



MID-MINNESOTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MMDC's TAC ATIP Outreach Meeting

March 31, 2021

TAC Members Present- Phil Schmalz (Meeker County Engineer), Duwayne Underthun (Willmar Township), Lindsey Bruer (MnDOT District 8 Planning Director), Sean Christensen (City of Willmar Engineer), Rollie Nissen (Kandiyohi County Board Representative), John Rodeberg (SEH Engineer, representing Glencoe), John Brunkhorst (McLeod County Engineer), Mel Odens (Kandiyohi County Engineer), Jeff Marlowe (Renville County Engineer), Megan DeSchepper (MnDOT District 8 Planner), Kent Exner (City of Hutchinson Engineer), Lorallen "Smudge" Schmeling (Cedar Mills Township), and Kyle Ten Napel (MMDC Transportation Planner).

ATIP questions/discussion

- **(Project #2)** Lindsey had asked Kent for additional information on when this project would be let because it was one of those that is shown as FY 22 but would be constructed in construction season 2021. Kent confirmed that they would be letting the project in July and constructing this summer since it is a locally let LPP project. Also, Lindsey thought it said Hwy 7 and 22 on the project list, but it is really Hwy 7 and 15.
- **(Project #4)** Sean Christensen asked where the resurfacing of Hwy 12 from Pennock to Kandiyohi CR 5 will extend to on the north end. Lindsey stated that the project will extend to the Hwy 12 BNSF railway. Sean also asked if MnDOT will be resurfacing the new pavement work that was recently completed. Lindsey stated that no, MnDOT would skip any areas that were done in coordination with the Willmar WYE project.
- **(Project #14)** John Brunkhorst asked if the intersection lighting project at CSAH 15 and Hwy 7 was in the draft ATIP. Lindsey stated that the project was scheduled for 2021 so it should be completed this year with LPP funds and would not be included in the 2022 – 2025 draft ATIP. John will double check with his contacts since it's a locally let project.
- **(Project #17)** Rollie Nissen asked when the MN22 Resurfacing project would be completed and how much it would cost. Lindsey answered that it would be constructed in the 2022 construction season but paid for and listed in 2023. The cost of the project would be approximately 2.5 million dollars.
- **(Project #18)** Rollie Nissen asked how much the on-off ramps would cost for the MN23/CR 5 project would cost. Lindsey answered with 1.3 million dollars.
- **(Project #24)** John Rodeberg asked about the project timeline for the project on US71 in Olivia. Lindsey stated that the project will be constructed in the 2022 construction season.

MMDC Updates

- We are on the tail end of the Bird Island Active Living Transportation Plan and will be completed at the end of April 2021.
- We are looking to find a school to work with for a Safe Routes to School Plan. We have a few schools in mind but if anyone has any recommendations, contact us at MMDC.
- We will be working with the Department of Health to complete our region's Local Health Service Public Transit Coordination Plan.
- Work with our region's transportation advocacy groups that include Willmar Bike Group, Friends of Meeker County Trails Group, and the Dassel Cokato Trails Group.

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Open Discussion

- Kent asked a general question about how project costs are looking this year when compared to last year. Lindsey stated that last year, MnDOT saw higher bids compared to previous years. This year the bids are more up and down but overall, remaining flat.
- Kent asked about the increasing costs of roundabouts that MnDOT is seeing. Lindsey stated the cost of roundabouts has been gradually getting more expensive over the years as we are designing them to be larger to accommodate freight. We also see the costs rise for roundabouts in urban areas with additional turn lanes and sidewalk or trail infrastructure compared to rural roundabouts.
- John Brunkhorst asked if MnDOT will be making rounds around to County Boards to talk about CHIP projects. Lindsey stated that they hope to be able to present at County Board meetings this summer but that will depend on MnDOT protocols and COVID policies.
- Kyle Ten Napel stated that the ATIP project list and map were shared via MMDC Facebook for public feedback.

