

SAINT CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING

Thursday, August 25, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

A meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization’s (APO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 25, 2022. Senior Transportation Planner Vicki Johnson presided with the following people in attendance:

In-Person TAC Members:

Michael Kedrowski	Saint Cloud Metro Bus
Jon Noerenberg	City of Waite Park
Jodi Teich	Stearns County
Matt Glaesman	City of Saint Cloud
Matt Staehling	City of Saint Cloud
Randy Sabart	City of Saint Joseph
Tracy Hodel	City of Saint Cloud
Tammy Buttweiler	Regional Transportation Coord. Council
Kari Theisen	City of Sartell
Angie Tomovic	MnDOT District 3
Chris Byrd	Benton County

Non-Member In-Person Attendees:

Vicki Johnson	APO, Senior Planner
Brian Gibson	APO, Executive Director
Alex McKenzie	APO, Associate Planner
James Stapfer	APO, Planning Technician

Zoom Attendees

Scott Saehr	City of Sartell
Colin Korst	Federal Transit
Steve Voss	MnDOT District 3
Jeff Lenz	MnDOT District 3
Innocent Eyoh	MPCA

Introductions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public were present.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve minutes of July 28, 2022, TAC meeting
- b. Receive staff report of Aug. 11, 2022, Policy Board meeting

Ms. Teich made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Glaesman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Ms. Johnson summarized the status of the TIP. APO staff released the document on July 13, 2022, and public comment concluded on Aug. 12, 2022. During that time staff held two open houses. Ms. Johnson summarized the results of the public comment period, including the information from the nine surveys that were available. APO staff received 14 responses to the nine online surveys. Comments can be found in chapter 5 of the APO's draft TIP.

Ms. Teich made the motion to recommend the Policy Board approve the draft 2023-2026 TIP. Ms. Tomovic seconded. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE 2022 REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (ATP)

The Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP) identifies needs, resources, and strategies to enhance the safe and convenient use of non-motorized modes of transportation. This plan is to complement the MTP, Looking Ahead 2050. Mr. McKenzie noted this is the first non-motorized plan that the APO has completed. Public input for the ATP took place from June 15, 2022, to July 15, 2022. During that time staff held two open houses. There was a total of nine responses and 10 comments from the survey.

Mr. Glaesman made the motion to recommend the Policy Board approve the Regional ATP. Mr. Noerenberg seconded. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF 2023 GREATER MINNESOTA HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) PROJECTS

This is a special solicitation that launched in July. MnDOT District 3 targets approximately \$1.6 million in funding. Applications are due to the Office of Traffic Engineering by Friday, Sept. 9, 2022, and will be awarded around late September. Ms. Johnson has reached out to all the APO jurisdictions and asked if there were any projects they would like to submit. Sherburne County and Stearns County both intend to apply for this solicitation. Ms. Teich summarized some of the project upgrades needed in Stearns County. Mr. Voss added there is an estimated \$9.1 million of additional funding coming in from IIJA for the next four years for District 3. Ms. Johnson noted both cities and counties can apply for HSIP.

Ms. Teich made the motion to recommend the Policy Board approval of these projects for HSIP funding consideration. Mr. Noerenberg seconded. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Johnson announced the Transportation Alternatives solicitation is coming up around the beginning of October. The STBGP solicitation is also coming up in October. Mr. Gibson said the TAC may need meet in October to discuss the 2050 forecasts. Mr. Voss gave an update on the IIJA additional funding, distribution of funding is population based and we will need to decide as an ATP over the next couple months on how we best manage funding. Ms. Johnson noted she wants to make sure we use all funding that is available. Ms. Teich announced the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan is currently out for public comment. Mr. Voss noted there will be a public hearing on Sept. 7, 2022, for the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan. Mr. Eyoh noted the application deadline to replace all diesel vehicles and equipment is on Aug. 31, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.