

**SAINT CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING  
Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026 @ 10 a.m.**

A meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization's (APO's) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 10:10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026. 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
Kari Haakonson	City of Sartell
Scott Hedlund	City of Sauk Rapids (alt)
Dave Blommel	City of Waite Park (alt)
David Roedel	Sherburne County
Chris Byrd	Stearns County
Steve Voss	MnDOT District 3
Michael Kedrowski	Metro Bus

Non-Member Attendees:

Brian Gibson	APO, Executive Director
Vicki Johnson	APO, Senior Planner
Alex McKenzie	APO, Associate Planner
Trina Ness	APO, Administrative Specialist
Nate Keller	City of Saint Joseph

Online Attendees:

Jeff Lenz	MnDOT District 3
Nene Israel	Metro Bus
James Stapfer	APO, Planning Technician

**1. Introductions were made.**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Approve minutes of Oct. 30, 2025, TAC meeting
- b. Receive staff report of Nov. 14, 2025, Policy Board meeting
- c. Receive staff report of Dec. 11, 2025, Policy Board meeting
- d. Receive staff report of Jan. 8, 2025, Policy Board meeting
- e. Receive staff report of Jan. 15, 2026, Central Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP-3) Meeting

f. Receive 2025 TAC Representative Attendance Record

*Mr. Glaesman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Voss seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

#### **4. CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS**

Ms. Johnson reviewed the purpose of the TIP and explained each modification that has been proposed.

- Requests from:
  - **Stearns County:** CSAH 133 roundabout and CSAH 1 reconstruction.
  - **Benton County:** CSAH 3 reclamation and CSAH 29 extension.
  - **Saint Cloud Metro Bus:** Northstar Commuter Bus operating funds.
  - **City of Sauk Rapids:** Second Avenue S sidewalk and pedestrian crossing.
  - **MnDOT:** EV charging station.

Public comment was advertised on:

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Nextdoor
- Central MN ATP-3 website
- APO website
- St. Cloud Live legal notice

Public comment was open from Dec. 17, 2025 – Jan. 16, 2026.

There were sixteen online survey participants.

An in-person open house was held on Jan. 5, 2026, at the Great River Regional Library with no attendees.

A virtual open house was held on Jan. 7, 2026.

*Ms. Haakonson made a motion to recommend Policy Board approval of the FY 2026-2029 TIP Amendments & Modifications. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

#### **5. CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2028-2030 APO-MANAGED CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM CANDIDATE PROJECTS**

Ms. Johnson reviewed what the Carbon Reduction Program is and the funding available for it in both the APO's urbanized area and the APO's rural area (which is handled by the Central Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP-3)).

Region	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
APO <b>URBANIZED</b> Area	\$170,000	\$270,000	\$270,000
ATP-3 (includes APO rural area)	<b>Did not solicit</b>	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000

In total, the APO has \$710,000 in CRP funding to target between FY 2028 and FY 2030.

She stated that only one project was received for our urbanized area.

Ms. Johnson reviewed the City of Waite Park’s request stating this application is strictly for the roundabout at the intersection of MSAS 103 (10th Avenue S) and First Street S. Mr. Blommel spoke about the project and its importance, as well as how the city intends to tie in this project with the MN 23 reconstruction slated for 2028.

Applicant	Project Title	APO Average Score	APO Staff Ranking	Requested CRP Funds	Proposed CRP Funding
City of Waite Park	Construction of a roundabout at the intersection of MSAS 103 (10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue S) and First Street S	82.92	<b>1</b>	\$710,000	<b>\$710,000</b>

*Mr. Sabart made a motion to recommend Policy Board approval to prioritize the Waite Park project as the top CRP project for the APO as well as fund the City of Waite Park’s project the full \$710,000 targeted to the APO through CRP for fiscal years 2028 through 2030. Mr. Glaesman seconded the motion. Mr. Voss abstained. Motion carried.*

## **6. CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2030 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (STBGP) CANDIDATE PROJECTS**

Ms. Johnson stated the APO’s FY 2030 STBGP funding target is \$2,402,010. The APO received three applications during this solicitation for funds.

- City of Sauk Rapids 11th Street N reconstruction.
- City of Saint Cloud Ninth Avenue/10th Avenue reconstruction.
- City of Waite Park 10th Avenue S expansion and roundabout.

