

Mn/DOT District 2 ATP Meeting

January 5, 2017

McIntosh Community Center 10:00 AM

Tasa called meeting to order at 10:01 AM

Introductions: Tasa asked for introductions

Members Present:

Lou Tasa, Tim Erickson, Brian Ketring, Jed Nordin, alternate for Dave Olsonawski . Kent Ehrenstrom, Warren Strandell, and Jim Curran

Staff: Troy Schroeder, NWRDC, Darren Laesch, Donna [Snobl Pence](#), Jairo Viafara, MPO, Naomi Carlson, HRDC

Guest: Laura Carlson, Mn/DOT

Approval of Minutes: Tasa asked for approval of the February 25, 2016 minutes. Strandell motioned, Erickson Second the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

STIP Guidance – Donna Snobl Pence discussed the FY 2018 to FY 2021 District funding allotment. Total funds for D2:

2018 \$47,693,000

2019 \$48,797,000

2020 \$32,097,000

2021 \$36,506,000

Local funding distribution. HSIP funding:

2018-19 \$900,000

2020-\$1,000,000

2021 \$700,000

County and city STP funds for 2018-2021 ATIP.

2018 \$3,500,000

2019 \$3,700,000

2020 \$3,800,000

2021 \$3,800,000

Tasa discussed the state aid city projects and mentioned Crookston, Thief River Falls, and East Grand Forks are in good shape. Grant in Aid cities include Bemidji, East Grand Forks, Crookston, and Thief River Falls. The cities may have a hard time finding projects to spend out the city allotment. Tasa will speak with the city engineers to see if this will be an issue and if the money will need to be allocated to another project. The city STP funds range from \$910,000 to \$988,000.

Strandell asked how the county percentage is calculated. Tasa discussed funding is dependent on need and lane mileage.

MnDOT Capital Highway Investment Plan – Darren Laesch discussed the highlights from the District 2 10-Year Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP). Doing a lot of urban community projects over the next 4-years. District 2 will start to see an increase in federal funding in the 2023-24 construction years. The Oslo Bridge replacement has been pushed back to 2025. Strandell discussed the US Business 2 and USTH 2 crash study, committee discussed the crashes at the intersection, and options for engineering a safer crossing.

Local Program Status Update – Tasa mentioned the Blackduck and Red Lake Nation enhancement projects planned for 2016 construction were delayed. The Red Lake Nation non-motorized ped/bike trail-phase 1 will be constructed with the Mn/DOT TH 1 project in 2019.

Transportation Alternatives Program – Laesch discussed the programmed TAP projects. 9 letters of intent were submitted to the RDC's for review and consultation. Beltrami County and Waskish withdrew request. Laesch commented that ATP members will get the TAP applications in the mail for review before the February 2, 2017 meeting. Funds available in 2019, \$130,000, \$400,000 in 2020, \$400,000 in 2021.

Off-System Bridge Program – Tasa discussed the off-system bridges, the county engineers have a selection criteria they follow and select the projects for funding at their annual conference. Criteria include: Local or minor collector, bridge length of > 20 feet, safety, carry vehicle traffic, local priority, regionally significance. The process works well, the state map of eligible off system bridges shows many of the bridges in the district have been replaced.

Rail Grade Crossing Safety Program – Laesch discussed the rail grade crossing safety improvement program. Funding is 100% federally funding. Laesch will contact Rick Vanwagner to discuss the concern of increased train speed along USTH 75 and MNTH 32. Safety improvement at crossings is a concern with the higher speed trains.

Other Business (None)

Ketring motion to adjourn, Strandell second, motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by the NWRDC