SAINT CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD
Thursday, August 13, 2026 – 4:30 PM

A regular meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization Policy Board was held on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. Chair Jared Gapinski presided with the following members present:

Jake Anderson	City of Saint Cloud
Scott Brodeen	City of Saint Cloud
Mike Conway	City of Saint Cloud
Adam Scepaniak	City of Saint Joseph
Ken Schmitt	City of Waite Park [Alternate for Frank Theisen]
Joe Perske	Stearns County
Gary Gray	Sherburne County [Alternate for Raeanne Danielowski]
Jeff Westerlund	Le Sauk Township

Also in attendance were:

Brian Gibson	Saint Cloud APO
Vicki Johnson	Saint Cloud APO
Alex McKenzie	Saint Cloud APO
James Stapfer	Saint Cloud APO
Trina Ness	Saint Cloud APO
Rich Neumeister	Citizen

Absent:

Tim Elness	City of Sartell
Dottie Seamans	City of Sauk Rapids
Ryan Daniel	Metro Bus

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Conway motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

No members of the public were present when meeting began.
Mr. Neumeister arrived at 5:22 p.m.

5. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

a. Approve Minutes of June 11, 2026, Policy Board Meeting
b. Approve June and July Bills Lists
c. Receive Report on Technical Advisory Committee Meeting July 30, 2026
d. Receive Report on Central Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP-3) Meeting June 18, 2026

Mr. Scepaniak motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. IMAGINE 2055 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) MENTIMETER ACTIVITY

APO Senior Planner, Vicki Johnson began by leading the Policy Board members in a Mentimeter exercise as part of initial public engagement. Policy Board members responded on behalf of their agency/jurisdiction to questions regarding local and regional transportation issues. The activity prompted good and thoughtful discussion regarding many of the Mentimeter topics amongst Board members.

Ms. Johnson stated that public engagement for 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.

7. CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE DC FLY-IN (9/22-9/24)

Mr. Gibson stated that the Minnesota Transportation Alliance DC Fly-In is scheduled for September 22nd through the 24th of this year. He posed the question as to whether the Policy Board would like someone to go and represent the APO? If so, who, and what topics do you want brought to DC? The Board suggested that Mr. Gibson contact our lobbyist and inquire as to her thoughts regarding Mr. Gibson attending as part of the Transportation Alliance group. The Board concluded that Mr. Gibson would not be lobbying for our individual asks, but his presence would show regional solidarity amongst the APO, our member jurisdictions, and the Transportation Alliance.

8. OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Perske asked the status of the MUT study. Mr. Gibson stated that MnDOT released a request for proposals. They received four proposals which were ranked, and MnDOT is currently in contract negotiations.

Mr. Anderson stated that E-bikes, E-Motos, and E-Scooters are becoming prevalent in our cities. He asked the APO to put together a plan or informational pamphlet that could be regionally agreed upon regarding teaching the regulations on the newer forms of active transportation. Mr. Gapinski stated that he believes whatever is decided must be supported regionally. Mr. Anderson stated with school starting soon the information needs to get into the area schools and ultimately to the parents advising them on rules, regulations, and guidelines for each form of electric bike/moto/scooter. He also feels it should be updated and repeated in the spring.

Mr. Anderson asked for input from the APO and area jurisdictions regarding stoplight cameras, taking into consideration the controversy over the FLOCK/ALPR cameras. How do we want to respond as a region representing a unified response.

Mr. Gray stated that Sherburne County has removed all FLOCK cameras from their jurisdiction.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Scepaniak seconded the motion. Mr. Gapinski adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.