

**SAINT CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD
Thursday, June 12, 2025 – 4:30 PM**

A regular meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization Policy Board was held on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. Vice Chair Jake Anderson presided with the following members present:

Mark Johnson	City of Saint Cloud (Alternate for Scott Brodeen)
Dottie Seamans	City of Sauk Rapids
Mayor Adam Scepaniak	City of St. Joseph
Jeff Bertram	Stearns County (Alternate for Joe Perske)
Raeanne Danielowski	Sherburne County
Jeff Westerlund	Le Sauk Township
Michael Kedrowski	Metro Bus (Alternate for Ryan Daniel)

Also in attendance were:

Brian Gibson	Saint Cloud APO
Vicki Johnson	Saint Cloud APO
Alex McKenzie	Saint Cloud APO
Trina Ness	Saint Cloud APO
Dave Green	Metro Bus
Mike Keller	Metro Bus

Absent:

Mike Conway	City of Saint Cloud
Tim Elness	City of Sartell
Frank Theisen	City of Waite Park

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Ms. Seamans motioned to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Westerlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

No members of the public were present.

- 5. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - a. Approve Minutes of May 8, 2025, Policy Board Meeting
 - b. Approve May Bills List
 - c. Approve Letter of Support for Corridors of Commerce Readiness Advancement Application for MN-15 Planning/Design
 - d. Approve Letter of Support for Corridors of Commerce Readiness Advancement Application for I-94
 - e. Approve Letter of Support for MetroBus Grant Application
 - f. Receive 2025 Q-1 Budget-to-Actual Report
 - g. Receive Cost Sharing Agreement Progress Report
 - h. Receive Staff Report of May 29, 2025, Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Ms. Seamans motioned to approve the amended consent agenda items. Mr. Scepaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. CONSIDER DRAFT FY 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Ms. Johnson reviewed the definition of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and how it fits into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). She stated the draft TIP spans four fiscal years, is updated annually and includes projects that receive funding from federal and/or state (MnDOT) sources.

The TIP must be identical to the Area Transportation Improvement Program (ATIP) is made up of 12 counties. There are eight Area Transportation Partnerships. The TIP and the ATIP are incorporated into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The draft FY 2026-2029 TIP has approximately 118 projects in the long-range plan varying from capacity expansion, system preservation, and reconstruction. The TIP contains:

- A list of the federally funded projects (2026-2029)
- Performance Measures (Safety Targets, System Performance, Infrastructure Performance, etc.)
- Financial Analysis/Fiscal Constraint
- Public Engagement
- Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

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.

Ms. Johnson stated currently the TIP in the *working draft* stage. *Public comment* will commence July 16, 2025, upon approved, and *Policy Board Approval* is anticipated September 11, 2025.

Mr. Scepaniak motioned to approve the release of the FY 2026-2029 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a 30-day public comment period. Ms. Danieloski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. PRESENTATION OF “METROBUS FORWARD”

Mr. Green presented Metro Bus Forward and what is included in the plan:

- Identification of transit and community needs
 - State of the System Report
 - Fare analysis
 - Collection and reporting of detailed ridership data
- Engagement with stakeholders, community members, and staff
- Draft and Final Service Recommendations

Mr. Green stated that they partnered with Nelson Nygaard Consulting for assistance in drafting the plan. He spoke about community outreach & engagement, which proved to be beneficial in creating the final plans.

Mr. Green discussed the project documents reviewing the State of the System Report, Route Profiles, and the Engagement Survey. He reviewed the Recommendations Survey, Recommendations, Short-Term Recommendations, Fixed Route Service, Dial-A-Ride and, On Demand Service, the New Western

Transit Center, Future Priorities, the Impacts of the Recommendations, and the Implementation Plan and Schedule which indicated the implementation and service launch will be Fall of 2026.

8. CONSIDER 2023 TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT (TPMR)

Mr. Stapfer presented the 2023 Transportation Performance Monitoring Report (TPMR) 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.

Mr. Kedrowski motioned to approve publication of the 2023 Transportation Performance Monitoring Report (TPMR). Ms. Seamans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no other business or announcements.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Westerlund motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Danielowski seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.