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TO: Everyone
FROM: Brian Gibson, Executive Director
RE: Changes to the Draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
DATE: September 24, 2019

On August 8th, the APO Policy Board approved the release of the draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for public review and comment. APO staff officially opened a 30-day public comment period on August 12th. During the 30-day public comment period, APO staff heard from a few jurisdictions who wanted to make changes to the list of transportation projects included in the draft plan. APO staff worked one-on-one with individual jurisdictions to refine and revise their list of proposed projects for the MTP.

The proposed changes are:

For Stearns County:

Action	ID	Project Type	Location	Termini
Delete	STR-4	Construct new interchange	CSAH 136 (Oak Grove Road)	New Interchange at I-94
Add	STR-13	Widen to 4-lanes	CSAH 1 (Riverside Ave)	Heritage Drive to CSAH 78
Add	STR-14	Widen to 4-lanes	CR 134	Sauk River Bridge to Pinecone Road
Add	STR-15	Widen to 6-lanes	CSAH 4 (8 th St N)	Anderson Ave to MN-15

For Benton County:

Action	ID	Project Type	Location	Termini
Delete	BEN-3	Widen to 4-lanes	CSAH 8 (35 th Ave NE)	Benton County Line to 2 nd St SE
Add	BEN-5	Construct new roadway	CSAH 29	Mayhew Lake Road to 35 th Ave NE

For Sherburne County (System Preservation/Reconstruction Projects):

Action	ID	Project Type	Location	Termini
Add	SBC-1	Reconstruct roadway	CR 62 (17 th Street SE)	Tee-to-Green Street to CSAH 20 (75 th Avenue SE)
Add	SBC-2	Reconstruct roadway	CSAH 20 (75 th Avenue SE)	Seventh Street SE to CSAH 16 (57 th Street SE)
Add	SBC-3	Reconstruct roadway	CR 65 (42 nd Street SE)	CSAH 8 to US 10

For the City of Saint Joseph:

Action	ID	Project Type	Location	Termini
Add	STJ-1	New alignment	Westwood Parkway	21 st Avenue NE to 0.68 miles east.

A project, by virtue of being included in the MTP, is eligible for Federal transportation funding.

Because the proposed changes are significantly different from the draft MTP shown to the public, we are re-releasing the updated draft for another 30-day public comment period to give the general public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed changes.

The public is invited to provide comments on these proposed changes, and/or on the entire draft MTP before October 23rd, 2019.

Members of the public can submit their comments by mail, or by email to Transportation Planner Alison Voight (Henning) at: henning@stcloudapo.org. APO staff have also scheduled two public open-houses to meet with and hear comments from the general public:

- **October 9th from 4 pm until 6 pm** at the Great River Regional Library, 1300 West St. Germain Street in Saint Cloud, and
- **October 15th from 2 pm until 4 pm** at the City of Saint Joseph Government Center, 10 Baker Street in Saint Joseph.

There is also an on-line survey that members of the public may use to review the proposed changes and submit comments, which can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8PMPWM3>.

The APO Policy Board is expected to meet late in October, after the close of the public comment period, to consider approval of the draft MTP. Interested parties are encouraged to monitor the APO website starting in mid-October for notice of the Board meeting date and time.