In total, \$5,914,000 in federal funding assistance was requested.

Ms. Johnson went on to review the project description of the federal funding

request for the City of Sauk Rapids - 11th Street N reconstruction. The City of Sauk Rapids is seeking \$1,744,000 in federal funding to support the reconstruction of 11<sup>th</sup> Street N (MSAS 101) from Second Avenue N to Sixth Avenue N. This project would also include sidewalk, storm water, sanitary sewer, and water main improvements in the area. Mr. Hedlund spoke regarding the City of Sauk Rapids' project.

Ms. Johnson reviewed the project description of the federal funding request for the City of Saint Cloud's Ninth/10th Avenue reconstruction. The City of Saint Cloud is seeking \$2,170,000 in federal funding to support the reconstruction of Ninth/10<sup>th</sup> Avenue (MSAS 145) from University Drive to Second Street N. This project would also include utility and sidewalk work. Mr. Borgerding and Mr. Glaesman spoke regarding the City of Saint Cloud's project.

Ms. Johnson reviewed the City of Waite Park's project description of the federal funding request for the City of Waite Park's 10th Avenue S expansion. The City of Waite Park is seeking \$2 million to expand 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue S (MSAS 103) from MN 23 to 100' south of the railroad tracks. This project will also include the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue S and the eastern leg of First Street S. Mr. Blommel spoke regarding the City of Waite Park's project.

Ms. Johnson then reviewed the Saint Cloud APO staff's preliminary scoring rubric stating the City of Waite Park received the number 1 ranking, the City of Saint Cloud received the number 2 ranking, and the City of Sauk Rapids received the number 3 ranking.

Applicant	Project Title	APO Average Score	APO Staff Ranking	Requested STBGP funds	STBGP Funding %
<b>City of Sauk Rapids</b>	Reconstruction of MSAS 101 (11 <sup>th</sup> Street N) from Second Avenue N to Sixth Avenue N, including roadway, sidewalk, storm water, sanitary sewer, and water main improvements	136	<b>3</b>	\$1,744,000	60%
<b>City of Saint Cloud</b>	Reconstruction of public utilities, roadway, and sidewalks on MSAS 145 (Ninth Avenue/10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue) from University Drive to Second Street N	165	<b>2</b>	\$2,170,000	33%
<b>City of Waite Park</b>	Expansion of MSAS 103 (10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue S) from TH 23 to 100' S of RR tracks. Installation of roundabout at intersection of 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue S and First Street S	173	<b>1</b>	\$2,000,000	60%

Mr. Glaseman indicated the City of Saint Cloud would be willing to split the funding target evenly with the City of Waite Park – each receiving \$1,201,005 in STBGP funding. He indicated the City would be able to cover some of the remaining federal

funding request through other means – mainly bond funding.

*Mr. Glaesman made a motion to recommend Policy Board approve the following:*

- *Funding target distribution:*
  - *City of Waite Park 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue S expansion/roundabout: \$1,201,005.*
  - *City of Saint Cloud Ninth/10<sup>th</sup> Avenue reconstruction: \$1,201,005.*
- *Project prioritization*
  - *City of Waite Park 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue S expansion/roundabout: 1.*
  - *City of Saint Cloud Ninth/10<sup>th</sup> Avenue reconstruction: 2.*
  - *City of Sauk Rapids 11<sup>th</sup> Street N reconstruction: 3.*

*Mr. Blommel seconded the motion. Mr. Voss abstained. Motion carried.*

## **7. CONSIDERATION OF THE SAINT CLOUD APO'S FY 2030 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) CANDIDATE PROJECTS**

Ms. Johnson stated there were five applications received districtwide to compete for approximately \$2.4 million available in FY 2030. She did indicate that one of those applications was ineligible (Region 7E project) and there was a high likelihood of another application also being ineligible (Region 5 project) – final decision pending. Three applications were received by the district for projects within the APO's planning area.

- City of Sauk Rapids Mayhew Lake Road Trail extension.
- City of Saint Joseph River's Bend Trail connection.
- City of Saint Cloud Heatherwood Road/Beaver Islands Trail extension.

