



# Southwest Regional Development Commission

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## SRDC Transportation Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 1, 2021 | 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Center for Regional Development, 2401 Broadway Ave, Slayton, MN 56172

**Members:** Mic VanDeVere (Chair), Don Wachal, Richard Peterson, Bob Byrnes. Rosemary Bruce-White and Jason Walker (SRDC),

**Guest Present:** Megan DeSchepper and Todd Broadwell (MnDOT D8); Greg Ous, Sam Parker and Ronda Allis (MnDOT D7); Joe Wilson (Lincoln County); Nick Bergman (Pipestone County); Stephen Schneider (Nobles County)

### Notes

1. Meeting Called to Order at 1:00 PM by Chair VanDeVere
2. Changes / Approve to the Agenda
  - City of Marshall's FC change request was removed from the agenda
  - Motion to Approve: Byrnes, Peterson seconded. Carried.
3. Review / Approve *draft* Minutes of July 31, 2019 (*action*)
  - Motion to Approve: Peterson, Wachal seconded. Carried.
4. SRDC FY 2022 draft Transportation Work Plan (*action*)
  - Development Planner Rosemary Bruce-White explained the new additions to the workplan. These include:
    1. Statewide Priorities
      - a. Participate in workgroup and assist with organizing and staffing in-person engagement events for the Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan and MnSHIP (MN State Highway Investment Plan) update process.
      - b. Provide public engagement assistance for the Greater MN Transit Investment Plan/Greater MN Transit Plan, beginning Fall 2021 or Spring 2022.
    2. Regional Priorities
      - a. General SRTS assistance now includes implementation and maintenance of Safe Routes to School Plans.
      - b. Help gather Transportation Alternatives investment data for on-line Story Maps (e.g. pictures on the ground (ideally of it being used), potentially trail counts to show use, etc.)

- c. D8 staff & RDC staff quarterly meetings.
  - d. Attend advisory committee meetings, perform some limited outreach for the District 7 freight plan
  - e. American's With Disabilities Act meeting preparation, coordination, attendance, assistance, and outreach.
  - f. Regional planning efforts, local planning assistance, and other activities as agreed upon by the District Planner and RDO.
3. Other Transportation Activities
- a. SRTS Planning for the Adrian School District
  - b. SRTS Boost planning grant for the RTR school district
  - c. Promoting electric vehicles and their infrastructure through CERTs and McKnight grants.
  - d. RTCC work through United Community Action Partnership
  - e. SHIP grants for SRTS & Active Living Plans and Implementation
- Motion to Recommend the Workplan to the Budget and Personnel Committee: Byrnes, Peterson seconded. Carried.

5. Transportation meeting schedule updates:

	District 7 / ATP 7	District 8 / ATP 8
SRDC Public Meeting	April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021 – Zoom	
ATP meetings	April 9 <sup>th</sup>	April 9 <sup>th</sup>
TZD Regional workshops <a href="http://www.minnesotatzd.org/events/workshops/">http://www.minnesotatzd.org/events/workshops/</a>	May 6th 1:00-3:15 P.M.	

6. Corridor Coalition updates: TH 23, TH 212, TH 68, TH 60 (coalition members)

- TH 23
  - i. Bob Byrnes, Mayor of Marshall, explained about how money was raised to fund a 4-lane expansion in the gaps between New London and Richmond. Some geographic equity is being seen in the current work.
- TH 212
  - i. Byrnes reported that between intersection of 23 & 212 to sacred heart there's a resurfacing project with expansion of turning lanes. Good progress on the two gaps in the four-lane in the Carver County area. Around 2025 there will be an expansion in four-lane in one of those gaps. TH 68
- TH 68
  - i. There's a shoulder widening project and culvert expansion project. Ghent to Marshall scheduled for 2022.
- TH 60
  - i. Beginning this fall the Hwy 60 corridor study will be entering into its analysis and recommendation phase.
- RTCC

- i. The Southwest Minnesota RTCC will be turning in their application for their Phase II implementation to MnDOT this Mid-April. They are currently looking for five service providers.
- None
- 7. Next meeting date and topics: July Annual Meeting with District 7 & 8 Engineers and staff.
  - Aim for setting up a July meeting online. Including engineers early is important to work with their calendars. This meeting will be a time to bring up issues, discuss hopes and dreams, get updates from engineers, etc.
- 8. Review of the **District 8** draft Area Transportation Improvement Program (Megan DeSchepper)
  - Megan DeSchepper presented the 2022 construction season map and the ATIP 2022-2025 (see map “District 8 Draft 2022-2025 Area Transportation Improvement Program”)
    - i. A question was raised about Item 6 on the ATIP Map. This is a upgrade to an existing signal system at a railroad crossing at Hwy 19. The question was in regards to the crossing being designated as quiet zone. There are other crossings in the area that are designated as such and there is interest in designating this crossing as well. MnDOT responded that since the crossing is not already designated a quiet zone, the upgraded lights and gates wouldn’t meet the quiet zone standards. We are looking into this with Central Office and the locals could talk to the rail staff who come out to do the diagnostics before the project is finally designed.
    - ii. Another question was raised about the building material on the Hwy 23 resurfacing question. MnDOT stated that the request for concrete has been discussed with the County several times and that concrete is not the right fix for that roadway at this time to ensure we are maximizing our resources.
- 9. Review of the **District 7** draft Area Transportation Improvement Program (Ronda Allis)
  - Ronda Allis presented the 2022 construction season map and the ATIP 2022-2025 (see map “District 7 Draft 2022-2025 Area Transportation Improvement Program”).
    - i. A question was raised about the reconstruction along Hwy 86 in Lakefield and if there were any planned crossing infrastructure. The current project includes ADA updates that included sidewalk construction.
- 10. Meeting Adjourned, 2:18 PM