

ST. CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A regular meeting of the St. Cloud Area Planning Organization was held on Thursday, October 27, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at Waite Park City Hall. Vice-Chairman Goerger presided, with the following members present:

Jeff Goerger	City of St. Cloud	John Krehbiel	Town of LeSauk
George Hontos	"	Dan Heim	"
Jeff Johnson	"	Jeff Westerlund	"
Carol Lewis	"	A Jake Bauerly	Benton County
John Libert	"	Spencer Buerkle	"
Steve Ludwig	"	Ed Popp	"
Dave Masters	"	Felix Schmiesing	Sherburne County
Mayor Rick Miller	City of Waite Park	Ewald Petersen	"
Vic Schultz	"	John Riebel	"
Mayor Bob Kroll	City of St. Augusta	Mark Bromenschenkel	Stearns County
Mike Zenzen	"	Leigh Lenzmeier	"

Absent Members:

Mayor Dave Kleis(Ex)	City of St. Cloud	Mayor Sarah Jane Nicoll	City of Sartell
Sheila DeVine (Exec)	"	Pat Lynch	"
Mike Landy	"	David Peterson	"
Steve Laraway	"	Mayor Brad Gunderson (Exec)	City of Sauk Rapids
Mayor Rick Schultz	City of St. Joseph	Steve Heinen	"
Bob Loso	"	David Rixe	"
Renee Symanietz	"	Frank Theisen (Exec)	City of Waite Park
Carolyn Garven	Metro Bus	Donna Schultzenberg (Exec)	City of St. Augusta
		Steve Notch	Stearns County

Also Present:

Brian Gibson	St. Cloud APO	Dorothy Sweet	St. Cloud APO
Kodiak Hill-Davis	David Turch & Assoc.		

CONSIDERATION OF POLICY BOARD AGENDA FOR OCT. 27, 2016:

Mr. Libert motioned to approve the Policy Board Agenda for Oct 27, 2016, and Mr. Zenzen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICY BOARD AGENDA ITEMS:

POLICY BOARD MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2016:

Mr. Masters motioned to approve the May 12 Policy Board Minutes, and Mr. Schulz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET STATUS THROUGH SEPTEMBER, 2016:

Mayor Kröll motioned to approve the Year-to-Date budget status through September 2016, and Commissioner Bromenschenkel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS:

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES OF MAY 12, JULY 14, AUGUST 11, SEPTEMBER 8, OCTOBER 13 AND BILLS RECEIVED SINCE OCTOBER 13, 2016:

Mayor Kröll motioned to approve in one motion the Executive Board minutes from May, July, August, September, October and the Bills received since October 13, 2016. Mayor Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT (TSM) REPORT:

Mr. Gibson briefly summarized the TSM document, which is considered the short-range element of the APO's Transportation Plan. The TSM document consists of two segments: Process and the Plan. The roadway portion of the 2016 Plan studied 165 intersections throughout the metropolitan area. The intersection analysis is updated annually with crash information received from MnDOT. Each intersection is given a total weighted score based on recent crash information, accident trends, functional class and level of service. No locations were considered deficient. The Plan addresses 25 different aspects of transit operation and management and was produced in collaboration with Metro Bus. The TAC reviewed the 165 intersections and recommended approval of the report.

Mr. Hontos motioned to approve the 2016 Transportation System Management Report, and Mr. Libert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION BY KODIAK HILL DAVIS REGARDING REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES:

Ms. Hill-Davis highlighted recent events in Washington DC and the upcoming election. Along with the upcoming change in leadership comes loss of institutional knowledge. Both candidates strongly support transportation improvements. There is a big push for transit projects, especially by the Democrats. Ms. Hill-Davis complimented the APO in presenting a unified effort in our transportation requests, which makes for a strong voice and makes it easier for David Turch & Associates to lobby for the APO. Both candidates support spending funds on infrastructure. Clinton favors a bigger push on transit, and more investment in what we currently have. Mr. Gibson shared some discussion items of the recent MPO meeting including self-driving transportation, tweaking the FAST Act, and unfunded mandates. Ms. Hill-Davis reminded everyone that our lobbyists (David Turch & Associates) work for the APO and encouraged everyone to contact her with questions or issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Miller motioned to adjourn, and Mr. Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.