Ms. Johnson provided a brief review of the City of Sauk Rapids' project. The City of Sauk Rapids is planning to construct a grade separated trail along the eastern side of Mayhew Lake Road NE from Storm Street NE (formerly referred to as Water Tower Road) to the roundabout to be constructed at CSAH 29. Mr. Hedlund spoke on behalf of the City of Sauk Rapids' project.

Ms. Johnson then reviewed the City of Saint Joseph's project. The City of Saint Joseph is planning to construct a grade separated trail along College Avenue S between Kennedy Community School and River's Bend Park. Mr. Keller and Mr. Sabart spoke on behalf of the City of Saint Joseph's project.

Finally, Ms. Johnson discussed the City of Saint Cloud's Heatherwood Road/Beaver Islands Trail project. The City of Saint Cloud is planning to complete the 1.5-mile gap in the Beaver Islands Trail between Clearwater Road and Opportunity Drive. This connection would be constructed alongside the Heatherwood Road corridor extension. Mr. Borgerding and Mr. Glaesman spoke on behalf of the City of Saint Cloud's project.

Ms. Johnson stated that this is more of a discussion-based ranking as to how the TAC feels the projects should be ranked in terms of regional priority. The number one project would receive 10 regional priority points, which will be added after the technical scoring has been done by the review committee. The number two project

would receive 5 regional priority points, which, again will be added after technical scoring has been done by the review committee. There is a minimum technical ranking of 65 that a project needs to meet to qualify for funding.

Ms. Johnson went on to state that the TAC needs to rank the projects and assign regional priority points to the top two projects. She also stated that those points will be added to the technical scores to be completed by the ATP-3 TA subcommittee.

*Ms. Haakonson made a motion to recommend the City of Sauk Rapids be ranked first, the City of Saint Cloud be ranked second, and the City of Saint Joseph be ranked third as final ranking with proposed prioritization points distribution with the City of Sauk Rapids' project receiving 10 points, and the City of Saint Cloud's project receiving 5 points for Policy Board approval. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Mr. Voss abstained. Motion carried.*

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Johnson stated that the next round of TIP Amendments/Modifications are due Feb. 9, 2026. She also stated that the TIP financial spreadsheets and ALOP forms will be sent out by next week for the FY 2027-2030 TIP and will be due by mid-March.

Mr. Voss stated that overall, the number of applicants received for solicitations across ATP-3 were down. Aside from STBGP, the ATP did not receive as many TA, CRP, Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT), and the Local Partnership Program (LPP) applications. It is uncertain at this time how the ATP would like to handle distributing those unspent dollars – if a second solicitation would be done or if those funds would just be carried over into the fall 2026 solicitations for FY 2031 funding.

Mr. Borgerding asked if there could be a staggering of the solicitations because it's difficult to process several applications at the same time. Mr. Voss stated that it would have to be taken up at the ATP-3 level.

Next, Mr. Voss discussed the projects selected for funding through the Minnesota Corridors of Commerce Readiness Advancement program.

Within ATP-3, there were six projects that were submitted for this first round of funding:

- Elk River US 10/US 169 interchanges
- Sherburne County US 10/CSAH 11 interchange
- Wright County MN 25 river crossing
- Saint Cloud APO MN 15 at MN 23 median U-turn
- Highway 23 Coalition corridor study of MN 23 from Foley to I-35.
- I-94 Corridor Coalition corridor study of I-94 from Clearwater to Rockville.

Five projects statewide were selected to receive funding including the Saint Cloud APO's MN 15 preliminary engineering for the median U-turn at the MN 23 junctions and larger corridor study of MN 15 to US 10 junction near Sauk Rapids. The APO was awarded \$2.5 million in funding.

Elk River also received funding (\$1,370,000) for their project.

Mr. Hedlund asked if there were plans to get rid of the signals along MN 15. Mr. Gibson responded that there was a planning study done in 2020 to explore options for bypassing the cross-traffic. He stated the median U-turn (MUT) seemed to be the most cost-effective remedy, and the funding the APO received through Corridors of Commerce will conduct a feasibility study for that possible alternative on MN 15.

Mr. Hedlund stated that there seems to be a lot of money out there for mega-projects in communities similar to Saint Cloud such as Elk River, Willmar, Brainerd, and Mankato. He said it would be nice if some of those funds could be used to improve the operations of MN 15.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.