

**SAINT CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING**
Thursday, Feb. 1 @ 10 a.m.

A meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization's (APO's) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024. Senior Transportation Planner Vicki Johnson presided with the following people in attendance:

Voting Members:

Luke Langer	City of Saint Cloud (alternate)
Matt Glaesman	City of Saint Cloud
Michael Kedrowski	Saint Cloud Metro Bus
Jon Noerenberg	City of Waite Park
Chris Byrd	Benton County
Jodi Teich	Stearns County
Kari Theisen	City of Sartell
Nate Keller	City of Saint Joseph (alternate)
Pete Eckhoff	City of Sauk Rapids (alternate)
Steve Voss	MnDOT District 3

Non-Voting Members:

David Murphy	City of Saint Joseph (non-voting)
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Non-Member Attendees:

Brian Gibson	APO, Executive Director
Vicki Johnson	APO, Senior Planner
Alex McKenzie	APO, Associate Planner
Trina Ness	APO, Administrative Assistant

Zoom Attendees:

Erika Shepard	MnDOT MPO Coordinator
Colin Korst	Federal Transit Administration
James Stapfer	APO, Planning Technician

Introductions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public were present.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve minutes of the Oct. 26, 2023, TAC meeting.
- b. Receive staff report of the Nov. 9, 2023, Policy Board meeting.
- c. Receive staff report of the Jan. 11, 2024, Policy Board meeting.

- d. Receive report on 2023 attendance for TAC
- e. Receive staff report on Jan. 26, 2024, Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) meeting.

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE FY 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Ms. Johnson provided an overview of the proposed amendments and modifications to the APO’s 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program. This included requests from the following entities: Saint Cloud APO (Mississippi River crossing environmental study); Saint Cloud Metro Bus (operating funds, replacement operations vehicles, and facility improvements); WACOSA (replacement vehicles); City of Saint Cloud (EV charging station and 22nd Street S); Sherburne County (CR 65/45th Avenue); and Stearns County (CSAH 133). Ms. Johnson reviewed the public engagement outreach conducted as well as provided a general overview of comments received during this period.

Mr. Norenberg made a Motion to recommend Policy Board approval of the TIP Amendments/Modifications. Ms. Teich seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2028 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION (STGBP)

Ms. Johnson reviewed the FY 2028 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STGBP). The Central Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership is targeted to receive \$12.2 million. Of that, the Saint Cloud APO would receive 20.53% of that allocation, amounting to \$2,504,660.

APO staff received three applications for the FY 2028 STGBP solicitation:

- Benton County CSAH 3 full depth reclamation.
- Stearns County CSAH 133 resurfacing.
- Stearns County CSAH 1 reconstruction.

Ms. Johnson and each respective applicant provided a brief presentation of their projects. Ms. Johnson also presented the preliminary ranking done by APO staff and proposed funding distribution.

The proposed funding distribution/ranking presented was as follows:

Applicant	Project Title	Proposed Ranking	Proposed Funding
Benton County	Benton CSAH 3, from CSAH 1 to CR 44, full depth reclamation and bituminous	2	\$1,004,660

Applicant	Project Title	Proposed Ranking	Proposed Funding
	surfacing		
Stearns County	CSAH 133 from Pinecone Road to 4 th Avenue S in Sartell, Resurfacing	3	\$0
Stearns County	CSAH 1, from near Rice Bridge to Stearns/Morrison County line, reconstruction and shoulder widening	1	\$1,500,000

Ms. Teich made a Motion to recommend Policy Board approval of the ranking/prioritization for STBGP funding consideration as laid out by the APO staff. Mr. Glaesman seconded the Motion. Motion carried. There was one abstention, Mr. Voss.

CONSIDERATION OF FY 2028 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) APPLICATIONS

Ms. Johnson reviewed the prioritization for the FY 2028 Transportation Alternatives. There were 17 applications received district wide to compete for the \$2.5 million available in 2028. The six applications received from the APO were:

- City of Saint Cloud – 22nd Street South
- City of Saint Cloud – Ninth Avenue South/13th Street South
- City of Sauk Rapids – Second Avenue South RR Crossing
- City of Sauk Rapids – CSAH 3 pedestrian improvements
- City of Sartell – 15th Street South sidewalk
- City of Saint Joseph – gap filling project

Ms. Johnson and each respective applicant provided a brief presentation of their projects. Ms. Johnson also presented the preliminary ranking done by members of the APO’s Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) and proposed regional priority points distribution.

The proposed regional priority point distribution/ranking presented was as follows:

Applicant	Project Description	Proposed Ranking	Priority Point Distribution
City of Saint Cloud	Reconstruction of 22 nd Street S – multimodal components to include 6’ wide sidewalk, 6’ wide bike lanes	3	0
City of	Filling sidewalk gaps on 13 th Street S	1	10

Applicant	Project Description	Proposed Ranking	Priority Point Distribution
Saint Cloud	from 11 th Avenue S to Ninth Avenue S. Installation of a pedestrian activated crossing at the intersection of 13 th Street S and Ninth Avenue S		
City of Sauk Rapids	Construction of a sidewalk extension across dual set of railroad tracks adjacent to Second Avenue S and Benton Drive South	2	5
City of Sauk Rapids	Installing pedestrian crosswalk flasher system along CSAH 3 at the intersections of Sixth Avenue N and Summit Avenue N	5	0
City of Sartell	Installation of a sidewalk along Pinecone Road from 15 th Street S to Roberts Road. This project will also include a push button flasher system at the intersection of Roberts Road and Pinecone Road S	6	0
City of Saint Joseph	Construct a shared use path and crosswalk connecting the Lake Wobegon Trail Head to existing network; Sidewalk construction along College Avenue; Sidewalk/crosswalk construction at various locations along Second Avenue NW and W Ash Street	4	0

Mr. Glaesman made a Motion to recommend final ranking/proposed prioritization point distribution for Policy Board approval. Mr. Langer seconded the Motion. Motion carried. One abstention (Mr. Voss) and one nay vote (Mr. Keller).

CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEERING REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ATP-3 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Johnson stated that the APO is in need of a new engineering representative for the TA evaluation committee. Mr. Witter (Sherburne County) has been reviewing TA applications for the past two years and would like a reprieve.

Ms. Teich was nominated.

Mr. Byrd made a Motion to accept Ms. Teich as the representative to the ATP-3 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Evaluation Committee. Mr. Langer seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Johnson reminded TAC representatives about the upcoming TIP amendment deadline on Feb. 12. She also stated emails regarding the financial information and annual listing of obligated projects information to assist in the development of the 2025-2028 TIP will be sent out to TAC representatives within the next two weeks.

Ms. Johnson also reminded TAC representatives about the upcoming Policy Board meeting on Feb. 7. After this meeting, Ms. Johnson said there would be a separate meeting to discuss the urban beltline.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.