

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

Thursday, May 29, 2025 @ 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, May 29, 2025. Senior Transportation Planner Vicki Johnson presided with the following people in attendance:

Voting Members:

Zac Borgerding	City of Saint Cloud
Matt Glaesman	City of Saint Cloud
Randy Sabart	City of Saint Joseph
April Ryan	City of Sartell (Alternate for Kari Haakonson)
Todd Schultz	City of Sauk Rapids
Dave Blommel	City of Waite Park (Alternate for Jon Noerenberg)
Chris Byrd	Benton County
Jodi Teich	Stearns County
Michael Kedrowski	Saint Cloud Metro Bus
Steve Voss	MnDOT District 3

Non-Member Attendees:

Brian Gibson	APO, Executive Director
Vicki Johnson	APO, Senior Planner
Alex McKenzie	APO, Associate Planner
Trina Ness	APO, Administrative Specialist
James Stapfer	APO, Planning Technician
Tad Erickson	MnDOT District 3, Planner

Online Attendees:

David Roedel	Sherburne County
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1. Introductions were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public were present.

3. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Approve minutes of the April 24, 2025, TAC meeting
- b. Receive staff report of May 8, 2025, Policy Board meeting

Mr. Byrd made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Borgerding seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. CONSIDERATION OF FY 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Ms. Johnson presented the Draft FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The draft TIP spans four fiscal years, is updated annually and includes projects that receive funding from federal and/or state (MnDOT) sources.

Ms. Johnson provided a recap of the new projects to be listed within the draft TIP, most of which were added as a result of solicitations occurring in fall 2024/winter 2025.

The draft FY 2026-2029 TIP was submitted to MnDOT, FHWA, and FTA for review on May 8, 2025, and updates were made to the document to be consistent with current presidential executive orders per FHWA guidance.

Please note that this is a draft document and there will be changes between now and public comment being launched.

Mr. Kedrowski made a motion to recommend Policy Board approval to release the FY 2026-2029 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a 30-day public comment period no later than July 16, 2025. Ms. Teich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. CONSIDERATION OF THE 2023 TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT (TPMR)

Mr. Stapfer presented the 2023 Transportation Performance Monitoring Report stating the report includes a set of performance measures that track the region's progress towards the achievement of transportation goals. Performance measures are designed to serve as a benchmark to evaluate and quantify progress and improve accountability of federal transportation investments, assess risks related to different performance levels, and increase transparency. The report serves as a snapshot of the region to help the APO, and its planning partners better understand current and anticipated performance of the transportation system and how well it is moving toward achieving the goals stated in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Mr. Stapfer continued by reviewing the miscellaneous Safety, Multimodal Connections, and System and Environmental Stewardship Statistics.

Ms. Teich made a motion to recommend Policy Board approval to publish the Transportation Performance Monitoring Report (TPMR). Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SS4A discussion planned for June's TAC meeting
- There will also be a July TAC meeting to discuss SS4A
- Mr. Voss stated that the Corridors of Commerce Readiness Advancement applications will be discussed/screened at the June ATP-3 meeting.
 - The St. Cloud APO submitted the Hwy 15 & Hwy 23 project as well as the

- Hwy 15 to Hwy 10 corridor study.
- The I-94 West End Corridor Coalition is petitioning to expand I-94 from 4 to 6 lanes from Clearwater (Hwy 24) to Waite Park (Hwy 23).
- In total, approximately seven projects will need to be evaluated by the ATP. The top two projects will be forwarded on to the state for funding consideration.

Mr. Voss stated that they will need a letter of support from the APO, St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce and impacted jurisdictions (City of Saint Cloud, Stearns, County, Benton County) by July 2025 regarding the Highway 15 and Highway 23 project, as well as the Hwy 15 to Hwy 10 Corridor Study. The APO has already received a letter of support from the City of Sauk Rapids. Mr. Voss also stated that Wright County submitted a Hwy 25 project in Monticello and may also submit the project to expand I-94 from Clearwater (Hwy 24) which is in Wright County, to Waite Park (Hwy 23). At this time, he is still working with Wright County to determine if they will be taking the lead on this proposed project as well.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.