

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

Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

A special meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization’s (APO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023. Senior Transportation Planner Vicki Johnson presided with the following people in attendance:

In-Person TAC Members:

Michael Kedrowski	Saint Cloud Metro Bus
Jodi Teich	Stearns County
Steve Voss	MnDOT
Tracy Hodel	City of St. Cloud
Matt Glaesman	City of St. Cloud
Scott Hedlund	City of Sauk Rapids
Mark Loidolt	Benton County
Randy Sabart	City of St. Joseph
Andrew Witter	Sherburne County
Kari Theisen	City of Sartell
Dave Blommel	City of Waite Park

Non-Member In-Person Attendees:

Scott Lange	SEH, on behalf of City of Sartell
Vicki Johnson	APO, Senior Planner
Brian Gibson	APO, Executive Director
Alex McKenzie	APO, Associate Planner
James Stapfer	APO, Planning Technician

Zoom Attendees

Innocent Eyoh	MPCA
Joe Klein	MnDOT
Colin Korst	FTA
Angie Tomovic	MnDOT
Voni Vegar	MnDOT, OTAT

Introductions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public were present.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve minutes of Nov. 10, 2022, TAC meeting
- b. Receive Technical Advisory Committee Attendance Record for 2022
- c. Receive staff report of Jan. 12, 2023, Policy Board meeting
- d. Receive staff report of Jan. 23, 2023, Central Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP-3) Meeting

e. Receive staff report of Jan. 24, 2023, Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) meeting.

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

Consideration of FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Ms. Johnson summarized the requests for changes from the following entities: City of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), City of Sartell, Saint Cloud Metro Bus, Stearns County, WACOSA, and Sherburne County. A public comment period was held from Dec. 28, 2022 through Jan. 27, 2023.

Mr. Voss made the motion to recommend the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications for Policy Board approval. Ms. Teich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration of APO FY 2027 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program candidate projects

Ms. Johnson reviewed the FY 2027 STBGP Prioritizations. Ms. Johnson noted due to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) additional funding has been made available to each of the four planning regions that must be allocated in FY 2026. The APO has \$4,143,774 to allocate, \$1,639,114 must be allocated in 2026. APO has received six applications: City of Saint Cloud 22nd Street S reconstruction, City of Sauk Rapids's Second Ave S reconstruction, City of Sartell's 15th Street N extension ROW, City of Sartell's 15th Street N extension construction, Stearns County's CSAH 1 reconstruction, Benton County's CSAH 3 full depth reclamation. Ms. Johnson summarized the APO staff rankings. City of Saint Cloud was ranked number one and City of Sauk Rapids was ranked number two. Ms. Teich asked why the two City of Sartell projects scored different when they are essentially the same project. Ms. Johnson noted that the Sartell application was written as a right-of-way project when it is geared toward construction. Ms. Johnson summarized the TAC's rankings to recommend funding be distributed as follows: the City of Saint Cloud taking \$1.8 million, City of Sauk Rapids \$1.4 million and the remaining \$943,774 would be left for the City of Sartell right-of-way project.

Mr. Glaesman made the motion to recommend the City of St. Cloud, City of Sauk Rapids, and City of Sartell ROW projects for Policy Board Approval. Mr. Loidolt seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Hodel made the motion to recommend ranking the remaining projects in the event additional funding is made available as follows: Stearns County (#4), Benton County (#5), City of Sartell construction (#6). Ms. Teich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Witter made a motion for the TAC to not consider another STBGP application for construction of the City of Sartell's 15th Street N corridor

extension project from Pinecone Road to 19th Avenue N. Mr. Sabart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consideration of APO FY 2027 Transportation Alternatives candidate projects prioritization

Fourteen applications were received district wide to compete for the \$2.5 million available in 2027. Two applications were received from the APO: City of Sartell trail and sidewalk gap project and the City of Waite Park 15th Avenue N Trail. TAC representatives heard presentations on each of the applications. The Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) had recommended assigning the regional priority points as follows: City of Waite Park 10 points, City of Sartell five points.

Mr. Sabart made the motion to recommend final prioritization including the assignment of the 10 regional priority points to Waite Park and five regional priority points to Sartell. Ms. Teich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration of APO 2023 Carbon Reduction Program candidate projects

Mr. Gibson summarized the Carbon Reduction Program. The APOs annual allocation is approximately \$270,000. APO received two project proposals from the City of Saint Cloud. The first project is for the installation of EV charging stations at five locations throughout the city. The second project is for the installation of dynamic lighting control in city-owned parking ramps. The EV charging stations are eligible for CRP funds. At a national level, FHWA had determined that dynamic lighting control for parking ramps was not eligible for CRP funding.

Mr. Glaesman made the motion to recommend Policy Board approval of five EV charging stations from the City of St. Cloud. Mr. Witter seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business and Announcements

TIP amendments are due by Monday, Feb. 13. TIP financials and ALOP forms will be sent out within the next two weeks for FY 2024-2027 TIP and will be due by mid-March. Stearns Benton TZD is looking for additional members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.