



SOUTHWEST MN AREA TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP (ATP) Meeting Minutes

Date: December 11, 2020
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Location: Webex Virtual Meeting

Attendance

ATP Board Members: Bob Byrnes, Jim Dahlvang, Gary Johnson, Mic VanDeVere, Sam Muntean, Doug Krueger, Lindsey Bruer, Joe Wilson, Jeff Marlowe, Tiffany Collins, Susann Karnowski, Mark Larson and Todd Broadwell.

ATP Board Members Absent: Rollie Nissen and Jon Huseby.

ATP Guests: Randy Groves, Chad Kingstrom, Jason Anderson, John Brunkhorst, Jason Walker, John Rodeberg, Mikayla Holm, Chuck DeWolf, Ted Nelson, Anthony Sellner, Eric Day, Kent Exner, Kyle Ten Napel, Dan Coughlin, Dave Smiglewski, Thomas Cherveney, Jeremy Gilb, Mandi Schmidt, Tony Pfau, Mel Odens, Nick Bergman, Jake Rueter, Megan DeSchepper, Sean Christensen, Bill Knofczynski and Sandra Schlagel.

Welcome & Introductions (Bob Byrnes)

- Introductions were conducted.
- Special thanks and farewell to Jim Dahlvang for his years of service and leadership.

WebEx Overview (Mandi Schmidt)

- Mandi explained the nuances of the WebEx platform for users such as muting the speaker, using the camera, and if there are any questions to place them in the chat box etc. Next meeting will utilize Microsoft TEAMS software.

Please Note: All handouts can be found at the ATP 8 website under the December 11, 2020 meeting:
<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d8/atp/meetings.html>

Approval of October Minutes (Bob Byrnes)

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

STIP Amendment (Tony Pfau)

- Tony explained that the formal STIP Amendment request is for Fiscal Year 2021 on CSAH 9 (Project # 42-00127), for Lyon County. The project is to upgrade an existing signal system with new flashing lights and gates at the railroad crossing on CSAH 9 and W 1st St., in Cottonwood. (see handout online)
- Mr. Broadwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Marlowe, to approve the STIP Amendment as requested.
- The motion carried.

Construction Update (Sandra Schlagel)

- Sandra updated the 2020 Construction Activity that has occurred since our last meeting. (see 2020 Construction map online)

2022-2025 STIP Targets (Lindsey Bruer)

- Lindsey presented the 2022-2025 STIP Targets to the ATP. (please see handout online)

Local Road and Bridge 2025 Candidates (Todd Broadwell)

- Todd presented the Local Road and Bridge 2025 Candidates. (see handout online)

District Planning Director Update (Lindsey Bruer)

- Lindsey updated the ATP regarding District 8 receiving Freight Funding for 3 projects as follows:
 - Roundabout at TH 212 and CSAH 15/Morningside Drive in Glencoe (this is additional funds to fully fund the project)
 - Roundabout at TH 212 and TH 15 near Brownton
 - Left turn lane on TH 23 at Kandiyohi CSAH 1 going to Prinsburg
- Next, she updated the ATP about the Transportation Alternatives Letters of Intent (LOI's) that were submitted. There was a total of 11 LOI's submitted for year 2025 funding. That's a total of \$3.35M in requests, but only \$700,000 to award. It is likely, however, that not all communities that submitted LOI's will submit full applications. The RDC Planners are doing the LOI reviews right now and full applications are due January 8, 2021.

- Lindsey explained that MnDOT's Minnesota Highway Investment Plan (MnSHIP) is going to be updated soon. This plan directs where MnDOT's revenue will be invested (bridge, pavement, roadside infrastructure, safety, bike, pedestrian, etc.) and ATP members will be asked for their input.
- She talked about the new State of MN budget forecast that was developed. Overall, Highway User Tax Distribution Fund revenues have improved significantly compared to the End of Session (EOS) forecast, with current FY 2020-2021 biennial revenue up +\$152M (3.3%). This still reflects a decline of -\$244 (-4.8%) compared to the February 2020 forecast. FY 2022-23 biennial revenues are down slightly compared to EOS estimates, -\$29M (-.5%).
- Finally, Lindsey shared that the District has just started the D8 Shoulder Widening Study that will help the District identify and prioritize roadways across the District that need wider shoulders. The consultant (SRF) has just begun gathering the data for the study and we will give an update to the ATP on the study when we have more information.

Pedestrian Plan Presentation (Jake Rueter)

- Jake Rueter, from the Office of Transit and Active Transportation, gave a presentation on the Statewide Pedestrian System Plan. (see website for presentation). To view the draft plan and comment please go to www.minnesotawalks.org.

Round Robin & Legislature Q & A

- Gary Johnson thanked Jim Dahlvang for his years of service and leadership and said he'd keep him updated on the ATP activities and any shoulder widening projects.
- Jim Dahlvang thanked everyone for their well wishes and that he enjoyed his time with the ATP and learned a lot.
- Doug Krueger thanked Lindsey and staff for projects being done in Glencoe. Glad for the help with the funding of the Morningside project and ped crossing work.
- Bob Byrnes asked Lindsey to give an update on the TH 23/TH 7 intersection safety study in Clara City.
 - Lindsey explained that the safety assessment is at the point of drafting preliminary potential list of solutions. Staff will be reaching out to stakeholders with one on one interviews and the public with surveys. No evaluations are currently complete. Recommendations and final report will be wrapped up hopefully by spring of 2021.
- Tiffany Collins inquired about the Equity Study that was recently done by MnDOT and if she could get a copy of it to incorporate into their Capital Improvement Plan.
 - Mandi responded that a full roll out of the plan is in the works, everything was halted with the project when COVID-19 first started, and they are still assessing on how best to reach the audience.
- Doug Krueger asked that Eric Day the new Director of Mid-Minnesota Development Commission introduce himself. Welcome to D8 ATP Eric!

Next meeting will be March 2021. Exact time and location are to be determined. A calendar appointment will be sent out closer to the date and will likely be held via the Microsoft TEAMS Platform.

Adjourned at 10:13 a.m.