities Booklet, and Mr. Halter seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

**OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. Johnson announced she is in the process of working on the TIP and has requested information from the jurisdictions by March 16.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.