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YOUR VOICE MATTERS

The Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization Needs Your Help

Saint Cloud, Minnesota (March 1, 2017) – The Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization (APO), a regional transportation planning agency, is seeking the public's input on current transportation issues and a future vision (i.e., over the next 20 years) for transportation systems in the region.

The APO is responsible for updating the region's long-range transportation plan (LRTP), which documents existing transportation conditions and establishes a set of goals, objectives, and projects to improve how the transportation networks operate in the future. Projects included in the LRTP become eligible for Federal transportation funding assistance. "We could try to write a good plan by ourselves," said Brian Gibson, Executive Director of the APO, "but we cannot drive every roadway, or ride every bus, or walk every sidewalk, or ride every bike path. Collectively, the citizens of the region know more than any one of us alone. We need to public's help to identify problem areas that currently exist, and to help areas avoid becoming problems in the future."

The APO has scheduled a series of public open house events around the region to meet with residents and hear their stories. The open house events are designed so that people can stop by at their convenience and spend as little or as much time as they like providing their input. The schedule of events is:

- Thursday, March 16th between 10:30 am and 7:30 pm in the Array Community Room in the Great River Regional Library, 1300 West Saint Germain Street, Saint Cloud
- Wednesday, March 29th between 3 pm and 7 pm at the Saint Joseph Government Center
- Saturday, April 1st between 10 and 1pm at the Sartell Indoor Farmer's Market, 125 Pine Cone Road North, Sartell
- Wednesday, April 19th between Noon and 7 pm at the Metro Bus Transit Center, 510 – 1st Street South, Saint Cloud

Residents can also provide their input through an online survey, through April 30th, by going to <http://www.stcloudapo.org/> and clicking on the link for the Public Outreach Page.