

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

A regular meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization Policy Board was held on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Jared Gapinski presided with the following members present:

Mayor Jake Anderson	City of Saint Cloud
Scott Brodeen	City of Saint Cloud
Mike Conway	City of Saint Cloud
Tim Elness	City of Sartell
Dottie Seamans	City of Sauk Rapids
Mayor Adam Scepaniak	City of Saint Joseph
Frank Theisen	City of Waite Park
Joe Perske	Stearns County
Raeanne Danielowski	Sherburne County
Jeff Westerlund	Le Sauk Township

Also in attendance were:

Brian Gibson	Saint Cloud APO
Vicki Johnson	Saint Cloud APO
Alex McKenzie	Saint Cloud APO
Trina Ness	Saint Cloud APO

Absent:

Ryan Daniel	Metro Bus
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**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

***Mr. Theisen motioned to approve the 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 August 14, 2025, Policy Board Meeting
- b. Approve Bills List
- c. Receive Cost-Sharing Agreement Progress Report

***Mr. Theisen motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Ms. Seamans seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

## 6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FY 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Ms. Johnson explained what the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) is and reviewed its purpose. She spoke about the TIP and how it and the Area Transportation Improvement Program (ATIP) must be identical, and those two documents are incorporated into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). She went on to review the steps that were taken for public engagement, which consisted of:

- Released the draft Document on July 16th, 2025, for public comment which concluded on August 15, 2025.
- Published a legal notice in the newspaper of record, St. Cloud Live.
- Contacted individuals who have expressed interest in APO planning activities via email.
- Contacted those organizations that work closely with traditionally underrepresented populations.
- Developed nine jurisdictional online surveys pertaining to the projects listed in the TIP that have yet to be constructed. These surveys did not contain projects that have already been constructed and are only awaiting Federal reimbursement.
- Posted information about how to provide public comment on the Draft FY 2026-2029 TIP on the APO's website, the APO's Facebook page, the APO's Instagram account, the APO's YouTube Channel, and the APO's Nextdoor account.
- Hosted an in-person open house at the Saint Cloud branch of the Great River Regional Library on Wednesday, July 30, and a virtual open house via Facebook Live on Monday, Aug. 4.
- Shared social media information with social media accounts connected to local agencies and jurisdictions.

Ms. Johnson stated APO staff received several comments from the in-person engagement event. These, one emailed comment, and responses to several APO social media posts can be found in Chapter 5 of the Draft FY 2026-2029 TIP. APO staff also received 167 responses to the nine jurisdictional online surveys. A complete list of those responses can be found in Appendix C of the Draft TIP.

Ms. Johnson gave a summary of comments received during public engagement events. She stated all jurisdictions have been provided with their specific comments (TAC and Policy Board). She reviewed projects in the final draft of the FY 2026-2029 TIP which can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/msv3avbb>.

***Mr. Conway motioned to Approve the Draft FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Scepaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Danielowski began a discussion regarding Hwy 10, CR 65, and the pending gravel mining operation traffic. She inquired if there should be an interchange that might eventually tie into the river crossing. She also asked if there is a possible need for a study in that area.

- Mr. Conway began a discussion regarding the functional classification and whether all cities look to the APO's functional classification when working on their Capital Improvement Plan.
- Mr. Anderson, along with others, discussed the potential for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) regarding 322nd Street, its functional classification, and the process for moving the status of the project up.
- Mr. Perske inquired if there are any other projects that are receiving CDS. Others responded with the following:
  - Benton CR 1
  - Hwy 23 South of Willmar
  - APO Bridge EIS
- Ms. Johnson asked that if any jurisdiction receives CDS, or knows that they are applying, please let her know.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

***Mr. Conway motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Westerlund seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Gapinski adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.***