

SAINT CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD
Thursday, May 12, 2022 – 4:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization Policy Board was held on Thursday, May 12 at 4:30 p.m. APO Chair Joe Perske presided with the following members:

Raeanne Danielowski	Sherburne County
Dottie Seamans	City of Sauk Rapids
Rick Schultz	City of Saint Joseph
Ryan Daniel	Metro Bus
Frank Theisen	City of Waite Park
Mike Conway	City of St. Cloud
Dave Masters	City of St. Cloud
Jeff Goerger	City of St. Cloud
Jared Gapinski	Benton County
Tim Elness	City of Sartell

Also in attendance were:

Stacy Morse	Rep. Tom Emmer's Office
Brian Gibson	Saint Cloud APO
Vicki Johnson	Saint Cloud APO
James Stapfer	Saint Cloud APO
Alex McKenzie	Saint Cloud APO
Amber Blattner	Saint Cloud APO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Georger motioned to approve the agenda, and Mr. Gapinski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No members of the public were in attendance. Mr. Gibson asked Ms. Morse if she had a message from congressman Emmer's office. Ms. Morse said they have received some community funding requests that they have put forth (15th Street north extension in Sartell and Heather Wood Road improvements in Saint Cloud). Ms. Morse noted her office is happy to look at any grants and is attending the policy board meeting to pass on information regarding community needs to her office.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approve Minutes of April 14, 2022 Policy Board Meeting
- b. Approve Bills Lists for April and May
- c. Approve FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications and Amendments
- d. Receive 1st Quarter Financial Report.
- e. Receive Staff Report of April 28th Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee
- f. Receive Staff Report of April 7, 2022 Meeting of the Central Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP-3)

Mr. Schultz motioned to approve the consent agenda items, and Mr. Goerger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presentation on Promoting Transportation Options

Mr. Berrens could not attend the meeting. His presentation will be rescheduled.

Presentation on FY 2021 Budget Performance

Mr. Gibson summarized the 2021 expenditures. The largest expenditure was the regional household travel survey (29% of budget). The Mississippi River Bridge Study that began in 2020 is expected to wrap up in 2022. Mr. Perske asked the City of Saint Cloud board members about their thoughts on the Mississippi River Bridge Study and if anyone knows about this project on a state level. Mr. Masters asked if there was an estimated cost on the project. Mr. Georger said around \$100 million and he agreed that the project needs to get recognized on the state level and is important. Mr. Conway said they need to find a way to bypass 23 going through town and find a different way to connect. Mr. Gapinski added that 29 would connect Sartell to 10 and provide movement on the beltway. Ms. Danielowski added that to get someone from the upper levels of MnDOT would be important. Mr. Gibson summarized the 2021 revenue. Mr. Gibson summarized the financial assets declining each year since 2018 by design so that there is not too much in savings. Mr. Gibson felt \$400,000-\$500,000 is a good amount to keep in financial assets. Mr. Gibson reviewed budget vs expended costs. Mr. Gibson noted low interest rates have limited interest income. Estimates for future income should better consider the overall economic environment. Going forward MnDOT will establish a performance measure for MPOs to expend at least 90% of the Saint Cloud APO CPG budget. Mid-year adjustments may become more common to help ensure we hit our target budget.

OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No other comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.