**SAINT CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING**

***Thursday, Aug. 27th, 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 10:01 a.m. Thursday, August 27, 2026. Senior Transportation Planner Vicki Johnson presided with the following people in attendance:

| Voting Members: | |
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| Ian Weber | City of Saint Cloud [Alternate] |
| Matt Glaesman | City of Saint Cloud |
| Nate Kevis | City of Saint Joseph [Alternate] |
| Kari Haakonson | City of Sartell |
| Chris Byrd | Stearns County |
| Michael Kedrowski | Metro Bus |
| Tad Erickson | MnDOT District 3 [Alternate] |
| Dave Blommel | City of Waite Park [Alternate] |

| Non-Member Attendees: | |
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| Vicki Johnson | APO, Senior Planner |
| Alex McKenzie | APO, Associate Planner |
| James Stapfer | APO, Planning Technician |
| Trina Ness | APO, Admin Specialist |
| Grant Hellermann | City of St. Joseph Intern |
| Brett Gunderson | Houston Engineering, Inc. |

| Online Attendees: | |
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| Wes Davis | Benton County |
| Dena Ryan | MnDOT MPO Coordinator |

**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 July 30, 2026, TAC meeting
b. Receive staff report of Aug. 13, 2026, Policy Board meeting

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

**4. CONSIDERATION OF THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE FY 2027-2030 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

APO Senior Planner Vicki Johnson stated that one of the responsibilities of the APO is to develop and maintain a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She reminded everyone that the TIP is the document that programs federal funds for transportation improvements in the APO's Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA).

Ms. Johnson stated that public comment for the FY 2027-2030 TIP began on July 15, 2026, and concluded on Aug. 14, 2026, in accordance with the APO's Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP). Throughout the public comment period the APO:

- Published a legal notice in the newspaper of record, St. Cloud Live.
- Several social media posts.
- Contacted individuals who have expressed interest in APO planning activities via email.
- Contacted those organizations that work closely with traditionally underrepresented populations.
- Developed 11 online surveys pertaining to the projects listed in the TIP that have yet to be constructed. These surveys did not contain advance construction projects listed in the TIP that are only awaiting federal reimbursement. Staff had 73 responses to the online surveys.
- Posted information about how to provide public comment on the Draft 2027-2030 TIP on the APO 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 Tuesday, July 28, and virtual open house via Facebook Live on Monday, Aug. 3, 2026.
- Shared social media information with social media accounts connected to local agencies and jurisdictions.

Ms. Johnson stated APO staff received several responses from social media posts (particularly Facebook and Nextdoor) and the different online surveys. These responses were made available to the jurisdiction/agency that is the road authority of the area the response pertained to and are also included in Chapter 5 or Appendix C of the Draft TIP.

*Mr. Byrd made a motion to recommend Policy Board approval of the FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Kevis seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

## 5. OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Johnson stated that the APO staff are in the process of an MTP.
Public engagement events are the St. Cloud and St. Joseph Farmers Market.
If you would like us to come and talk at an event, please contact Ms. Johnson.

APO Associate Planner Alex McKenzie stated that he is working on Safe Routes to School (SRTS) plans for Talahi Community School, Discovery Community School,

and Madison Elementary.

Mr. McKenzie also stated the Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee will hold its inaugural meeting in September. Interested people have filled out requests to participate and that information was forwarded to TAC representatives previously.

Mr. Byrd asked if the APO will be going to Washington D.C. this fall. Ms. Johnson stated that Mr. Gibson will be attending as part of the Transportation Alliance organization.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.