SAINT CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING

Thursday, July 30, 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 10:03 a.m. Thursday, July 30, 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
Bartt Gevens	City of Sartell [Alt. for Kari Haakonson]
Todd Schultz	City of Sauk Rapids
Chris Byrd	Stearns County
Michael Kedrowski	Metro Bus
Steve Voss	MnDOT District 3
Jon Norenberg	City of Waite Park

Non-Member Attendees:	
Vicki Johnson	APO, Senior Planner
Alex McKenzie	APO, Associate Planner
Trina Ness	APO, Admin Specialist
Nick Erpelding	SRF Consulting
Matt Pacyna	TC^2

Online Attendees:	
Bryce Johnson	City of Saint Joseph
Wes Davis	Benton County
David Roedel	Sherburne County
Jeff Lenz	MnDOT District 3
James Stapfer	APO, Planning Technician
Lauren Dickerson	MPCA

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 May 28, 2026, TAC meeting
b. Receive staff report of June 11, 2026, Policy Board meeting
c. Receive staff report of June 18, 2026, Central Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP-3)
d. Approve the FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Schedule

e. Approve the FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development Schedule

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

4. REGIONAL TRAFFIC OPERATIONS STUDY UPDATE

SRF Consulting Group Technical Director of Traffic Operations, Nick Erpelding and TC^2 Co-Founder Matt Pacyna provided an update on the Regional Traffic Operations Study.

Mr. Erpelding stated there are four primary tasks that they are researching:

- Data Collection and Inventory of Existing Conditions
  - Compile and document current traffic management infrastructure and systems for collector and arterial roadways within the APO's urban area
- Coordination and Communication
  - Coordinate and communicate with agencies and stakeholders involved in traffic management in the region
- Evaluation of Existing Conditions and System Performance
  - Assess the operational performance, technological capabilities, and institutional arrangements associated with the current traffic management systems
- Development of Recommendations
  - Development of short-term (0-4 years) recommendations
  - Development of long-term (5-10 years) recommendations

The overall goal is to identify cost-effective and technology-focused strategies to maximize the efficiency and safety of the Saint Cloud regional transportation system while specifically avoiding roadway capacity expansion as a strategy. As part of this study, the consultants also ranked intersections in most need of upgrades based on signal technology/condition; vehicle mobility/congestion; and safety.

The top five intersections in the area include:

a. MN 23 (Second Street S) and Waite Avenue.
b. CSAH 75 and Waite Avenue.
c. MN 15 and Third Street N.
d. MN 23 and MN 15 (north junction).
e. 12th Street N and 33rd Avenue.

Thus far, the studies have shown that the region could benefit from an Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS).

Moving forward the goal is to meet with the newly hired Benton County engineer, as well as study the specific needs to be identified at those high-ranked intersections and a prioritization/implementation plan will be provided. Mr. Erpelding and Mr. Pacyna welcome any input that can be given regarding specific intersections or more details the information they've gathered thus far.

5. IMAGINE 2055 MTP MENTIMETER ACTIVITY

APO Senior Transportation Planner, Ms. Johnson led TAC representatives in a

Mentimeter exercise as part of initial public engagement for the update to the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) – Imagine 2055. TAC members responded on behalf of their agency/jurisdiction to questions regarding local and regional transportation issues.

Ms. Johnson stated that public engagement for the Imagine 2055 will run through the end of the year. She also recommended visiting the website, www.imagine2055.com for further information or additional ways to become involved.

6. CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC) TRANSPORTATION TOPIC IDEAS

APO Associate Transportation Planner, Alex McKenzie, reminded the TAC that the APO Policy Board approved a one-year pilot program of the Citizen's Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). The CTAC will replace the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC).

APO staff have been developing the program, reaching out to parties that may be interested in serving on this advisory only committee, and developing the Bylaws. As of July 30, there were 35 people interested in being involved in the committee. Several media agencies have been promoting the CTAC, and the APO looks forward to receiving additional interested individuals.

The CTAC will exist to support the TAC, therefore, APO staff are seeking input from the TAC on potential discussion topics.

- Are there regional transportation issues you would like community feedback on?
- Are there projects or initiatives underway in your jurisdiction that could benefit from community discussions?
- Are there emerging transportation topics or trends you would like the committee to explore?

APO staff will use the TAC's feedback to help develop the agenda for future meetings. Mr. McKenzie stated at the committee's initial meeting he would cover who the APO is and what we do, as well as what the CTAC's guidelines and responsibilities are.

Mr. Glaesman asked if the data reveals the demographics of those interested (age/race/etc.). Mr. McKenzie stated he hasn't included those questions in the questionnaire but can certainly add them to future applications.

Topics discussed by the TAC members for meetings of the CTAC would be E-Bikes, and E-Bikes vs. E-Motos.

Mr. Glaesman asked if the TAC members could review the list of CTAC applicants prior to the first CTAC meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Johnson welcomed and introduced Wes Davis, the new Benton County engineer. She also stated that the APO is in the process of public engagement

for the long-range planning project (Imagine 2055) and thanked Metro Bus for allowing the APO to share their space at the Benton County fair. She asked that members promote the APO's activities in the community.

Ms. Johnson also stated that:

- The Draft TIP is out for public comment through 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 14
- Anna Pierce from the Minnesota Department of Transportation's (MnDOT's) Office of Sustainability and Public Health will be at our next meeting to discuss the Greenhouse Gas Emissions working group recommendations.

MnDOT District 3 Planning Director, Steve Voss stated that MnDOT adopted a new J-Turn policy as of Jul. 27, 2026. Any new reconstruction must incorporate the new policy. This policy will phase out at grade intersections with crossovers.

Mr. Byrd asked if MnDOT has any design elements regarding J-Turns. Mr. Voss and Mr. Lenz stated they don't believe this has been addressed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.