

**SAINT CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING
Thursday, July 29, 2021 @ 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, July 29, 2021. Senior Transportation Planner Vicki Johnson presided with the following members:

Michael Kedrowski	Saint Cloud Metro Bus
Tom Cruikshank	MnDOT District 3
Kelvin Howieson	MnDOT District 3
Matt Glaseman	City of Saint Cloud
Todd Schultz	City of Sauk Rapids
Chris Byrd	Benton County
Randy Sabert	City of Saint Joseph
Jodi Teich	Stearns County
Jon Halter	City of Sartell
Steve Foss	City of Saint Cloud
Andrew Witter	Sherburne County
Nate Keller	City of Saint Joseph
Voni Vegar	MnDOT OTAT
Innocent Eyoh	MPCA
Larry Hosch	ATAC Representative
Vicki Johnson	APO, Senior Planner
Brian Gibson	APO, Executive Director
Alex McKenzie	APO, Planning Technician
Fred Sandal	APO, Associate Planner

Introductions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No Members of the Public were present.

Consideration of Consent Agenda Items

Ms. Teich made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items. Mr. Witter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Consider FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program
Administrative Modification**

Ms. Johnson summarized the administrative modification requested by The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the 2021-2024 TIP. MnDOT's Historic Roadside Property Program is proposing to push back the rehabilitation project of the historical marker along US 10 across from the reformatory.

Mr. Glaseman made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modification. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consider Amendment to APO TAC Bylaws

Ms. Johnson noted due to open meeting laws a revision is necessary to the APO TAC Bylaws. The Minnesota State Legislature has amended Minnesota State Statute 13D, known as the Open Meeting Law, to provide further clarification on conducting public meetings via electronic means. Two changes impact how the APO's TAC and Policy Board can conduct business. The first change is that the Open Meeting Law now applies to any committee or subcommittee of any public body. The previous version of the Open Meeting Law carved out an exception for advisory bodies. That exception has now been eliminated. The second change is that the law now expressly limits when members may participate via "interactive television." Unless a state of emergency is declared all voting members need to meet in person. Mr. Sabert asked if meetings must be published. Ms. Johnson clarified meetings are published ten days in advance.

Ms. Teich made a motion to approve the Amendment to APO TAC Bylaws. Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consider Draft FY 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Gibson summarized the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that serves as the APOs annual budget attachments shown in attachments F1-F2. Based on feedback from the public from the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP). Mr. Gibson would also like to budget a small amount of funds (\$5,000) to contract with community liaisons to help the APO reach traditionally underserved populations when there are public input opportunities. Mr. Byrd asked what this person would be doing, would they be knocking on doors? Mr. Gibson is not yet sure what it will look like. Ms. Johnson sat in on an effort similar to this one in Chicago. The community liaison would get educated on our projects and could go to church groups, the boys and girls club, and neighborhood meetings to communicate what projects are going on. Mr. Keller summarized the submission for a study for the Birch Street redevelopment, a project in Saint Joseph. The total proposed 2022 budget is \$920,000.

Mr. Sabert made a motion to approve the UPWP Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consider the Regional Transportation Priorities for 2022 G1-G2

Mr. Gibson discussed the briefing booklet prepared for members of congress of prioritized projects from him and Chair Perske to discuss when they go to Washington in September. There was a consensus from the Policy Board that the region should concentrate on a few very high priority projects rather than identifying many different priorities. They felt that by focusing attention on a few projects they have a better chance of receiving funding. Ms. Teich said federal highway will typically not review an environment document unless the next phase has allocated funding. Mr. Howieson said he hasn't seen a change for federal highway officially and he sent a reminder to Mr. Gibson that you need to follow up on a study that was given funding. Ms. Johnson suggested asking Ms. Retzlaff Ms. Teich's question to see if she can answer it.

Ms. Teich made a motion to approve the Regional Transportation Priorities contingent on FHWA checking on the environmental studies. Mr. Glaseman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business and Announcements

Ms. Johnson announced the 2022-2025 TIP is in public comment through August 13th. The MTP visioning process will be launching August 9th through September 10th. FY 2026 solicitation information will be sent to everyone for the August TAC meeting. Mr. Gibson mentioned the household travel survey that will begin in October. Mr. Cruikshank mentioned two project studies MnDOT will be kicking off.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.