



# SOUTHWEST MN AREA TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP (ATP) Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2021

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Location: Teams Virtual Meeting

## Attendance

ATP Board Members: Bob Byrnes, Rollie Nissen, Gary Johnson, Mic VanDeVere, Sam Muntean, Bill Pauling, Lindsey Bruer, Joe Wilson, Jeff Marlowe, Tiffany Collins, Susann Karnowski, Jon Huseby, Mark Larson, and Todd Broadwell.

ATP Board Members Absent: Doug Krueger, Tiffany Collins,

ATP Guests: Randy Groves, Chad Kingstrom, Nick Bergman, Jason Anderson, John Brunkhorst, Mikayla Holm, Anthony Sellner, Andy Sander, Ted Nelson, Phil Schmalz, Kent Exner, Eric Day, Kyle Ten Napel, John Rodeberg, Jeff Filipek, Dan Coughlin, Dave Smiglewski, Kathleen Amick, Representative Paul Torkelson, Jeremy Gilb, Mandi Schmidt, Tony Pfau, Mel Odens, Jason Walker, Tony Pfau, Megan DeSchepper, Sean Christensen, Rosemary Bruce-White, Aaron VanMoer, Bill Knofczynski and Sandra Schlagel.

## Welcome & Introductions (Bob Byrnes)

- Introductions were conducted.

## Legislative Update (Representative Paul Torkelson)

- Representative Torkelson updated the group on a Transportation Omnibus Bill going through committee right now. Not exactly what he wanted included in it as it's drafted by democrats. He looks forward to this construction season and sees it's already off to an early start. He said Corridors of Commerce will likely be funded as it is in both the House and Senate bills but looks drastically different between the two.

**Please Note:** All handouts can be found at the ATP 8 website under the April 9, 2021 meeting:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d8/atp/meetings.html>

## Approval of March Minutes (Bob Byrnes)

- A motion was made by Mr. Nissen, seconded by Mr. VanDeVere, to approve the minutes from the March meeting as presented. The motion carried. (see minutes online)

## STIP Amendment (Tony Pfau)

- Tony presented a Formal STIP Amendment for MSAS 109 (10<sup>th</sup> St.) in Glencoe. The project scope changed from urban recon to mill and overlay plus sidewalk and curb and gutter reducing the cost from \$2.57M to \$1.25M so fiscal restraint is maintained. Mr. Broadwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Marlowe, to approve the amendment as presented. The motion carried. (see handout online)

## Program and Project Updates (Susann Karnowski)

- Susann presented a few updates to some MnDOT projects since the March presentation. Two projects were able to move from FY 2022 to 2021 and the LPP (Local Partnership Program) and HSIP (Health Safety Improvement Program) project was added. (see handout online)
- Mr. Nissen commented that he is glad for the HSIP project as it's a difficult intersection that he has had to navigate often on his bus route.
- Mr. Byrnes commented he glad to see the old bridge over Sulfur Lake removed as he was hit head on by drunk driver on that bridge years ago.

## RDC ATIP Public Meeting Comments (RDC Planners)

- Kyle TenNapel presented the comments from the MMRDC (Mid-Minnesota Development Commission) from the meeting held on March 31, 2021. (see handout online)
- Rosemary Bruce-White presented the comments from the SRDC (Southwest Regional Development Commission) meeting held on April 1, 2021. (see handout online)
- Chad Kingstrom presented the comments from the UMRDC (Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission) meeting held on March 25, 2021. (see handout online)

## Discussion and Questions for 2022-2025 Draft ATIP

- Tony Pfau shared an error regarding a project in FY 2025 in Meeker County for the LPP program it should read \$3.3 Million. He noted it's already been corrected on the draft to be sent to Central Office.
- Todd Broadwell mentioned that last meeting there was a typo on the Local Road and Bridge handout, but it didn't affect the overall total. It has been corrected on the document that is posted online from the March meeting.

## ATP Vote on 2022-2025 Draft ATIP

- Mr. VanDeVere made a motion, seconded by Mr. Broadwell, to approve the draft ATIP as presented with the above-mentioned corrections for FY 2022-2025. The motion carried.

## 2021 Construction Projects Update (Sandra Schlagerl)

- Sandra presented the 2021 Construction projects (see handout online). For details regarding detours, contractor info, schedules etc. please visit the website [Projects - Southwest Minnesota District 8 \(state.mn.us\)](https://state.mn.us/projects-southwest-minnesota-district-8)
- Randy Groves commented that on the map Project #9 on Hwy. 59 does not go all the way down to the City of Slayton as depicted on the map, it goes as far as the intersection of Hwy. 30. Sandra replied that he was correct and will adjust the map accordingly.
- Rollie Nissen inquired about the Willmar Wye detour for the Hwy. 12 portion of the project? Sandra said there will be a detour that will hopefully only be in place for a week. The detour is on the website Kandiyohi County Rd. 7 north of Pennock down to TH 40 into Willmar.

## District Engineer Update (Jon Huseby)

- Biden's infrastructure proposal is big over \$2 Trillion in the plan and include more than just transportation (i.e. broadband, housing, climate change, etc.). Highlights include \$115 Billion critical repairs of roads and bridges, \$20 Billion for safety programs (such as supporting vision zero or TZD), \$85 Billion for public transportation including electric vehicles, Amtrak, ports, equity programming, Training and technical assistance for local and state agencies, \$25 Billion for airports, broadband, housing etc. Again, this is just what the President proposed this week.
- There used to be quite a bit of Federal Congressional Earmarking, but about twelve years ago it started to go away, but now the idea seems to be resurging. MnDOT's position is that selecting projects should go through a data driven selection process and have public input and MnDOT traditionally opposes earmarking.
- Legislative teams are working under the bill deadline to index gas tax with an inflation indicator. Transportation funding also comes from vehicles registration fees.
- As Representative Torkelson said Corridors of Commerce is being looked at by the House \$175 Million in (bonding), and by the Senate \$285 Million (cash). Both sides have a strong interest in the program.
- The proposed senate bill includes onetime funding for electric vehicles, active transportation, and SRTS.
- Bob Byrnes inquired about the Corridors of Commerce program and if the process, criteria, will be looked at as well as funding. Jon said yes but deferred to Representative Torkelson. Representative Torkelson said yes, the process will have to be examined. He believes the last time the scoring process cost the department a lot of time and money and is not sure that's the

best process. There are bigger projects that simply wouldn't get done without Corridors of Commerce funds, it's a good program, but needs work.

- Rollie Nissen said with the growth of electric cars how will a user fee be captured? Representative Torkelson said in 2017 there was small fee, but the House bill provision proposes using the fee to building charging stations he'd rather that money go into roads. They are considering adding a larger one-time fee to the tabs process. People don't like paying in a large amount all at once, he imagines there will be a way to capture the money in smaller amounts over time.

## Round Robin & Legislature Q & A (All)

- No comments.

Net meeting will be June 25, 2021. A calendar appointment will be sent out and the meeting will again be held via the Microsoft Teams Platform.

Adjourned at 10:02 a.m.